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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Back Bay Mission Trip



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! Second Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Deuteronomy 5:12

Prelude

“God So Loved The World”

†Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

North Side: **Worship the Lord with gladness;**

South Side: **Come before Him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

North Side: **It is He who made us, and we are His;**

South Side: **We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

All: **For the Lord is good and His love endures forever.**

†Hymn of Praise– #64

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

†Hymn of Praise– #234

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:22-25

Children’s Message

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Jesus is Lord”

Sermon

“Keeping the Sabbath”

Reflection Question: Are there any changes you want to make in how you and your family observe the Sabbath?

Unison Prayer of Confession – *Almighty God, we sometimes doubt the wisdom of your laws, seeing them as burdens instead of blessings. Help us to see afresh how the Sabbath is a gift. Help us enjoy it as you desire, and glorify you as you deserve. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Matthew 11:28-30

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Thanks Be to Thee”

Second Offering for Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign

Sharing

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #26

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #29, verse 1

“Glorify Thy Name”

†Postlude

“In Thee is Gladness”



Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! 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.

Membership Orientation

St. John's Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Kelly Stahl know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

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 through May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

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:

Father God, we often live busy and distracted lives. We're afraid we won't get enough work done, or miss out on fun, if we devote a day to you. And we're afraid that if we unplug from our distractions we'll be bored. Help us learn to rest and rejoice in you that our lives will all the more be filled with peace and joy forevermore. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lenten Coin Folders

Youth and adult Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today! These offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 1) and will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.

Easter Flowers & Memorials – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for ordering Easter Flowers (deadline February 28th) and giving Easter Memorials (deadline March 23). Flowers available for \$9 each are daffodils, lilies, hyacinths (blue, pink and white), mums (pink, yellow and white) and tulips (red, pink, purple and yellow). Memorials can be given in any amount. Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.

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

Pre-K Class: This Week the Preschool/Kindergarten class retold the story of Jesus birth (Matthew 1& Luke 1-2) using finger puppets. The students then made a bracelet with beads representing events in the nativity story. To close the evening, the kids ate heart shaped snacks to remind them of the love Mary had for her son and that each one of us is dearly loved by Jesus.

Faith Village: We continued the unit entitled, "Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus". The story is found in John 12:1-8. Mary offered an expensive gift to Jesus, but the cost of the gift was not what was important. What was important was that Jesus wanted to do something kind for Jesus. What gifts do you have that you can use to help someone else?

Confirmation: We continue to talk about the life of Jesus. Parents, talk with your students about John 1:18. What does it mean that Jesus makes God the Father known to us?

Senior High Sunday School: This week we concluded our series on Old Testament heroines by looking at the story of Esther, the Hebrew girl who became Queen of Persia. Esther is a biblical Cinderella, having been raised by her older cousin as they lived in the Jewish community that remained behind after the end of the Jews' captivity. Those who stayed did so to continue the successful lives and businesses they'd built, but they were certainly religious and ethnic minorities among the people King Xerxes ruled in the Persian Empire.

LOGOS: The First graders continue to learn how to look up verses in the Bible. This week we looked up, read and discussed Jesus telling the parable of the lost sheep, Luke 15. We then looked for hidden sheep in our classroom and worked on a hidden picture page.

SYF: This week at SYF we had a time of worship, prayer, and enjoyed a night of fellowship and games together.

Fairlawn Haven Activities

We are in need of 6-7 volunteers to help with Bingo on Tuesday, February 27th at 1:30PM at Fairlawn Haven. If you are able to help, please call Elaine Winzeler at 419-446-2200.

March is "Mending" month at Fairlawn Haven and we will be meeting at 9:00AM every Thursday morning in the activities room. Please plan to join us if you can!

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Jan/Feb/Mar Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

February 26 - Whom Shall I Fear?	Exodus 1:1-22
February 27 - Peril or Promise?	Exodus 2:1-25
February 28 - A Responsive God	Exodus 3:1-22
March 1 - Protest or Presumption	Exodus 4:1-17
March 2 - Faith With Feet.....	Exodus 4:18-3
March 3 - The Bondage of Busyness	Exodus 5:1-21
March 4 - God is a God of Justice	Psalm 99

WEEK OF FEB 26TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Small Group Meeting (Pastor Alex's Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Bingo (Fairlawn Haven Activities Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal - (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir
	7:00PM	Lenten Service
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Thurs	9:00AM	Mending at Fairlawn (Activities Room)
	6:30PM	5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Missions Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Praise Band Practice
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	Joan Grieser Recital (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – March 4 - Sermon - We'll continue in our sermon series of "Saying No Sin" by considering the passage of Matthew 19:1-12, when the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce. Pastor Erich will preach on "What God Has Joined Together" as we examine the biblical definition of marriage. As evidenced in scripture, even from the days of Moses, marriage can end in divorce. Rather than heaping on any aspects of judgment and condemnation, we must be compassionate and loving with people who are going through or have gone through divorce. Let us lift up in prayer couples who are dating or who are engaged, that God will bless them with love, faithfulness and wisdom in accordance to scripture.

Online Church Directory – A link for our online directory is available on our web site (www.stjohnsarchbold.org) under Resources on our home page, or you can access it directly at www.instantchurchdirectory.com.



February Mission-A-Month
FISH Food Pantry



Parenting is Hard...Let Us Help!

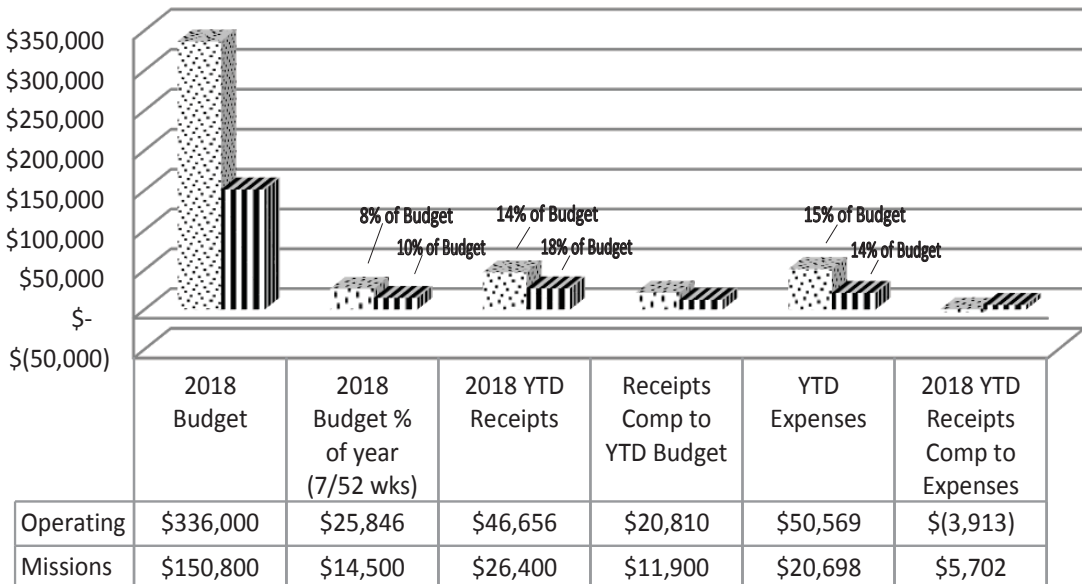
There will be a series of 3 educational parenting presentations held here at St. John's Christian Church presented by HC3 (Healthy Choices, Caring Communities).

The first presentation will be on March 7th, at 7:00PM entitled, "Vaping, is it really safe?", the second on March 14th, at 7:00PM is, "Hidden in Plain Sight - Would you know if your child was using?" and the third presentation, "Use Your Impact- Talk 2 Me" will be take place on March 21st, at 7:00PM. These will all be held in the chapel.

The NW Ohio Bible Quiz Invitational will be held this year at Archbold high School on Friday- Sunday, March 16-18. As in the past, when we have hosted the invitational, we are looking for homes in which to house teams and staff. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office, as the deadline to volunteer is today.

The Toledo Walleye are proud to present the 2018 *Faith and Family Night* on Saturday, March 24th. Former UT Rocket/Pittsburgh Steeler, Bruce Gradkowski, joins team Chaplain Tom Fraser, and select Walleye players as they discuss their faith and experiences as professional athletes. The event starts at 4:45PM and the puck drops at 7:00PM. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board across from the office.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of February 21, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of February 21 - \$581,376.44

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for Tom’s friend who is still wrestling to find and understand truth. Pray for island brothers and sisters with some big travel decisions to make. Pray that they would make wise decisions. One of Tom’s friends has remarried his wife! Pray for a healthy marriage and for opportunities to encourage them to walk in the light. We are getting ready for a short-termer to come. Pray that her final financial needs would come in and that she would be able to buy her plane tickets this week. Pray for her final preparations and for a blessed time with us. Our team members will be returning this week. Pray for safe travels, they are in Kenya now. Pray for the political stability of that Kenya.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for David as he starts serving on the campus, working with the h2o church in sharing the gospel with the students.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – praise the Lord the church is debt free as their new 2 acre property in the center of Ann Arbor is paid off; pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for provision of new relationships uniting around their ministry vision, for students able to develop and apply their experiences on campus, and for their motivation to be totally rooted in reliance on God.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray that the SJCC team going to Brazil in April will be a true blessing to Tony & Leila, and that all of the preparations will be inspired by the Spirit of God.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for an initiative towards promoting and coaching disciple-making, for the forming of a Pioneers team in Chicagoland, and for much needed additional support to undergird their family and ministry.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bison’s, the new family serving as managers of the foster home.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for Molly and Courtney, two students Whitney mentors, praying for Molly as she preps for life beyond college, and praying for Courtney as she seeks Jesus while balancing college life.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for the four spring break trips sending students to Brazil, Slovenia, Chicago and Houston. They’ll be partnering with college campuses in building up their Cru movements, and doing hurricane relief in Houston.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for the team from Pettisville Missionary Church that is traveling to visit with them, leaving February 10th.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for people with the HIV virus as they struggle with the personal and social complications; pray for Shobha as she continues to serve as the Presbyter in charge of the Jamkhed Community Church; pray for Ravi as he continues to deal with many health issues while administering all the day to day CRHP tasks.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – praise God for the 20 years the home has cared for children, and praise God for the fruits of their schooling and tutoring programs – more students passed their national exam this year than ever before
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – be in prayer for students as plans are being made for spring break trips, as well as for seniors working out future plans!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Paul and Barb Sigg, thankful for Paul's new wheelchair and that Paul's recent fall was injury free.
- Phil Spiess, thankful for improvement in rehab at Fairlawn and looking forward to returning home early this week.
- Joanne Spotts, a patient in the Rupp Rehab Center at Fairlawn.
- Sharon VonDeylen, in rehab at Montpelier Hospital.
- Norma Fish, recovering from bronchitis.
- Mary Zimmerman, as she started 33 radiation treatments on 2/19, to remove any remnants of the brain tumor.
- Lou Ann Beck, in hospice care at home due to cancer returning; mailing address is PO Box 166, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, 43555.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed in Korea (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Kenny Walker	(10:30)	Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head)	Steve Walker		
	(8:00)	Tim Beck, Mark Beltz		
	(10:30)	Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Brad & Aimee Roth		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Matt & Kim Hines	(March 4)	Ryan & Jill Holdgreve
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Worship Leader	(Both)	JoAnn Short		
Song Leader	(Both)	David Stuckey		
Accompanist	(Both)	Mary Lou Roth		

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