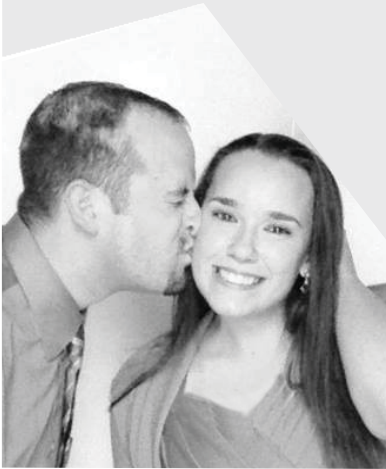




Dan Light

**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



Eric & Anna  
Yoder



Amanda & Kenny Walker

Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**

**“The Church on the Corner  
Whose Cornerstone is Christ”**

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.*

# Welcome to our Worship of God!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry and Mission Moment – Eliot Nofziger, Youth for Christ and The Outback

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 29:1-2 (p. 547)

Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship”

† Hymn – #226

“The Day of Resurrection”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Compassionate God, whose dwelling is with the humble and contrite, hear our prayer and grant us your mercy. For unholy thoughts and words, for impure motives, for any scorn of goodness and indifference to beauty, for trifling with the truth and being petty when we could be gracious, forgive us. For the wrong we have done our neighbors, for neglect of generosity, for ingratitude, for failure in pursuing justice, for ignoring others’ pain, forgive us. For lack of love toward you, for doubt in your goodness, for slowness of faith to follow Jesus, forgive us. We gather now to worship and praise you and we thank you for your never-ending mercy and grace. Amen.*

† Hymn – #614

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

† Words of Assurance (Hebrews 10:22-23): “...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

† The Gloria Patri (#623)

Children’s Message

“God Is Everywhere”

(10:30) Reception of New Members

Opening Sentences and Scripture Reading

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover, red hymnal)

Vows of Membership

Congregational Pledge: *As you join the membership of this congregation, we promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our Risen Lord. Welcome to our family!*

Hymn Response – #287

“Our God Has Made Us One”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

Special Music

Mike Meyer

“I Go To the Rock”

Blessing of Summer and SYF Mission Trips

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:22 (p. 723)

Sermon – notes on pg. 4

“The Power of One Verse”

## Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Were It Not For Grace”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn – #271

“Standing On the Promises”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #602

“God Be With You”

† Postlude

## Welcome . . .

### Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and faithful time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

### St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/preschool](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/preschool).

### Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

**Children's and Large Print Bulletins** are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a “t” switch position.

### This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord, as I bow before you this day, I pray the words of the Aaronic blessing from Numbers 6: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” I thank you, Lord, for your blessing, and I pray for the Spirit's presence and power in my life that I can offer these words of grace to people I meet this day. I thank you and praise you for the grace and peace of my Lord, Jesus, my rock and my redeemer. May even the smallest thing I do today bring you glory and honor. For you alone are worthy, my Lord and my God. Amen.

**Please note:** Pastor Erich will be part of the group participating in the Summer Mission Trip this week. Please contact Pastor Alex for pastoral care needs.

Sermon – “The Power of One Verse”  
Scripture Text – Isaiah 45:22 (p. 723)

Isaiah 45:22 (NIV) “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.”

Isaiah 45:22 (KJV) “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”

Charles Spurgeon preached a message on this one verse on January 9, 1876. Twenty six years earlier, Spurgeon had heard a plain, unlettered, lay preacher give this text as the basis of his own sermon, a text that spoke deeply to Spurgeon and resulted in his finding salvation in the Lord.

The Doctrine of Salvation – Can it be plain and simple?

Turn to me – salvation comes only through God

- John 14:6
- 1 John 5:12
- Acts 4:12

And be saved – saved in this world and in the world to come

- John 3:16
- John 10:9
- Hebrews 2:9

All you ends of the earth – open to every person, to whosoever will

For I am God, and there is no other

## **Let's Talk About It - This Week in Our Children's and Youth Education:**

**Pre-K Class:** We enjoyed spending time together this morning. Ask us what we talked about!

**Faith Builders:** Our Kindergarten thru Sixth grade children learned about the "Power of the Cross," using Legos® to make different crosses. Colossians 1:14 was a key verse, "...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Talk with your child(ren) about how Jesus died on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven.

**Confirmation:** Last week we talked about how worship involves everything we think, say, and do, and isn't just a Sunday morning activity. Nevertheless, our worship on Sunday morning equips and propels us into our worship of God Monday through Saturday, so for the next few weeks, we're going to be looking at the elements of a worship service, the role they have in shaping us as worshippers of God, and even work together to design a worship service!

**Senior High Sunday School:** This morning we continued our series taking a look at what the church is and talked about the church throughout history and the global church, considering how we are united in one family with Christian believers throughout 2000 years of history and throughout countries and ethnicities around the whole world.

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## **New Members Received Into Our Fellowship:**

**Dan Light** lives at 225 Dogwood Court, Archbold. Dan has three grown children: Mark is a 4-H Extension Educator for Harden County, living in Ada, Ohio with his wife Kim and children, Justin and Megan. Deb works with Habitat for Humanity building homes in Columbus, Ohio. Joel teaches Environmental Sciences at Northwestern University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and lives with wife Anna and son Jonah. In 2012 Dan retired from Northwest State Community College where he was an instructor of Business and Math. Dan enjoys gardening and short term medical missions to Central America.

**Kenny & Amanda (Mandy) Walker** live at 23274 County Road U, Archbold, with their two sons, Kenny (entering 8th grade) and Gavin (entering 6th grade). Kenny and Amanda were married on May 31, 2003. Kenny works as a mechanic with Ohio CAT, and Mandy works part-time at Archbold Elementary School. Mandy enjoys cooking, decorating, crafting, refinishing furniture, thrift store shopping and antiques. Kenny's hobbies include hunting, shooting, collecting and working on antique crawler tractors, metal working and antiques.

**Anna Yoder** and her husband, Eric, live at 120 W. Barnes Avenue, Napoleon, with their two sons, Finn (2 years old) and Liam (9 months), and are expecting their third child on Christmas! Anna and Eric were married on May 24, 2008, here in the St. John's sanctuary, having first met at Pilgrim Hills Church Camp when attending confirmation camp. Anna enjoys singing and acting, having participated in several productions with Fort Defiance Players.

**Rev. Alex Young** started his ministry amongst us as Associate Pastor on November 1, 2016. Originally from North Canton, Ohio, Alex is a graduate of Grove City College and Covenant Theological Seminary. Alex likes to be outside, particularly when playing Ultimate Frisbee, and he also likes to read, especially 19th century fiction, like Charles Dickens. Alex put in an offer on a home in Archbold which was recently accepted, and is anticipating having a new home soon!



## WEEK OF JUNE 11TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

|       |         |  |
|-------|---------|--|
| Sun   | 9:15AM  | Confirmation / Sunday School                                     |
|       | 9:15AM  | Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Harmony Harbor) |
|       | 9:15AM  | Women's Small Group (Chapel)                                     |
|       | 10:30AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                      |
|       | 2:00PM  | SYF Mission Trip Meeting (Youth Room)                            |
| Mon   | 11:00AM | Staff Meeting (Office Closed)                                    |
|       | 6:00PM  | Playground Tear Down   |
| Tues  | 9:15AM  | Bible Study – Hebrews 10 (Fireside Room)                         |
| Wed   | 9:00AM  | West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)                                |
|       | 12:00PM | SYF Mission Trip Meeting (Youth Room)                            |
| Thurs | 9:00AM  | Mending (Fairlawn Activities Room)                               |
|       | 5:00PM  | YFC Basketball Session (Parish Hall)                             |
| Sun   | 7:30AM  | SYF Mission Trip Participants Pack & Depart                      |
|       | 8:00AM  | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                      |
|       | 9:15AM  | Confirmation / Sunday School                                     |
|       | 9:15AM  | Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)         |
|       | 10:30AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                      |

### **Next Sunday – June 18 - Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Sermon – “By Grace Alone?” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Romans 5:1-5; Ephesians 2:8-9

**Discovery\*** is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The July/Aug/Sep issue is now available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$6 each), or you can access the guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| June 12 - Once For All .....             | Hebrews 9:23-28  |
| June 13 - Not Less Than the Best .....   | Hebrews 10:1-10  |
| June 14 - The Forgetfulness of God ..... | Hebrews 10:11-18 |
| June 15 - Be Confident .....             | Hebrews 10:19-25 |
| June 16 - Press On . . . ..              | Hebrews 10:26-39 |
| June 17 - What is Faith? .....           | Hebrews 11:1-19  |
| June 18 - Praise is Due .....            | Psalm 65         |

**Book Bag Bash Sunday, August 6th** – The 2017 Book Bag Bash will be held from 4PM to 6PM. From now until then, the Evangelism Committee is once again asking for your generous support of this event. Since we've been doing the Bash for several years now, there is a growing understanding that having similar items to hand out to the children would be very beneficial. So the committee is asking for only financial donations this year. Just mark checks or envelopes with “BBB” – \$1, \$5 or \$100 donations will all be appreciated!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** – This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory, and online registration is now available through our church web site or this link (<https://vbspro.events/p/events/stjohnsarchboldvbs2017>) which can also be found on our Facebook page (St. John's Christian Church). Check out the robot in the chapel narthex; there is a board directly above him that contains items needed for this year's VBS program. Please bring items you purchase to the church and put them under the VBS message board. Also note there will be a VBS Staff meeting on Tuesday, June 20th at 7PM in the Chapel.

# St. John's Christian Church – Mission Information

## 2017 Mission Budget – \$148,800

As of June 5, Donations to the Mission Fund Include:

Designated Donations – \$22,602

Undesignated Donations – \$28,933

Interest Income – \$2,500

Farm Income – \$1,120

Total to Date – \$55,155

Mission Goal for Five Months (23 weeks) of the Year (44%) Would Be – \$65,815

Number of Missionaries SJCC Supports – 12 Missionaries

Support Ranges from \$500 to \$13,000

Average Support – \$4,402 per Missionary

Serving in 7 Countries and on 5 College Campuses

Number of Agencies SJCC Supports – 18 Agencies

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$12,000

Average Support – \$3,100 per Agency

Supporting 7 Agencies in Fulton County and 3 in Lucas County

Supporting 5 World-Wide Agencies and 3 Located in America

Number of Ministries SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 11 Ministries

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$6,000

Average Support – \$2,909 per Ministry

These ministries are extensions of SJCC ministries

Number of Mission Trips SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 3 Trips

Support Ranges from \$1,500 to \$4,000

Average Support – \$2,833 per Trip

Funds are forwarded to missionaries, agencies and ministries on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For example, funds are usually sent to local agencies on a monthly basis, to overseas agencies/missionaries on a quarterly basis, or annually to seasonal ministries like Operation Christmas Child or Christmas Cheer. There are transfer fees associated with overseas transactions, so sending quarterly lessens the frequency of those set fees.



### Acts 1:8

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

(Local)

(Ohio/America)

(World)

# *June Mission-A-Month – Outback Youth Center*

## **Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:**

- Kelly Ducey, Duane Hayes, Mike Meyer, Tammy Nofziger, Greg Walker, and Erich Christman, who are participating in the Summer Mission Trip this week.
- Bob & Connie Bostelman, as each are dealing with health issues and ask for prayers of healing.
- Judy Overmier, whose mother, Eloise Smith, age 93, passed away on May 31st.
- Buzz Ziegler, in the Rupp Rehab Center at Fairlawn recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- Cristina Avina, daughter of Ken and Shirley Nafziger, who continues to battle cancer.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in California for advanced training.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Bennington, Georgia for boot camp and basic training.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

|               |  |                     |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| Acolytes      | (8:00) Bryce Beltz   | (10:30) Emma Hall   |
| Ushers        | (Head) Tom Johnson   |                     |
|               | (8:00) Tim & Sue Grieser                                   |                     |
|               | (10:30) Laura Johnson, Dave & Karen Walker, Michael Walker |                     |
| Greeters      | (10:30) Bob & Carol DeVries, Phyllis Swietzer, Nancy Ries  |                     |
| Nursery Staff | (10:30) Matt & Kim Hines                                   |                     |
| Sound Tech    | (8:00) Angie Neuenschwander                                | (10:30) James Grime |
| Video Tech    | (10:30) Dean Sauder  |                     |
| Computer Tech | (Both) Kelly Ducey   |                     |
| Song Leader   | (Both) Mike Meyer  |                     |
| Accompanist   | (Both) Lynne Christman                                     |                     |

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