



Book Bag Bash Bunch

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Book Bag Bash

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! Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 139:7-12 (p. 618)

Prelude

“Rejoice In the Lord Always”

†Call to Worship (From Psalm 8)

L: God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! Your glory is sung by all of your creation!

P: *When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder: who are we that you care for us and for this world?*

L: You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days. O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

†Hymn of Praise – #64

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

(#244, “The Trees of the Field”)

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

Special Music

Norm Fether

“The Power of Your Love”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 7:25-35 (p. 1132 - 1133)

Sermon

“Undivided”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“El Shaddai”

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – ***Good and gracious God, we ask that our dollars and cents become to you as musical notes and lyrics. Compose with them new verses so that, when love struggles to be voiced, your song can be sung. Through our giving, may we join in the singing! In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

†Closing Hymn – #234, brown hymnal

“Blessed Assurance”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #234, brown hymnal, chorus

“Blessed Assurance”

†Postlude



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 outside of the chapel or at 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.

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.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

God of all Creation, thank you for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the longer days of light. Thank you for the times of being outside to enjoy the beauty around me. Thank you for the times of vacation, for the times at the cottages or campgrounds, for the times at church camp, for the picnics or gatherings with family and friends. I pray for rain and sunshine, for the growing of crops and vegetables, thanking you for the beauty of flowers and the shade of trees! As I enjoy your summer creations, create in me a clean and pure heart, and a hunger and thirst for you. All praise be to you, O Lord. Amen

Our Celebration of Rally Sunday is coming up on August 19th! Everyone is invited and encouraged to gather in the sanctuary at 9:15am that morning. Mr. Jim Barron, WBCL Radio Personality, will be our special guest for Rally Sunday. One of WBCL's morning radio hosts, Mr. Barron will share his gospel presentation and offer some of his amazing illusions!

Following Mr. Barron's faith inspiring and amazing presentation, children and youth will be promoted to their new grade level! Once the children and youth are promoted and released to their new classrooms, the adults will remain in the sanctuary and hear further sharing from Mr. Barron. This is a great Sunday for people to get started or re-started in one or more of our Christian Education ministries!

August Mission-A-Month

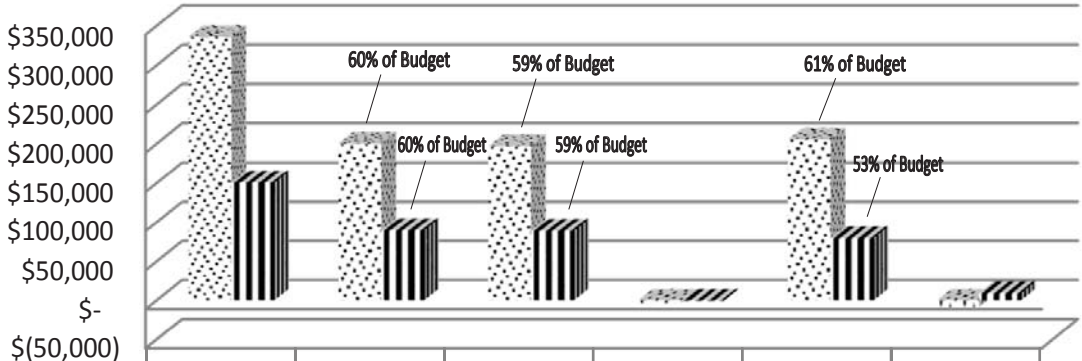
Back Bay Mission Trip

JYF - Today we are meeting in the church parking lot at 1:45pm for a go-kart riding, swimming and eating adventure! We're celebrating your hard work from your fundraising efforts this past year during JYF. All of last years JYF'ers are invited to come. We're heading to Defiance Putt-Putt Go-Kart and Games for some go-karting fun! We have the entire Go-kart track rented from 2:30-3:30pm. After our hour adventure in Defiance, we will come back to Kenny and Mandy Walker's place to swim and have a cookout (Thanks Walker's)! We will have all the youth back at the church around 7:00pm for pick up. We ask that everyone wear appropriate swimsuits for our time swimming. The only thing you'll need to bring is a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen. Everything else will be covered by our fundraising efforts! Great job youth!

If you are interested in helping in the nursery, the new schedule is being finalized and we would love to add your name to it!
Please contact Bri Krukowski if interested.



2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of August 6, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (31/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$200,307.6	\$196,821.00	\$(3,487)	\$205,186.00	\$(8,365)
Missions	\$150,800	\$89,900.00	\$89,231	\$(669)	\$79,760	\$9,471

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of August 6, 2018 - \$688,800.16

WEEK OF August 12th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation Orientation (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	9:15AM	Life Planning Meeting (Youth Room)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	1:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
	1:45PM	JYF Leaves for Defiance
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry at "The Garage" (Archbold Evan Church)
Mon.	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:00PM	JYF Leaders Meeting
	7:00PM	Discernment Team (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by St. Peter's Catholic Church)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	SYF Leaders Meeting
Thurs	7:00PM	Christian Education Team Meeting
Sat	8:00AM	Devotion in Motion
Sun		Rally Sunday
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Rally Sunday Celebration (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry at "The Garage" (Archbold Evan Church)

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> *Discovery*. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 13 - Unseeing To Seeing!.....	John 9:1-12
August 14 - What Do You Think?	John 9:13-34
August 15 - "Lord, I Believe"	John 9:35-41
August 16 - Full To Overflowing.....	John 10:1-10
August 17 - Bad, Mad or God?	John 10:11-21
August 18 - He's The One.....	John 10:22-42
August 19 - Longing for You	Psalm 119:73-96

Next Sunday – August 19

Sermon – “Love Builds Up” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Faith Village and LOGOS volunteers needed.

As we continue to make plans for our children and youth ministries, we are in need of additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts in one or more of the following roles. For more information on any of the positions, please contact Kim M. Walker at 567-239-2021 or gkwalker@rtexpress.net

Faith Village Shepherd – “Shepherd” a group of kindergarten through 3rd graders, or 4th through 6th graders, assisting the FV teacher as needed. Time commitment: Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:15 on a rotational basis.

Faith Village Teacher – Prepare and teach the same lesson on two consecutive Sunday mornings, adjusting the lesson to fit the needs of the different grade levels. You may teach as many or as few units (2 week sessions) as fits your schedule. Time Commitment: Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:00 am.

LOGOS Table Parent – Table Parents show genuine interest in each child at their table; encourage the children to engage in family time conversation; model what it looks like to treat others as a child of God. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 5:45 – 6:50 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Bible Study Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 7:15 – 7:50 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant - Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 8:00 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Set Up of Tables and Chairs - Time commitment: Wednesday afternoons - must have tables and chairs set up by 4:30 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Attendance – Greet children as they arrive, direct them to the Parish Hall, and mark the attendance sheet. Time commitment: 5:45 – 6:00 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Table Decorations – Provide simple decorations for each LOGOS table to go with the weekly theme. May use decorations that we have accumulated over the years or come up with your own. Time commitment: Wednesday afternoons - must have tables decorated by 5:45 pm, weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Alternate Worship Skill Leader – This is for the kids who do not attend St. John’s on Sunday mornings, and takes the place of Hand Bells/Chimes. This could be a Reader’s Theater, Speaker’s Choir, a Drama, or creating bulletin covers or making worship banners. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 7:15 pm – one 4-week session in the fall and/or two 3-week sessions in the spring.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the members of St. John's that volunteered, provided cookies, made monetary donations, and most importantly, lifted this year’s Book Bag Bash up in prayer. Through the generosity and work of our congregation, we were able to provide book-bags and school supplies to nearly 90 children from Archbold and surrounding communities. What a blessing it is to be part of a church family that helps others!

-St. John Evangelism Committee

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for peace and justice in the current political crisis, pray that they can be a light and speak truth; pray for Tom's health; pray for the team, as they have many decisions to make about the future and direction of the ministry.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – U of Akron – pray for David & Blair who were married in July, that their beginning months of marriage and new year of ministry will be mutually blessed.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – University of Michigan – as a campus minister, pray for Kyle's training of students to share the gospel and walk by faith; pray for his preaching of the gospel at their Sunday services and leadership training conferences.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray that as they prepare for a new school year, their team leadership will be a blessing in the Thursday night events, Lifegroups, retreats and conferences and Sunday services.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their ministry in the local church plant, Bible College and campus hangout; pray for Leila's parents – for their physical health and their salvation; pray for their preparations of an approaching time of furlough in the States.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray with them for all the details to come together for the September Disciple Making Movement Summit, praying that God draws just the right people to this event who are ready to put actions to the ideas.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray for the continued efforts in caring for the special children entrusted into the care of AFLH; pray for Cheryl in her role as managing director, and for Hadassah Wang and John & Heidi Bison, house parents.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for her as a new year starts up, that her level of energy remains high as she leads in Reliant and SHAN, serving the Lord with joy, patience and love.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray that their discipleship ministries will be a strong blessing to incoming students, and that they continue to grow in wisdom as they reflect on their six weeks of ministry in Chicago this summer.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray that their brief time in Ohio was a blessing, that their time with family and friends was refreshing; pray for their continual energy and devotion to the children and families of the school.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP – pray for this faithful and blessed sister and brother team, that they sense the Spirit's presence as they manage all the many facets of the project.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home - pray for new support of the home and for additional people to sponsor individual children.
- ✠ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – Grace International School in Chiang Mai – pray she settles in well with her house roommates, fellow teachers and her classroom students.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for him, as one of the two leadership pastors, as they get set for a new year of ministry, with both returning student leaders, returning student disciples, and new student enrollees.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Mr. & Mrs. Zach & Meridith (Short) Meyer, who were married yesterday in the sanctuary.
- The family of Marlene Nofziger, who passed away August 6th at the age of 81.
- Suzette Nafziger, recovering from knee replacement surgery. We are looking to provide meals for the next 2 weeks, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you can assist, please visit <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/CYRZ5942> or call the church office.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, who is headed to Cleveland Clinic on August 13th for treatment.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Ryan Christman, struggling through a Crohn's related infection, off work all last week. All hurdles have been cleared for him to start his Crohn's medication on August 23rd!
- Pastor Erich, whose back surgery is scheduled for August 22nd.
- Brenden Bostelman, 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, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, left for Marine boot camp on August 6th (Son of Shannon & Yesi)
- Steve Schink, 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.
- School staff, teachers and students as the 2018-2019 school year gets underway.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Krayton Kern
Ushers	(Head) Mark Nofziger	
	(8:00) Andrew & Lori Rohrs	
	(10:30) Emma Hall, Karsen Pursel, Emily Walker & Hailey Wooley	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Keith & Kelli Kuntz	(August 19) Bo & Bri Krukowski
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jan Lindsay	
Children's Moment	(Both) Deb Kauffman	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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