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



*Life Planning*

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 114 (p.604)

Prelude

“Hallelujah/I Will Sing of the Mercies”

†Hymns of Praise – #58  
– #68

“This Is My Father’s World”  
“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Missionary Sharing

Jason & Becky Suon

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn – #80

“I Love You, Lord”

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

Special Music

Hannah Bowers

“More Than Anything”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (p.1131)

Sermon

“Community Discipline”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Enough”

Second Offering for our “Imagine Your Faith Building” Campaign

Linda Heer

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – *As we sang earlier, Lord, we do love you, and we lift these offerings up in our worship of you. May they be sweet, sweet offerings for your glory as we give them in faithful devotion. Amen.*

†Spoken Benediction

†Closing Hymn – #357

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

†Postlude

**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 outside of the chapel or 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. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; and run from September through May. More info is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

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

We have a Mother's Room near our sanctuary – 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 by our system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

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**This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

Lord, I know you are with me in spirit, as Paul was with the Corinthians in spirit. I thank you for your presence with me, and your guidance of me. You know how I can be so easily tempted, at times teetering on the edge of morality and immorality. Thank you for the teachings and grace of Jesus. As a congregation, may we all be praying for proper judgment of immoral behavior, relying upon you to guide us through. Fill us with the bread of sincerity and truth. Amen.

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***July Mission-A-Month – Shepherd's Circle***

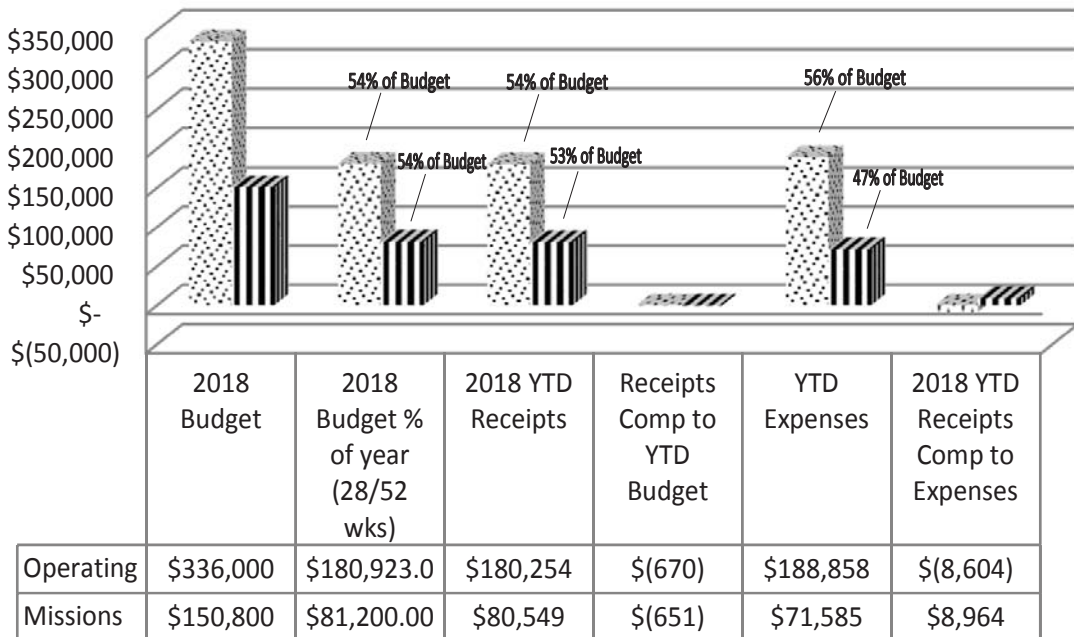
Shepherd's Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources.

The 2018 Book Bag Bash is scheduled for August 5th, from 4PM to 6PM! Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for volunteers and cookie donations. Please mark checks or envelopes with “BBB” for all monetary donations.



Shalom Ministries’ Annual Hog Roast Fest is Sunday, September 16, 2018, at Archbold Elementary School from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Silent Auction items are needed! Our silent auction has offered a variety of items in the past. Please help by donating a couple of items. Items can be handmade projects, gift certificates, or baked goods (please drop off Saturday or Sunday; not before, unless it doesn’t need to be refrigerated). Items can be dropped off at Shalom’s Archbold or Bryan office Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, or items may be brought the morning of the event.

## 2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of July 17, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of July 17, 2018 - \$604,682.01

## **WEEK OF July 22 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon.	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry (Dan Stuckey's)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	FISH Board (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	11:00AM	Fairlawn Worship
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
Wed	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by St. Peter's Catholic Church)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – The July/Aug/Sept 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%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

July 23 - Wakened To Listen ..... Isaiah 50:1-11  
July 24 - The Joy of Salvation ..... Isaiah 51:1-16  
July 25 - Good News For All ..... Isaiah 52:1-12  
July 26 - Wounded For Me ..... Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12  
July 27 - Brought Back Again ..... Isaiah 54:1-17  
July 28 - Freely Pardoned ..... Isaiah 55:1-13  
July 29 - Read, Learn and Digest ..... Psalm 119:1-24

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**Next Sunday – July 29**



Sermon – “Disputes - Handled in the Community” by Pastor Erich Christman  
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

# **Sermon Notes**

Sermon – “Community Discipline”

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

## **The Situation**

- Person in the church fails to live the life of holiness to which Christ’s followers are to live
- Not all the particulars are known, or need to be known
- A man within the Corinthian church is living in sexual immorality
- Christian community is ignoring the situation; might be focused on their own spirituality

## **Paul’s Response**

- Paul’s focus is on the health and integrity of the church as a corporate body
- Sinful behavior of an individual in the church affects the corporate body
- Disciplinary action must be taken – expel the sinner from the church
- Condemns the sinner, scolds the community for ignoring or not dealing with the situation
- Calls for the expulsion of the man from the Corinthian church

## **Yeast/Leaven**

- Often used illustration – Matthew 16:6, 11-12, Mark 8:15, Luke 12:1, Galatians 5:9
- Explains Paul’s directive – allowing the man to remain in the church will contaminate the whole community
- The Passover lamb (Exodus) – setting Israel apart as a distinct people of God
- Christ, the Passover lamb – sets Christ’s followers apart as a distinct community

## **Points of Thought**

- A difficult passage – the Revised Common Lectionary leaves out most of this passage
- The church is to oversee the holiness of the community – a corporate responsibility
- This is not a directive to disassociate with people of the world
- All in Christ’s church are bound closely together, shared responsibility for each other



# **Freedom International Ministries, Inc.**

Freedom Campus – Dominican Republic

<https://itisforfreedom.com/>

**Their Mission** – Freedom equips people to engage culture according to their design.

**Their Vision** – Freedom develops life-changing relationships with those most unlikely so that they become catalysts for change in the Dominican Republic.

Freedom has started a bilingual, Christian school near the town of Ramón Santana. Over one hundred sugarcane villages are found in the surrounding area. The school serves families of Ramón Santana and the nearby bateyes (villages around a sugar mill). There were 240 students enrolled in seven levels for the 2017-2018 school year. Each year, another grade level will be added. The final goal is for the school to grow to 1,800 students.

The school is a tool for discipleship. Through 18,000 hours of contact time between pre-school and high school graduation, they are praying that lives will be changed. They specifically want to train students to glorify God in 3 areas: by walking in relationship with the Lord, developing wholesome relationships with others, and using their God-given uniqueness to live for Him.

As a congregation, St. John's began partnering in ministry with the Suon's in January of 2017. Jason & Becky, and their four young children, Finley, Paisley, Stacia and Moses, moved from their home north of Wauseon and arrived in the Dominican Republic on January 23, 2017.

Jason is involved in construction and maintenance on the mission's campus, and Becky teaches in the school's preschool program. As extensions of their work on the campus, they are often in the bateyes visiting with parents and families of the students and co-workers. These visits provide great opportunities of getting to know people and sharing the love and gospel of Christ.

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

- Congratulations to Colin Bzovi and Miranda Wills, who were married in the sanctuary yesterday.
- Bob DeVries, who spent a couple of days at Bryan Hospital this past week.
- Kelsey Wyse, who had outpatient shoulder surgery on July 12th.
- Ryan Christman, awaiting the start of his prescribed Crohn's medicine.
- Paul Sigg, now a resident at Fairlawn, room #114.
- Kinsey Smith, as she leaves tomorrow to start her two year commitment to teach 11th grade US Literature at Grace International School in Chiang Mai, Thailand, through Cru.
- Toby Walker, recovering from tendon surgery on his left hand.
- Sandi Newland, receiving treatments for cancer.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, working through some further medical appointments.
- Shannon Richardson and family, as Shannon has taken a new position with a mission agency, based in Indonesia, and he and Yohanna have returned there; while Joshua awaits entering boot camp on August 6th and David will continue to live in Fayette and work at Sanoh.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Brenden Bostelman, back from Afghanistan, now in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, 5525-C Washington CT SW at Bolling AFB, DC 20032 (both in Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, stationed at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.
- Pastor Erich, who appreciates the concern and the prayers that have been and will be offered on his behalf. He is scheduled for back surgery on August 22nd. The surgery in the lumbar region will address degenerative disc and vertebrae issues. He will be in the hospital for the better part of a week following surgery, then home for a recovery time of two to eight weeks. He will start physical therapy on September 17th, the week that he intends to start back in the office, working half days.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

Acolytes	(8:00)	Gavin Walker	(10:30)	Krayton Kern
Ushers	(Head)	Dave Walker		
	(8:00)	Gary & Judy Sears		
	(10:30)	Dave & Paige Miller, Ben & Sue Buehrer		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Vond & Mary Hall	(July 29)	Ryan & Jill Holdgreve
Sound Tech	(Both)	James Grime		
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Song/Worship Leader	(Both)	Mike Meyer		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		