

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

A monthly Newsletter for St. John's Christian Church  
Family and Friends

January 1, 2018 Volume 64, Number 1

### Please Pray For:

- Jean Stamm, whose sister, Bonnie Robison, passed away on January 3rd.
  - Maurice Schmucker and family, upon the death of his wife, Ruth, on December 29th.
  - Karla Pursel's father, Joe Nafziger, who had a 5-bypass heart surgery on December 28th.
  - Phil Spiess, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo.
  - Deb Schnitkey, upon the death of her brother, Greg Wesche, on December 22nd.
  - Esther Rice, who is rehabbing from a stroke.
  - Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
  - Dorothy Miller, as she continues to recover from her recent cancer treatment.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

#### **PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army)** (Afghanistan)

TF 3 Geronimo *(New Address)*  
Bagram AF  
APO AE 09354

#### **AB Collins Taylor D (Air Force)**

268 Luke Ave., Box 505  
Joint Base Anacostia  
Bolling, DC 20032

#### **Kyle Ducey (Navy)** (Stationed at Fort Gordon, GA)

4050 Brownstone Dr., Apt. 919  
Evans, GA 30809

#### **Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)** (Guam)

Wife, Maria & children, Silvette & Elias  
P.O. Box 291221, Yigo, GU 96929

#### **Eric Magg (Coast Guard)** (Sheryl Short's son)

Wife, Amy & son, Logan  
1114 Jackson Street  
Ketchikan, AK 99901-5771

#### **Donny Richardson (Marines)**

Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC

#### **Steven Schink (Coast Guard)**

Wife, Ashley & children, Brennan & Emilia  
150 Dewey Avenue, Groton, CT 06340

#### **AJ Short (Marines)** (Japan)

#### **PFC Stuckey, Kyle (Army)** (Korea)

Wife, Nicole  
BCO, 1-8CAV, 2ABCT  
UNIT 15824  
APO, AP 96271

#### **Kollin Woolace (Marines)** (Camp Lejeune, NC)

1120 Hardin St., Jacksonville, NC 28540

Please consider sending these people cards letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

#### **Home Bound/Care Facility Residents:**

Cards, phone calls and visits to our home bound would be a wonderful blessing:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #177

David Lightner, Room #138

Esther Rice, Room #116

Cathy Spiess, #153

Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Lois Heer, Room #238

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Wyse Commons, 550 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Josephine Short, Apt. #116

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567

Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2

Bernice Rice, Room #224-2

Pauline Zimmerman, Room #223

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

Swanton Valley Center, 401 Airport Hwy., Swanton, 43558

Marlene Nofziger, Memory Support Unit

## congregational news

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eric and Anna Yoder on the birth of their son, Cullen Frederick, on December 14th. Cullen weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20.5" long. Cullen has two older brothers, Finn and Liam, and his grandparents include Dale and Sharon VonDeylen.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pastor Alex and Jenny Lehman, who got engaged to be married on December 1st! They'd like to thank everyone in the congregation for their congratulations, support, and prayers.

## pastor's letter

### Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

I ask you to consider the word, "journey." Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem, where Jesus was to be born. The magi from the east journeyed to visit the one who was born king of the Jews. Years later, John the Baptist journeyed throughout the region of the Jordan, preaching repentance; and Jesus led the twelve disciples on a three year journey in preparation for his leaving them to lead the church.

So to today, we are on a journey; a journey that never ends – seeking an ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ, the Messiah. It appears that too often people come to Christ, profess their faith in him as Lord and Savior, and then they think the journey is over, it is complete. The writer of Hebrews says otherwise:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. <sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3

Our Christian journey continues into 2018. As a Christian Church we are engaged in a journey of ministry that will never end, so I pray constantly for perseverance, that we will not grow weary and lose heart. In our journey, there is much before us in the coming year.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is set for January 21st, and I'm praying we have an overflowing interest in gathering together to take stock of our journey and make further plans for ministry.

We'll soon say farewell to Sue Grieser, who has so ably coordinated and help administer the many ministries of the congregation. Our process of seeking a new Administrative Assistant will hopefully soon be completed and the transition will be smooth and blessed.

You'll soon be learning about the proposal to engage with the Stephen Ministry, a congregational ministry of care.

It is with a renewed sense of restlessness and urgency that I strive to shepherd the Consistory's visioning process – restless to engage in greater avenues of sharing and teaching the gospel, with an urgency to journey together in God's will for our mission and ministry.

When the Universal Church, as with St. John's Christian Church, struggles to overcome apathy and disinterest in God in today's world, we are called to fix our eyes on Jesus and run with perseverance this race that God has marked out for us. I pray we can discover this race course together!

In Christ, ERICH

## preschool corner

Now that cold weather is here, we have begun to spend more of our Large Motor time in the Parish Hall. We play on our indoor play equipment, but we have also been playing some games, and introducing the children to some old favorites (and some twists on those favorites as well!). Have you ever played "What Time is it Mr. Fox?" or "Red Rover?" We've also played both the "Turkey Hokey Pokey" this fall, and the "Reindeer Hokey Pokey" at Christmas time. How about "Elf, Elf Santa" (a twist on "Duck, Duck Goose")? The children also like to practice throwing, kicking, rolling and bouncing balls, and running, skipping, galloping and hopping—all important skills for this age group!

This past month we started out talking about Transportation, and the children learned about various ways to get "from one place to another." We played with helicopters, airplanes, tow trucks, cars, trains and trucks in the Block Area, and put a "fix-it garage" out for the children to play with. We had gravel and dump trucks, cement trucks and bulldozers in the Sensory Table, and had "Color Train" at the Game Table. We spent the rest of the month discussing the birth of baby Jesus and celebrating other aspects of Christmas. The children love reviewing the Christmas story over and over, through books like A Star for Jesus by Crystal Bowman, the use of felt pieces on a giant flannel board, various nativity scenes in different learning areas, our large bulletin board (The most common question this year? What are the names of the shepherds and wise men?), singing songs like, "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," and coloring pages depicting different stages of the story. What a joy it is for us to be teaching these young children about the birth of Jesus, with some hearing it for the very first time! They have such enthusiasm at this age!



## congregational thank you's

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

We thank you for generously supplying us with a location to host the FCCLA District Fall Rally. The use of the church facilities allowed our rally to offer numerous workshops for student learning. Thanks to you allowing us use of your facility, many young minds were influenced and changed in positive ways.

Sincerely, The FCCLA Officers



We wish to thank the congregation for their prayers, beautiful messages of support and inspiration, lovely cards, food and help. We are thankful for each and every one of you.

Norma & Marvin Fish

## mission corner

### Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$925.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1,185.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$227.
- Christmas Cheer, for our gift of \$4,140.
- Church World Service (blankets), for our gift of \$236.
- Community Pregnancy Centers, for our gift of \$500.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$85.
- Cru (Matt & Paige Waanders), for our gift of \$140.
- Defiance Area YFC (Outback), for our gift of \$520.
- Friendship House, for our gift of \$1,850.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$1,000.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$40.
- Reliant (Whitney Varnau), for our gift of \$200.
- Reliant (Matt Pardi), for our gift of \$20.
- Reliant (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$450.
- Samaritan's Purse, for our gift of \$217.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$345.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$2,000.



Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for your latest gifts to The Friendship House, one in the amount of \$1,330 and another for \$500. The love and dedication to helping support the ministry of The Friendship House is wonderful beyond words. You are such a blessing.

Gloria Lauber, Friendship House Bookkeeper

### January Mission-A-Month - Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits:

Emergency Cleanup Kits, or Cleanup Buckets, provided by Church World Service are our January Mission-A-Month. The supplies provided in these cleanup kits enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States.

Monetary donations given not only cover the cost of the supplies to assemble these emergency kits, but also cover sorting, packing, insurance and shipping costs to get the kits to their final destination. Please use your weekly offering envelopes for your donations and mark them M-A-M or CWS Kits.

### Back Bay Mission Trip – February 10-17:

The first of two trips to Biloxi, Mississippi in 2018 is just a month away! We are looking for twelve people looking to enjoy a week long experience of Christian servanthood and fellowship. As Pastor Erich missed the October trip, he's really looking forward to putting on his tool belt and pounding some nails once again!

Back Bay Mission's Work Program provides numerous avenues for trip participants to engage with people of Biloxi, as well as deepen their understanding of what it means to be a Christian servant. The group will leave from Archbold early on Saturday, February 10th, spend the night near the Tennessee/Alabama border, then finish the trip on Sunday, arriving in Biloxi early in the afternoon. The following five days will see the team engage in some home construction project, have opportunity to volunteer in the day center for the homeless or at the local soup kitchen. Evening activities include walking to the beach, playing games, checking out a local seafood restaurant and just enjoying group fellowship. The group heads home Friday afternoon, spends the night in northern Tennessee, and arrives home early afternoon on Saturday, February 17th.

The trip really is a priceless experience in terms of faith, service and enjoyment, but the cost of travel, lodging, food and work materials costs \$250. See Pastor Erich for further details! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



## mission corner cont.

### **Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:**

**Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP**

web site - [www.jamkhed.org](http://www.jamkhed.org)



**Robert & Jenni McMahan, CRU (BGSU)**

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e-mail - [robert.mcmahan@cru.org](mailto:robert.mcmahan@cru.org)

e-mail - [jennifer.mcmahan@cru.org](mailto:jennifer.mcmahan@cru.org)

**Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU (Brazil)**

web site - [www.give.cru.org](http://www.give.cru.org)

e-mail - [matthew.waanders@cru.org](mailto:matthew.waanders@cru.org)

e-mail - [paige.stamm@cru.org](mailto:paige.stamm@cru.org)

**Kyle Chase, Reliant (Univ. of Michigan)**

web site - [www.reliant.org](http://www.reliant.org)

e-mail - [kyle.chase@nlcweb.org](mailto:kyle.chase@nlcweb.org)



**Matt Pardi, Reliant (Univ. of Toledo)**

web site - [www.reliant.org](http://www.reliant.org)

e-mail - [matt.pardi@reliant.org](mailto:matt.pardi@reliant.org)

**Whitney Varnau, Reliant**

web site - [www.reliant.org](http://www.reliant.org)

e-mail - [whitney.varnau@h2osu.org](mailto:whitney.varnau@h2osu.org)

**Tony & Leila Frank, Sapiranga, Brazil**

web site - [www.worldteam.org](http://www.worldteam.org)

e-mail - [tony.frank@worldteam.org](mailto:tony.frank@worldteam.org)



**Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa**

web site - [tmislands.blogspot.com](http://tmislands.blogspot.com)

e-mail - [tmislands@fastmail.net](mailto:tmislands@fastmail.net)

**Robert Rogers - Mighty in the Land Ministry**

web site - [www.mightyintheland.com](http://www.mightyintheland.com)

e-mail - [hello@mightyintheland.com](mailto:hello@mightyintheland.com)

**Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home**

website - [www.hope4kajiado.com](http://www.hope4kajiado.com)

e-mail - [kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com](mailto:kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com)

**Cheryl Wyse - The Agape Family Life House**

website - [www.agapeflh.org](http://www.agapeflh.org)

**Jason & Becky Suon, Freedom International Ministries**

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## ministry happenings

### **Christian Education**

#### **Mid-Week Youth Ministries:**

**LOGOS and JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)** return to action on Wednesday, January 10th! SJCC children are welcome to invite friends to join them for either of these programs – please just let the church office know at least a couple of hours ahead of time so we can be ready to greet, feed and care for any guests!

**SYF (Senior Youth Fellowship)** – After 10:30 worship on Sunday, January 14, we'll be having an Informational Meeting in the chapel for parents and teens interested in learning more about the 2018 SYF Mission Trip to Chicago. On January 15, the teens will be travelling to Michindoh for their winter retreat. Make sure you sign up by December 31! (Missed the deadline? Contact Pastor Alex ASAP and see if there's room for you and a friend to join!)

#### **Confirmation:**

We finished our unit on the Promised Land in which we looked at the first generation of Israelites' lack of trust in God, rebellion from God, and failure to enter the Promised Land. Even though God had saved them from Egypt (the Exodus) and promised to be their God forever (the covenant at Mt. Sinai), the people didn't trust God's power and love, and decided it'd be better to fend for themselves rather than to follow God and trust him. How tragic! God was patient, however, in seeing his plan through to completion, and when the second generation of Israelites had grown up, they promised themselves to God and followed God into the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. The walls of Jericho fell before them as they trusted God's provision, and the Lord continued to protect them as they went throughout the Promised Land. Our last week in this unit looked at Joshua's last words in Joshua 23. He takes time to remember how God has been faithful to the people, and challenges the people to be faithful to God. As an exercise thinking about the power of words and our testimony, we wrote down our testimonies and exhortations for future generations. What would you say if you only had one speech left to give? How would you bring glory to God and encourage others to follow him?

#### **Senior High Sunday School Class:**

Our youth believe in lending a helping hand! Last month the youth helped the preschoolers prepare for their Christmas program. This month they plan to help with the lessons for the children at Faith Village.



**Events / Activities****Men's Prayer Breakfast – January 13, 7:40AM:**

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Please let Bruce Wooley, Pastor Erich or Pastor Alex know if you have any questions about what the Men's Prayer Breakfast is all about!

**Men's Ministry:**

Need a retreat? A time away from work and normal responsibilities? Consider coming with the men of St. John's to this year's Man Camp, hosted at Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI. Highlights include great food, encouraging speakers, being in the woods, and various activities from corn hole and euchre, to paintballing and hatchet throwing. Mark your calendars for March 23-25! Contact Bruce Wooley or Pastor Alex to learn more.

**Stephen Ministry:**

St. John's leadership continues to learn more about Stephen Ministry and readily recommend it as a worthwhile and beneficial investment to develop and supplement our congregation's caring ministries. A team of four (Dave and Paige Miller, Betsy Ducey, and Jim Redd) has been formed to share the value of this ministry with the congregation, in hopes of raising support to utilize this ministry's training, resources, and structure at St. John's.

Perhaps you have no idea what Stephen Ministry is and are interested in learning more? Perhaps you have some knowledge of Stephen Ministry and have questions about the logistics of bringing it to our church? Now's the time to ask what's on your mind! Please contact Pastor Alex with any questions you might have.

In the meantime, consider watching one of the 3 minute videos on this site to learn more about the benefit individuals have received from Stephen Ministry (<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1597?fql=1>). If you don't have internet access, please see Pastor Alex for a DVD copy of these videos.

**Instant Church Directory:**

A link for our online directory is available on our web site under Resources on our home page, or at this web site ([www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com)).



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Duane Hayes  | 14 Jace Bernath  |
| 2 Josee Grime  | 16 Aaron Kauffman, Anna Yoder  |
| 4 Ryan Christman   | 17 Trevor Neuenschwander   |
| 5 Mary Lou Nemire, Karen Schnitkey                             | 18 Ava Genter, John & Kathryn Graber                                   |
| 6 Carolyn Walker   | 21 Ann Fether  |
| 7 Wade Enderle, Jon Lindsay                                    | 22 Ed Overmier, Kay Stamm  |
| 8 Ralph Grieser  | 23 Jim Grieser, Reese Grime  |
| 9 Amy Baden, Bodi Kauffman, Leah Hall,<br>Jack & Joanne Spotts | 24 Deb Rupp  |
| 10 Pauline Short   | 26 Tim & Sue Grieser, Travis Gruenhagen,<br>Pat Leupp, Verlene Lovejoy |
| 12 Tootie Beck, Tyson Bostelman                                | 29 Joan Lovejoy  |
| 13 Cathy Nofziger, Stacy Rutledge, Len & Jean Stamm            | 30 Priscilla Ashley, Nate Meyer, Wayne Spiess                          |

✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

## small groups

**Young Adult Small Group:**

On January 7, the combined Young Adult group (from St. John's, Archbold Evangelical Church, and Pettisville Missionary Church) are going bowling in Napoleon from 6-8:30PM. Then on January 21, the group is meeting at Pastor Alex's house (108 St. Anne St., Archbold) from 6-8:30PM to resume their Bible Study on the book of James and to play board games together. Contact Pastor Alex for more information.

## College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

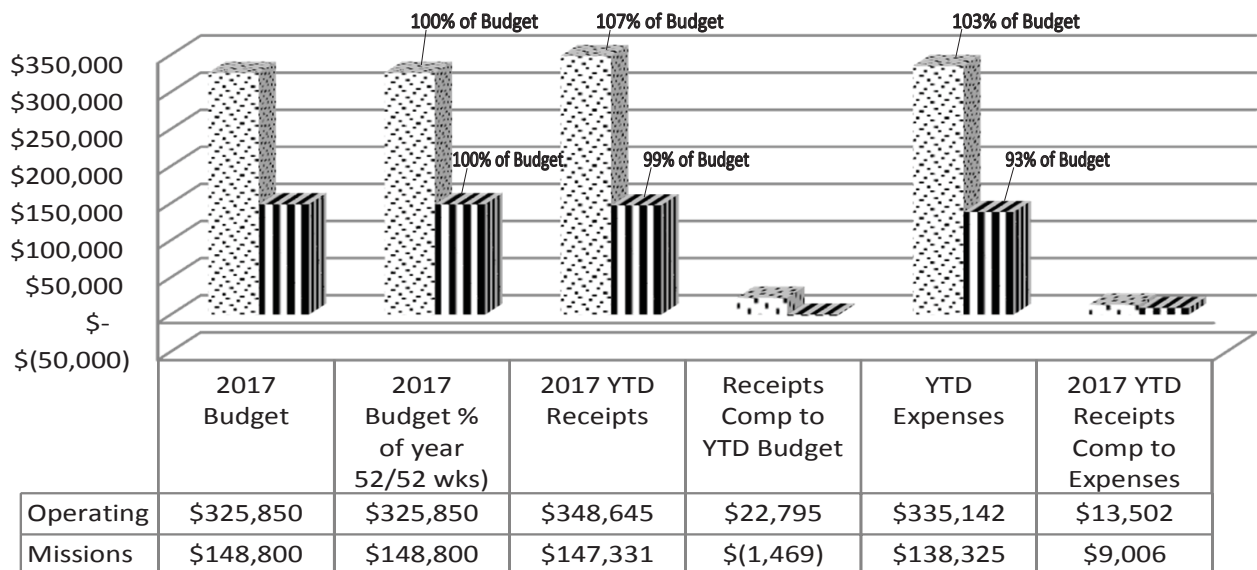
Day of Month	College	Address		City	State	Zip	School
1	Beck, Marissa	Apt 722	1127 Euclid Ave	Cleveland	OH	44115	Cleveland State University
2	Grieser, Bailey	407 W Holland St		Archbold	OH	43502	NW State Comm College
3	Grieser, Becca	407 W Holland St		Archbold	OH	43502	NW State Comm College
4	Hines, Brooke - 253	Spring Arbor University	106 E Main St	Spring Arbor	MI	49283	Spring Arbor University
5	Kinsman, Mathew	2322 Knapp St		Ames	IA	50014	Iowa State University
6	Lindsay, Jennifer	128 Diamond Ct		Ashland	OH	44805	Grad School - Ashland Univ.
7	Mann, Jeremy	1001 Bethel Circle		Mishawaka	IN	46545	Bethel College
8	McCandless, Morgan	21488 US 20A		West Unity	OH	43670	Grad School
9	Notziger, Delaney	1841 Morningside Dr SE		Grand Rapids	MI	49506	Acquinas College
10	Notziger, Dustin	1592 Co Rd 16		Wauseon	OH	43567	NW State Comm College
11	Notziger, Jacob	Apt 66	318 Campbell Hill Rd	Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ
12	Rice, Dinah	200 Schlatter St		Archbold	OH	43502	Grad School
13	Schnitkey, Tyson	Apt 205	215 E Wooster St	Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ
14	Short, Ashley	Apt 3	1682 Commonwealth Ave	Brighton	MA	02135	Grad School
15	Short, Casen	530 Falcon Heights	707 E Merry Ave	Bowling Green	OH	43403	Bowling Green State Univ
16	Short, Meredith	25515 County Rd E		Archbold	OH	43502	Online Classes
17	Stevens, Darby	CPO 2675	501 College Ave	Wheaton	IL	60187	Wheaton College
18	Stuckey, Lynne	24556 County Rd D		Archbold	OH	43502	Defiance College
19	Walker, Cayla	409 Gibson St		Defiance	OH	43512	Defiance College
20	Walker, Toby	MVNU Box W-3398	800 Martinsburg Rd	Mount Vernon	OH	43050	Mount Vernon Nazarene
21	Walters, Mondesi	Ticket 221	1001 Bethel Circle	Mishawaka	IN	46545	Bethel College
22	Warncke, Camden	#201 Daniels Hall	45 W Daniels St	Cincinnati	OH	45219	University of Cincinnati
23	Warncke, Ethan	1103 N Byrne Rd		Toledo	OH	43607	University of Toledo
24	Wyse, Katie	Apt 5308D	366 Richland Ave	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
25	PFC Bostelman, Brenden	TF 3 Geronimo		AGO	AE	09354	<b>Branch of Military</b> Army
26	AB Collins Taylor	268 Luke Ave., Box 505	Joint Base Anacostia	Bolling	DC	20032	Air Force
27	Ducey, Kyle	4050 Brownstone Dr, Apt 919		Evans	GA	30809	Navy
28	Jared Kuntz	P O Box 291221		Yigo	GU	96929	Army
	Mr & Mrs Eric Magg	1114 Jackson St		Ketchikan	AK	99901-5771	Air Force
28	Donny Richardson	Camp Lejeune		Jacksonville	NC		Marines
29	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	150 Dewey Ave		Groton	CT	06340	Coast Guard
29	AJ Short			Japan			Marines
30	PFC Stuckey, Kyle	BCO, 1-8CAV, 2ABCT	UNIT 15824	AGO	AP	96271	Army
30	Kollin Woolace	Camp Lejeune	1120 Hardin St	Jacksonville	NC	28540	Marines

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	1 Happy New Year! OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Capital Campaign	3 8:30AM Moms In Prayer	4 6:30PM 5th Grade Basketball Practice 7:00PM Mission Committee	5	6 9AM Advent Decorations Dismantling 4PM Private Party
7 Holy Communion 12:00PM Preschool Open House (SJCC) 6:00PM Couples Small Group 6:00PM Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's) 6:00PM Youth Adult Ministry Bowling	8 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Basketball Practice 7:00PM Preschool Open House (Public)	9 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Property Committee	10 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM Junior Choir 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM SYF Remix	11 6:30PM 5th Grade Basketball Practice 7:00PM Evangelism Committee	12 5:00PM Basketball Practice	13 7:40AM Men's Prayer Brkfst.
14 11:30AM SYF Mission Trip Info. Meeting	15 Martin Luther King Day SYF Winter Retreat 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Basketball Practice	16 8:00AM Preschool Online Registration Begins 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Budget & Stewardship 5:00PM Community Meal	17 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM Junior Choir 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	18 6:30PM 5th Grade Basketball Practice	19 5:00PM Basketball Practice	20 9AM VBS Directors Meeting
21 Annual Meeting NO 8AM WORSHIP 9:00AM SS/Faith V./Conf. 10:00AM Worship Service 10:00AM Jr. Choir Sings 11:15AM Annual Meeting 12:15PM Church Meal 6:00PM Youth Adult Ministry Bible Study & Board Games	22 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Basketball Practice 7:00PM Consistory Orientation 7:00PM FISH Board Mtg.	23 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal	24 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	25 6:30PM 5th Grade Basketball Practice	26 5:00PM Basketball Practice	27
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## stewardship

### 2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of December 31, 2017



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of December 31, 2017 - \$568,858.44

### St. John's Christian Church - 2017 Missions Budget Report

As of December 31, 2017		2017 Goals	2017 YTD Inc	2017 YTD Exp
1	Beginning Balance Missions Fund (1/1/17)		\$ 41.24	
2	Undesignated Missions Fund Income		\$ 81,032.71	
3	Farm Rental / Second Mile Interest Income		\$ 8,242.67	
4	Agape Family Life House (Wyse/China)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,000.00
5	Altlink (Langsdorfs - The Islands)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,273.00	\$ 4,173.00
6	Aroles - CRHP - Jamkhed, India	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,451.00	\$ 7,451.00
7	Aroles - CRHP - Lenten	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 887.38	\$ 887.38
8	Back Bay Mission - Biloxi	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 4,795.00
9	Back Bay Mission - Lenten	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 887.37	\$ 887.37
10	Back Bay Mission - Trips	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,242.79	\$ 7,625.43
11	Cherry Street Mission - Toledo	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,043.00	\$ 5,270.00
12	Christmas Cheer - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
13	Church Camp Registrations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,445.50
14	Church World Service - Blanket	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 764.00	\$ 1,000.00
15	Church World Service - Clean Up Kits	\$ 500.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 555.00
16	College Scholarship	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
17	Community Meals	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 3,886.87
18	Crossroad - Fort Wayne	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 2,610.00
19	Crossroad - Advent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 1,158.00
20	Cru (Waanders)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 1,045.00
21	Evangelical Association	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 572.00	\$ 2,072.00
22	FISH Panty - Archbold	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,342.00	\$ 9,991.20
23	Foods Resource Bank - Local	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 2,372.00
24	Foods Resource Bank - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ 299.30	\$ 529.12
25	Freedom International Ministries (Suons - DR)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,125.00
26	Friendship House - Archbold	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,425.50	\$ 6,105.24
27	Gideons International	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
28	Reliant - Kyle Chase (UM)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 2,500.00
29	Reliant - Matt Pardi (UT)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,520.00
30	Reliant - Whitney Varnau (OSU)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,030.00
31	Habitat for Humanity - Fulton Cty	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,045.45
32	Habitat for Humanity - Michigan City	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,377.50
33	Hands of Grace - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
34	Kajiado Children's Home (Rupps)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,366.00	\$ 11,936.16
	a. Kajiado Sanitation Project	\$ -		\$ 242.00
35	Kajiado Child Sponsorships	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,091.00	\$ 3,091.00
36	Love Fund (Members)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 103.43
37	Mighty in the Land (Robert Rogers)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
38	Operation Christmas Child - Fulton Cty	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,372.00	\$ 1,372.00
39	Outback Youth Center - Archbold (YFC)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 2,084.80
40	Path Center (Souper Bowl of Caring)	\$ -	\$ 190.06	\$ 190.06
41	Pioneers (Doriots - Chicago)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 2,090.00
42	Shepherd's Circle - Archbold	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,190.50	\$ 2,570.25
43	Sparrow's Nest - Toledo	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 3,385.00
44	Sparrow's Nest - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ 299.29	\$ 529.12
45	St. John's Christian Preschool	\$ 3,000.00		
46	St. John's Evangelism Outreach	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,573.00	\$ 1,848.85
47	SYF - Mission Trip Support	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 2,293.99
48	SYF - Next Year Trip Deposit	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
49	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 3,070.00
50	Urgent Mission Outreach	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,100.00
51	Walk In Assist Program (Non-members)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,190.92	\$ 1,765.53
52	WMTR Radio Pause for Praise	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 4,845.00
53	World Team (Franks - Brazil)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2,948.00	\$ 10,198.00
54	Youth Leadership Training	\$ 2,000.00		
55	Totals	\$ 148,800.00	\$ 153,364.73	\$ 144,317.25



# consistory/committees

## Pastoral Care Committee:

The Pastoral Care Committee has undergone some recent reorganization, with adding some new members and reshuffling the households each person will be caring for over the course of the next two years. Approved by the Spiritual Council, members have gone through a training session and will be attending quarterly committee meetings. The mission of the committee members is to assist the pastors in providing pastoral care to congregational members and friends.

We are in the process of filling two vacancies on this committee and will update the congregation once those people are in place.

Committee members, and the household groups they have been assigned to, include:

- Ann Grime – Schnitkey (Brent & Lynda) through Tedrow
- Mary Ellen Johnson – Pursel through Schnitkey (Karen)
- Nancy Ries – VonDeylen through Zimmerman
- Nancy Rupp – Gruenhagen through Kleck
- Lisa Smith – Augustine through Enderle (Brad & Susie)
- Missy Warncke – Martinez (Bryson) through Overmier
- Nici Wyse – Enderle (Maggie) through Grime (Arlene)

## Sue Grieser, Administrative Assistant, Tenders Her Resignation:

After serving as the Administrative Assistant since April, 2007, Sue has tendered her resignation, effective January 31, 2018. Sue and Tim have been making plans to move to Charlotte, North Carolina for some time now, and the time has now come for them to make the move. Let's all be in prayer for Tim and Sue as they work through all of the final preparations for this new chapter in their lives. We'll have a service of blessing and farewell for them at each service on January 28th.

## Personnel Committee Interviews for Administrative Assistant:

After a month of advertising the open position, the Personnel Committee has interviewed several applicants for the open position of Administrative Assistant. Second interviews for a few candidates should be finished by the time you are reading this issue of the Visitor. Through further discernment and prayer by the committee, and trusting in the Lord, the selected candidate should be known by mid-January; which will provide one to two weeks for the new Administrative Assistant to be trained by Sue Grieser in regards to all the responsibilities of the position.

## 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting:

The Consistory set the date of our Annual Congregational Meeting for January 21st. That Sunday morning schedule will be:

- 9:00AM Sunday School Hour
- 10:00AM Worship
- 11:15AM Annual Meeting
- 12:15PM Lunch served by the SYF

Business at the Annual Meeting will include:

- Approval of 2017 Financial Reports
- Consideration of 2018 Proposed Budgets
- Presentation about the Stephen Ministry, a congregational care ministr
- Presentation from the Capital Campaign Committee
- Introduction of the new Administrative Assistant
- Action on the 2018 Election Ballot, which is as follows:
  - o Congregational President – Brent Winzeler (3rd Term)
  - o Congregational Secretary – Sarah Nafziger (2nd Term)
  - o Elder (Elect 2)
    - Gary Frazier
    - Deb Rupp
    - Jeff Rutledge
    - JIGG WAINCI
  - o Deacon/Deaconess (Elect 3)
    - Mark Nofziger
    - Judy Sears
    - Scott Short



**Initial Annual Meeting packets will be available on Sunday, January 7th.  
Addendums will be available the following Sunday, January 14th.**

# January Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

**Discovery®** is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.

1 Our Heart's Desire -----	1 Samuel 1:1-28	17 Parental Hopes and Dreams -----	1 Samuel 16:1-23
2 The Height of Praise -----	1 Samuel 2:1-11	18 The Paralysis of Fear -----	1 Samuel 17:1-27
3 God's Secret Agent -----	1 Samuel 2:12-26	19 From Fear to Faith -----	1 Samuel 17:28-54
4 When God Draws the Line -----	1 Samuel 2:27-36	20 Saul 1K: David 10K -----	1 Samuel 17:55-18:16
5 Are We Receiving Him? -----	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a	21 During Danger -----	Psalm 93
6 Taking God for Granted -----	1 Samuel 4:1b-22	22 Siblings Unite -----	1 Samuel 19:1-24
7 Above the Storm -----	Psalm 91	23 A Matter of Trust -----	1 Samuel 20:1-17
8 One Man and His God -----	1 Samuel 7:2-17	24 The Best of Friends -----	1 Samuel 20:18-42
9 Cross-Purposes -----	1 Samuel 8:1-22	25 Decision-Making -----	1 Samuel 21:1-15
10 Diving Appointment -----	1 Samuel 9:1-27	26 Don't Forget Us, Lord! -----	1 Samuel 22:1-23
11 Chosen King -----	1 Samuel 10:1-27	27 Lost Opportunity? -----	1 Samuel 24:1-22
12 Stepping Up -----	1 Samuel 11:1-16	28 Let Go and Let God -----	Psalm 94
13 Moving On -----	1 Samuel 12:1-25	29 Revenge and Respect! -----	1 Samuel 26:1-16
14 At All Times -----	Psalm 92	30 Reconciliation and Reunion? -----	1 Samuel 26:17-25
15 I Can't Wait Any Longer -----	1 Samuel 13:1-22	31 The New World -----	1 Samuel 27:1-12
16 Consequences of Sin -----	1 Samuel 15:1-31		

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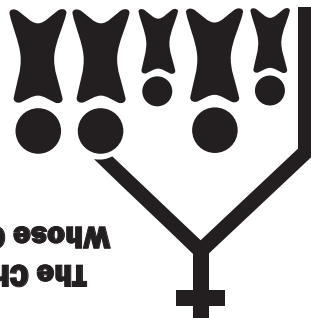
**Treasurer** Dean Buckenmeyer

**Custodians** Nick Rice  
 Richard Spless

**Security**

Holy Communion:  
 New Year (1/7), Ash Wednesday (2/14), Maundy Thursday (3/29),  
 Pentecost (5/20), Mid-Summer (7/22), 1st Sunday in October (10/7),  
 1st Sunday of Advent (12/2)

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