

October Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Facts, Faith and Fools----- | Proverbs 1:1-19 | 16 Light of the World ----- | John 12:27-36 |
| 2 Wisdom Comes Calling----- | Proverbs 1:20:33 | 17 Unbelievable ----- | John 12:37-50 |
| 3 The Road Less Traveled ----- | Proverbs 2:1-22 | 18 Love Service ----- | John 13:1-17 |
| 4 Wisdom Written on the Heart ----- | Proverbs 3:1-18 | 19 And it was Night----- | John 13:18-30 |
| 5 Fame or Wisdom's Fortune? ----- | Proverbs 4:1-9 | 20 Let Love Rule ----- | John 13:31-38 |
| 6 The Long Obedience ----- | Proverbs 4:10-27 | 21 He is for Us!----- | Psalm 124 |
| 7 Wise Worship ----- | Psalm 122 | 22 At Home with Jesus ----- | John 14:1-14 |
| 8 The Seven-Year Itch----- | Proverbs 5:1-23 | 23 Joyful Obedience----- | John 14:15-31 |
| 9 Keep Active ----- | Proverbs 6:1-19 | 24 God's Purpose is Fruitfulness ----- | John 15:1-8 |
| 10 Walking on Hot Coals----- | Proverbs 6:20-35 | 25 Remain in My Love----- | John 15:9-17 |
| 11 Listen Up!----- | Proverbs 8:1-21 | 26 Like Master, Like Servant----- | John 15:18-25 |
| 12 Christ, the Wisdom of God----- | Proverbs 8:22-36 | 27 How to Face Opposition ----- | John 15:26-4a |
| 13 A Tale of Two Women ----- | Proverbs 9:1-18 | 28 Safe...But Afraid?----- | Psalm 125 |
| 14 Wise Focus ----- | Psalm 123 | 29 The Goodness of the Holy Spirit----- | John 16:4b-15 |
| 15 Death For Life!----- | John 12:20-26 | 30 Joy and Sorrow ----- | John 16:16-24 |
| | | 31 Coming to Your Father----- | John 16:25-33 |

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

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Please Pray For:

•Please keep the following people in your prayers as they are grieving the loss of loved ones:

- Regina Beck and her family upon the death of her son, Justin, at the age of 34, in New Mexico. A memorial service was held on September 22nd at the family home.
- Kelly Stahl and her family, upon the death of her mother, Carol Ann Nafziger, on September 21st.
- Susie Enderle and Shiela Short, and their families, upon the death of their father, Maurice Schmucker, on September 24th at the age of 97.
- Anna Yoder and her family upon the death of her father, John Sagle, who died at the Defiance In-Care Hospice Center on September 30th.

- Verlene Lovejoy, who is a resident at Genesis Health Care in Bryan.
- Bob DeVries, who is home from an extended time of rehab following a heart attack on August 26th.
- Nate Meyer, who spent a few days at Toledo Hospital due to severe headaches.
- Ryan Christman, as the void created from the removal of a large abcess in his abdomen on July 9th is now 2/3 healed; and he is gaining strength and returned to half days at work on 10/8.
- Sandi Newland, continuing to receive treatments for cancer.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, as he continues to be treated for cancer, now seeing an oncologist in Bryan, in cooperation with his medical team at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.



- Please continue to remember all of our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

Please consider sending cards to these people 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.

HomeBound/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)
 Lois Heer, Room #122
 Josephine Short, Room #112
 Paul Sigg, Room #178

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
 Jane Short, Room #208

Independent Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold,
 William and Donna Buehrer, Apt. #107

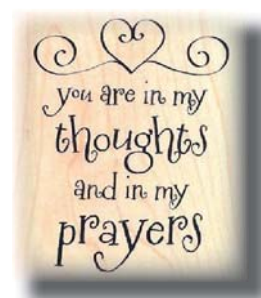
Wyse Commons, 550 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
 Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold,
 Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567
 Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2
 Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
 Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505
 Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545
 Irene Short, Room #100

Genesis Health Care, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506
 Verlene Lovejoy



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 Sunday School 9:15AM

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together
 Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/7), Ash Wednesday (2/14), Maundy Thursday (3/29),
 Pentecost (5/20), Mid-Summer (7/15), World Wide Communion
 (10/7), First Sunday of Advent (12/2)



The Church on the Corner
Whose Cornerstone is Christ

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Pastoral news

On Sunday, September 23, I explained how 1 Corinthians could be divided into three parts.

- 1.) In chapters 1-4, we read about the centrality of Jesus Christ and the identity/unity of the church centered around Him. Reread 1 Cor. 1:4-9 and note how we have been enriched (for our joy) and gifted (to serve others) and strengthened (to endure in holiness) by Jesus Christ. And then meditate (i.e., read multiple times, and spend time considering the meaning and application) on 1 Cor. 1:10 ("I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought"). What would this unity look like in our church? Why is this unity so important? How can we benefit from being a united church family?
- 2.) In chapters 5-10, we read about ways we can honor Jesus Christ in our everyday lives, Monday-Saturday. What's an area of your life with which you can honor Jesus more? We are called to honor Jesus with our work, with our home life, with our property, with our relationships, with our marriage. Perhaps you can choose to focus on bringing Jesus honor with one of these areas of your life. Or perhaps some other area of life needs transformation for the sake of Jesus' honor: perhaps your language, or your entertainment choices, or perhaps you need to spend more time serving others and less time serving yourself. What will you focus on this month, to bring Jesus honor with your daily life?
- 3.) In chapters 11-16, which we will be exploring more this month in our sermon series, Paul describes ways we can honor Jesus in our corporate, public worship. Has coming to church just become routine for you? Read these chapters, and consider how you can be honoring Jesus with your Sundays. Paul claims that the church is a body, with many different parts, each necessary to the body's functioning. You are God's gift to this church family...and we are God's gift to you. How can you use the gifts God has given you to serve this church family? How can you benefit more from what this church has to offer you?

As we read through 1 Corinthians, we see this ancient letter still speaks to us today, calling us to honor the Lord Jesus Christ with our lives. As you do so, may you feel God's pleasure and rejoice in God's glory.

Grace and Peace,



congregational news & thank you's

Update on Pastor Erich

My August 22nd surgery went very well, immediately relieving the back pain I had before surgery. The incision healed very well, and I've not taken any pain medication since August 26th. I had a six week follow up appointment with the surgeon on October 4th. The first thing Dr. Clark noticed was how straight I was standing. He then told me that the x-ray showed that the amount of new bone growth around my fusion is ahead of schedule! So the surgery and the time of recovery have gone very well. I will have another follow up appointment on November 15th. In the meantime, I continue with both physical and pool therapy, three times a week, walking two miles per day, and doing various arm and leg exercises at home. The amount of weakness in my right leg is significant, due to the months of inactivity prior to surgery, the days laying in a hospital bed, and the nerves affected before and during the surgery. But each day there is progress. I'm wearing my back brace whenever I am not laying down. I wear a bone growth stimulator for 30 minutes each day. My focus is on maintaining good posture and not twisting my back.

I appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers, and I feel very blessed through this whole process. I praise God for healing, for the encouragement of countless cards and texts, and for the faithfulness of the congregation!

Pastor Erich

2018 Discernment Team

Current membership of this visioning and goal setting team includes: Betsy Ducey, Tom Hines, Dan Light, Jon Lindsay, Dave Miller, JoAnn Short, Lynne Stuckey, Kenny Walker, Carrie Wooley, Nici Wyse and the two pastors. There is hope to involve some younger folks in the process, though those commitments have not been realized yet.

The current work of the team involves discussion of the six core areas as identified in the 2014 Facility Report. Those areas include Worship, Christian Education, Fellowship, Child Care, Accessibility, and Facility. So far, the team has been able to meet every two weeks and will be working to create short and long term goals stemming from these core areas.

Input and questions are most welcome from the congregation – just talk with one of the team members!

Youth For Christ

YFC is looking for several volunteers to help out with their middle school ministry at the Outback, Tuesday nights from 6-8:30pm (starting September 18). They want volunteers from St. John's Christian Church so that when unchurched students decide to follow Christ, they can have a natural connection with a local church, where they can connect with other students and help them grow in their faith outside of YFC. Will you consider helping with this middle school ministry? If you're a middle schooler, perhaps you want to consider attending this fun night and bring your friends from school to learn more about Jesus! Adults, there are various ways to get involved, not only helping with games and lessons on Tuesdays, but also occasionally helping with meal preparations, or even food donations. If you're interested in the ministry but can't make it Tuesdays, YFC is also looking for a person to coordinate the meal donors and servers each week. See Pastor Alex if you're interested in learning more about this local ministry.

ADVENT???? You must be kidding!



Each year I look forward to the Advent Devotional...short readings by members of the St. John family. In fact, rather than reading each account daily, I forge ahead and read them all in one sitting, then go back and reread them on a daily basis. I hope you anticipate these accounts as much as I do.

I am asking YOU to consider contributing one of the readings...you do NOT need to be a great writer, simply provide a one page message (250 to 350 words) that comes from your heart. The words may be your own, or there may be some quotes from the Bible or some other publication. You could include a personal experience or a short poem or prayer. In other words, ALMOST ANYTHING is acceptable – just let the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts.

Now, I know everyone does not feel comfortable sharing thoughts in a written manner...and I certainly understand. If you feel led I say, "Hallelujah!" If your first thought is, "Oh, my! I simply couldn't do this"...then I ask you to pray about it for a day, then think about it one more time...is the Spirit touching your heart? Then...write away! I need about 22 authors!! This is not an easy task unless you step forward and submit one OR more writings. RATHER THAN WAIT TO BE ASKED, IT WOULD BE A BLESSING (for me especially) IF YOU WOULD JUST SAY, "I'LL DO IT!" If you choose to participate, more information regarding specifics will be forthcoming!!

Please contact Nancy Rupp if you can help with this project. Phone number is 419-572-9885 (cell), 419-682-1102 (home) or email Nrupp47@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OR CONSIDERATION!

I will say, "Thank, you! Thank you!" In advance!

Stephen Ministry

What do Stephen Ministers do? Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. They plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and hopeless because of some crisis or tragedy. Stephen Ministers care for people who are: grieving, in a crisis, in need of long-term care, dying, hospitalized, divorcing, experiencing losses as they age, going through a crisis of childbirth, and other life issues. What skills do Stephen Ministers need: listening, exploring feelings, prayer, sharing Christ's love, maintaining confidentiality, attending to the caregiving process and leaving the results to God. St. John's needs to find men and women who are willing to answer Jesus' call to serve as Stephen Ministers, beginning with 50 hours of stimulating and useful training in Christian caring skills. During training, a variety of topics will be covered to equip you to attend the needs of others. Think and pray about this exciting opportunity.

For more information, contact someone on the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team:
Pastor Alex, Jim or Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.




There is a small group of people who have been praying daily for the Stephen Ministry and the leaders in our church. Every third Friday, we meet in the home of Marvin Fish, 04725 Williams County Road 2275. If the Lord is calling you to pray for the Stephen Ministry, join us this Friday. We live 3/4 mile north of route 34 in Williams County. The phone number is 419-682-6644. Please do not use GPS.

Adriel Fall Benefit

Date: Saturday, October 20

Time: Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Suggested Donation: \$40 per person for luncheon
Location: Archbold Adriel Office - 22897 US 20A

You may reserve your seats by contacting Kyrstin Marshall at 614-761-0010, ext 2206 or at  kyrstin.marshall@adriel.org.

Congregational Meeting

At the Special Congregational meeting held on September 23rd, unanimous approval of those casting votes was given to proceed with the two projects brought to the congregation. A contract has been entered into with the Verdin Company, in the amount of \$18,000, to rework the tower bells. Instead of the bells swinging to ring, the bells will be fixed in place and the bell clappers will be swung to ring the bells. The Verdin Company is the original installer of the tower bells, which have rung since the mid 1950's, and their current work should enable the bells to call people to worship for at least another sixty or so years!

Included in the approval was a contract with B. William Bucher Inc., of Monclova, for maintenance of the interior of the upper bell tower. They will clean, prime and paint the exposed metal of the tower, ensuring the safety of the structure for several more decades! The cost of that work will be up to \$12,000.

The \$30,000 for these two projects will come from The Legacy Fund, which had a balance of \$142,925 as of August 30, 2018. In addition to The Legacy Fund, there is a balance of \$626,000 in the Buehrer Estate Legacy Fund. These two funds are for the same purpose of major capital improvements of the facility, though the funds were kept separate for accounting purposes upon the Eugene Buehrer estate gift.

In addition, it was shared that Plants Plus, of Archbold, will be removing over-grown shrubs from the south, west and part of the north sides of the building, replacing them with new plantings. A new brick border will be installed, too.

FAIRLAWN Retirement Community

Fairlawn Auxiliary Fund Raiser

Monday October 15
Samuel Mancino's
106 Defiance St.
Archbold



New Worship Accompanist

We welcome Buffy Riley, pianist, to our musical staff here at St. John's. Buffy has an extensive history of playing piano – playing in her home church, playing with Archbold Schools and playing for Archbold Community Theater productions. Buffy is married to JC, and they have three children – Corinna, Kristen and Jay. All three children have participated in VBS and LOGOS over the years. Buffy will begin accompanying 8am and 10:30am services in the near future.

Dear St. John's,

Thank you very much for allowing us to hold my shower in the Parish Hall. It was a great time for everyone. The kitchen was especially nice when we were prepping. The extra space in the hall let us have some fun games. For everything, thank you. I know you all have been wonderful for my mom, dad and sister.

With Love,
Ruthi Stuckey

Dearest Friends at St. John's,

I want to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for all of the kindness that I have received from everyone here at the church after my mother's death! Your cards, presence at the visitation and funeral, beautiful flower arrangements and remembrance gifts, the kind, thoughtful, encouraging words, your patience, and especially, the many thoughts and prayers that I know have been (and are being) sent to my family and I. Mere words can not convey how appreciative I am to have been chosen to work here, but I am so thankful, as it has given me an opportunity to be a part of a most loving, wonderful, and genuine group of God's people. I believe it was truly in His plan for me to be here at this time. Thank you all again very much!

With Love & A Thankful Heart,
Kelly Stahl & Family

Preschool news

The 2018-2019 school year is officially underway!

We have 43 children this year. We have added a Name Center in the class room, so that we are better able to focus on name recognition, name writing, and letter order in the children's names.

Our first week of school was spent getting to know our classroom, our rules, our class prayer, our September Bible verse and our friends' names.

Our second week of school was spent focusing on "God Loves Me/I am Special". We talked about how God made each of us different, with special talents and abilities, and how he takes care of us and loves each one of us. During this week, the children brought in the "homework" we had assigned at Orientation. The younger class brought in small paper replicas of themselves which they had decorated with magazine pictures or drawings of things they like. The older class cut out white clouds, and attached strips of colored paper to represent a rainbow. On each strip, parents listed something about their child, such as age, likes or dislikes, favorite foods, etc. We shared all of the "homework" at Circle Time, and it was so fun to hear about things we have in common with our classmates, and things that are unique about us.

The final week of the month was spent talking about "Families". Children shared family pictures with the group, learned about different types of families, and the names associated with families (sister, brother, aunt, uncle, etc.). The younger group made "Prayer Pockets", which they can hang by their bed. They will add names to the slips of paper inside the pocket, and those are people they can pray for during their nightly prayers. Other activities in the room included "Baby Bingo", a matching game with adult animals and their babies, a flannel-board easel with people, and a name activity where the children had to put together a dog with letters in their name on it.

We have a brand new donation board up in the hallway near the preschool room! Look for the bright yellow stars. It says, "Catch a Falling Star and Make our Wishes Come True" If you are led or able, please take a star, purchase the item written on it, and return it in the blue plastic box by our cubbies We are SO grateful for these items, which help us provide a variety of activities to the children. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!! They are greatly appreciated!!

Sue MacDonald & Joan Wyse

mission corner

Back Bay Mission Trip

Due to changes in various health situations and work schedules of people signed up for the trip, the October trip to Biloxi was canceled, so we look ahead to the trip scheduled for February 9th through 16th.

The mission trip program at Back Bay Mission is focused on serving the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They are also focused on making each week an opportunity for faith formation and learning. Among other things, volunteers have the opportunity to learn about poverty on the Mississippi Gulf Coast (and in their own community). Back Bay Mission is a national leader for mission trips in the United Church of Christ. They believe that providing these experiences is a benefit for participants, their congregations and communities, and the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They hope that volunteer groups return home to tell others about their experience and lead the way in helping in their own community.

The volunteer program at Back Bay Mission isn't just about serving the poor and marginalized. It's also about serving their volunteers! This is an opportunity for you to learn and grow while serving others.

Goals of their program include:

1. Demonstrating how such an agency lives out the Christian faith by meeting the immediate needs of the people they serve and helping them grow towards long term sustainability.
2. Providing opportunities for increased self-understanding and personal growth for all participants.
3. Exposing participants to cultural patterns and value systems that may differ from their own, and provide an opportunity for dialogue about that experience.
4. Helping participants understand the ministry and commitments of Back Bay Mission.
5. Providing opportunities for meaningful service to others.

Volunteers from St. John's Christian Church will have opportunities to share in the work program (new home construction and home repair/renovation), the daily community soup kitchen, the weekly food pantry ministry and their daily assistance program with area homeless.

Pastor Erich is working to coordinate leadership from past trip volunteers to increase the opportunities for people to engage in construction work, sharing in people related ministries, and both.

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Crossroad, for our gift of \$111.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift of \$250.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$80.
- Youth for Christ, for our gift of \$250.
- Cherry Street, for our gift of \$85.
- Altlink (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$160.
- WBCL, Buy a Brick Project, for our gift of \$420.
- Cru (The Waanders), for our gift of \$40.

St. John's offers several experiences for people to deepen the depth of their Christian faith while sharing the love and light of Christ with others. There are two remaining special events on our list of annual mission experiences:

- TGRM Chapel & Meal – November 18
- Christmas Cheer Hospitality – December 5

Thank Offering Containers

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.



worship

October 14

Scriptures – Psalm 71:1-8, 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon – “The Preeminence of Love” – Pastor Erich

10:30 Service – Chancel Choir – “Enough / 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

October 21

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

Sermon – “Prophecy” – Pastor Alex

10:30 Service – Junior Choir – “I Will Give Thanks”

October 28

Scriptures – Psalm 118:19-24, 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Sermon – “Order in the Assembly” – Pastor Erich

10:30 Service – Chancel Choir – “True Light”

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign – Brad Roth

November 4th

Scriptures – 1 Peter 1:3-9, 1 Corinthians 15:1-34

Sermon – “Resurrection of Christ / Resurrection of the Dead” – Pastor Erich



Advent & Christmas Decorating



The first Sunday of Advent this year falls on December 2nd, so we will be decorating the church building for our celebrations of Advent and Christmas on Sunday afternoon, November 25th. The greenery and symbolic decorations are always such a blessing in our worship of God as we celebrate the birth and coming of Jesus Christ.

While much of the decorating can be done from floor level, there is much that requires standing on ladders, and there are always many trips made in and out of the attic. With the typical number of folks involved in recent years, it only takes two to three hours to get everything accomplished.

We are in need of some younger and stronger folks to help with this annual decorating project. Please consider marking your calendar for 1pm on the 25th!

October 2018



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation | | Mission-A-Month— Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) | Elder of the Month— | | | 1 |
| 2 | 1 11:00AM Staff Meeting | 2 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Campaign | 3 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF | 4 7:00PM Mission Comm. | 5 | 6 9:00AM Depart for BB Mis. Trip 5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal |
| 7 | 8 Columbus Day | 9 | 10 | 11 | | 13 |
| Back Bay Mission Trip - Biloxi, MS—October 7 thru 14 | | | | | | |
| 3:30PM Wedding | 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Budget & Stew- ardship Committee | 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Committee | 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Life PL/SYF Remix | 6:00PM 6th grade bas- ketball practice 7:00PM Evangelism Com. | | 7:40AM Men's Breakfast 3:30PM Wedding |
| 14 10:30AM Chancel Choir | 15 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory | 16 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Pastoral Care Comm. | 17 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF | 18 6:00PM 6th grade bas- ketball practice 7:00PM Preschool Board Meeting | 19 | 20 |
| 21 12:00PM Private Party | 22 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM SYF Planning Meeting | 23 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) | 24 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh. | 25 6:00PM 6th grade bas- ketball practice | 26 5:00PM Wed- ding Rehearsal | 27 2:30PM Wedding |
| 28 6:00PM Young Adult Minis- try | 29 7:00AM Mental Health Training—Parish Hall (4:30PM) 11:00AM Staff Meeting | 30 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:00PM YFC Event | 31 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Mission-A-Month— Oper. Christmas Child | | |

October Mission-A-Month Operation Christmas Child



October Mission-A-Month – Operation Christmas Child:

Operation Christmas Child is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and The Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. In October, we will be collecting items to be included in plastic boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church so these boxes can be delivered to area drop-off locations in time for the Christmas holiday season. If you want to pack your own box, please pick up a plastic box here at the church and use a label from one of the envelopes on the table in the sanctuary narthex to signify on the box if it is for a boy or girl. Place your packed plastic box in or near the white mission box outside the chapel. Or you can just purchase items to be included in boxes that will be packed later. Some suggestions for shoe box items are listed below (or go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/):

Toys - small cars, balls, dolls, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

School Supplies - pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene Items - toothbrush, comb, hairbrush, etc.

Other - Small Bibles, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A Personal Note - In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

You can pick up boxes outside the chapel. Please bring boxes back by October 28. Please do NOT include food, stuffed animals, or toothpaste, as these items are not allowed to be sent. Donations would be greatly appreciated! We are trying to raise \$2500 to send 200 boxes. See Leah Miller or Callie Rohrs for more information.

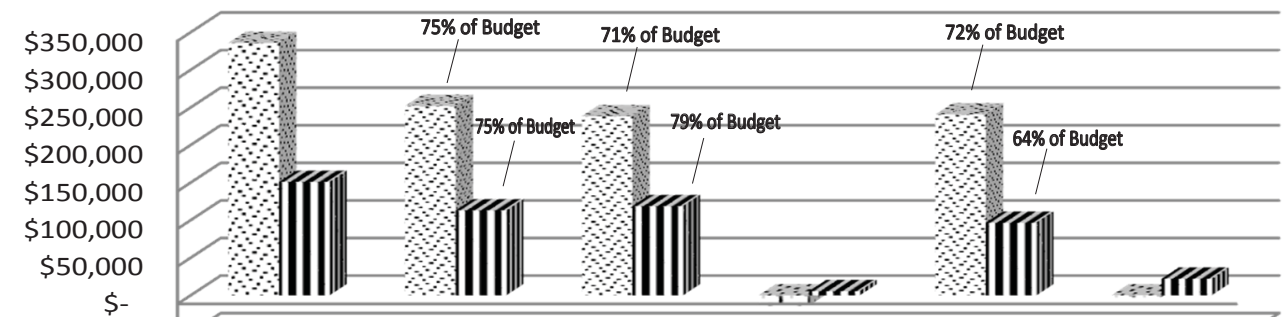
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Wally Dehnpostel | 17 Jebb Bernath, Jera Bernath, Keith & Kim Kern |
| 2 Kyle Ducey, Zander Johnston, Nan Neill, Kane Overmier, Louise Short | 19 Tim & Jamie Beck, Emma Nafziger |
| 3 Emily Walker, Pat Wyse | 20 Ron & Karen Rice, Jane Short, Lindsay & Travis Wyse |
| 4 Bud Beck, Erich Christman, Mike Henry, Carrie Nofziger | 21 Stan Ruffer, Greg Weddelman |
| 5 Brianna Krukowski | 22 Justin Yoder |
| 6 Devin Beltz | 23 Ben Buehrer, Pete Grieser, Bailey Grieser, Vicki Nofziger, Phyllis Swietzer |
| 7 Roger & Sandy Miller, Warren & Cindy Sauder | 24 Tim Beck, Todd & Jill Nafziger, Tyler Rupp |
| 8 Susie Enderle, Jo Short, Steve Walker | 25 Jenny Beck, Adison Kinsman |
| 9 Sue Henry | 26 Dan Martinez, Harrison Rohrs, Justin & Carrie Yoder |
| 10 Jack Spotts | 27 Dinah Rice |
| 11 Gary & Teresa Mann, Olley Short | 28 A.J. & Kisha Genter, Mary Ellen Johnson |
| 12 Vond & Mary Hall | 29 Tom & Laura Johnson, Tim Kleck |
| 14 Brooke Hines | 30 Cathy Spiess, Jan Lindsay |
| 15 Barb Sigg | 31 Adam Kinsman |
| 16 Todd Nafziger | |

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

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2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of Sept. 30, 2018



| | 2018 Budget | 2018 Budget % of year (39/52 wks) | 2018 YTD Receipts | Receipts Comp to YTD Budget | YTD Expenses | 2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Operating | \$336,000 | \$252,000.00 | \$238,413.00 | \$(13,587) | \$240,672.00 | \$(2,259) |
| Missions | \$150,800 | \$113,100.00 | \$118,792 | \$5,692 | \$96,736 | \$22,056 |

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of September 30, 2018 - \$617,805.12

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ministry happenings

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LOGOS, our Wednesday evening program for children, began on Wednesday, September 19. We had a jolly good time at "Talk Like a Pirate Night". We had approximately forty-five five year olds through fifth graders, and close to thirty adults actively participating in a family time meal, recreation time, and bible study. It was great to see the church "come alive again" (as one of our adult choir members commented as they arrived for practice) after having the summer off. If you have not been in our church building on a Wednesday evening, please feel free to stop in and check out all that is going on. Maybe you'll even be moved by the Spirit to join in on the fun! We can always use more adult helpers. For more information on any of the positions, please contact Kim M. Walker at 567-239-2021 or gkwalker@rteceexpress.net

LOGOS Table Parent – Table Parents show genuine interest in each child at their table; encouraging the children to engage in family conversation.

LOGOS Bible Study Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

LOGOS Set Up of Tables and Chairs – Wednesday afternoons.

LOGOS Attendance – Greet children as they arrive, direct them to the Parish Hall, and mark the attendance sheet.

LOGOS Table Decorations – Provide simple decorations for each LOGOS table to go with the weekly theme.

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. Drama, or creating bulletin covers or making worship banners.



ministry happenings

Youth Ministries

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SHSS: In October, Devin and Ryan Bernath will again be teaching our high school Sunday School class. This month, we'll continue looking at the book of Genesis, and see the promises God made to Abraham and what these promises mean for us today.

Life Planning: On October 10, students and mentors will hear the testimony of Darryl Strawberry at Founder's Hall. Darryl Strawberry was famous for his success in major league baseball, infamous for his sinful lifestyle, and now shares about God's grace in his life, through which he has found forgiveness, meaning in life, and joy.

JYF: On October 3, JYF had a Fall Fest at Justin and Carrie Yoder's home. We enjoyed a camp fire, s'mores and spending time with one another.



SYF/JYF Fall Retreat: Open for all high school and middle school students. St. John's is joining together with Victory Chapel and Liberty Chapel of Liberty Center for a fun packed Fall Retreat at Camp Palmer (at Harrison Lake) on November 9-11. The theme for our fall retreat is "color wars," and activities planned include a human foosball tournament, a paint gauntlet, and an all-out powder-paint war. A deposit of \$25 is due by 10/10 to reserve your spot. The total cost is \$75 and will be due 10/21. See Pastor Alex for more details.

Friday Morning Bible Study: The high school girls are meeting together for breakfast and Bible study every Friday morning. For more information, connect with Leah Miller.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Pastor Alex is helping with a Bible study from 7:15-8am at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers.

ministry happenings

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small groups

Seekers: The Seekers Small Group kicked off their new year of gatherings on September 16th at Short's Pond. Continuing their study of the prophetic Old Testament book of Ezekiel, they welcome people to join their time of discipleship and fellowship. Their upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

October 14th – 6pm at Keith and Kelli Kuntz's
October 28th at 6pm at Keith and Kelli Kuntz's
November 11th at 6pm at a yet to be determined location!

Men's Ministry

Prayer Breakfast

This month's prayer breakfast is on Saturday, October 13 at 7:40am. This is a monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast, discuss a brief devotion, fellowship, share joys and concerns, and pray together.

**Annual Veteran's
Breakfast
Sunday, November 11th
9:00AM**



To honor and recognize veterans for their service, St. John's offers this annual appreciation breakfast. The Fellowship Committee will provide a delicious breakfast, which will be followed by a special presentation from our guest speaker, Judge James Barber. Veterans, their spouses, spouses of deceased veterans, and parents and grandparents of current military personnel are invited to share in this breakfast! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the hallway bulletin board across from the church office, or you may call the church