



LOGOS Poster Contest

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



*LOGOS Kitchen Volunteers  
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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! Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.*

*Inscribed on the Tower Bells – "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."*

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 99 (p. 593)

Prelude

"The Family of God"

*A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.*

†Opening Hymn – #27, brown

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

†Unison Prayer of Confession – ***God of all, you love us beyond compare and are faithful to us even when we turn away. You are patient and wise, caring and just. We admit that we are not worthy of your love for us or deserving of your good favor. We have ignored your will, treated others of your children with disdain, and failed to be grateful for your mercy and blessings. We have placed ourselves first, pursued our own wants and desires, and failed to faithfully live in your light. Forgive us, Lord, once again. Restore us to right relationship with you and with one another, for we ask this all in Christ's name. Amen.***

†Assurance of Pardon

†Hymn of Assurance – #553

"Sweet By and By"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

(#244, Trees of the Field)

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

Sermon Hymn – #270

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 (p. 544), Luke 8:26-39 (p. 1023)

Sermon

"Understanding, and Community Support"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Shepherd Medley"

The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – ***Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to you. You have poured out your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank you for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talents, gifts and service. We pray in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.***

†Closing Hymn – #452

"Make Me a Blessing"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #452, refrain

"Make Me a Blessing"

†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 at the south end of our building or our website 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 morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September through May. More information is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://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 by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

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**This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

Lord, my shepherd, oh how I need your divine care and instruction in my life. Thank you for leading me along my life's path and blessing me with times of rest and quiet. Forgive me, Lord, when I have resisted your guidance. Restore my soul. I praise you for your comfort and for dwelling with me. I pray for people's mental health, praying for their rest and restoration through your touch upon their heart and mind. May your goodness and love follow both them and myself. I am blessed to be one of your sheep, Lord, I know that full well. In Jesus' name. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Joan Grieser  
in loving memory of loved ones.



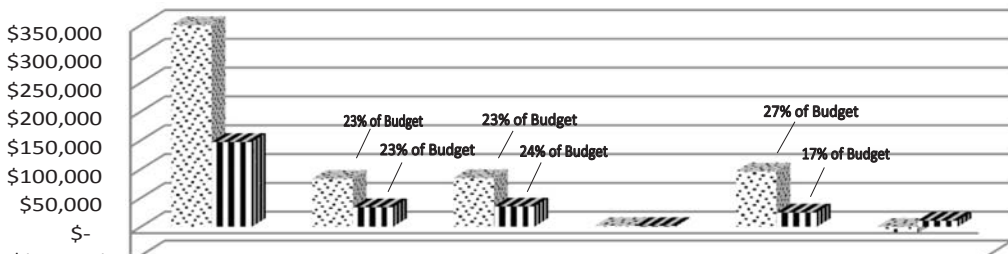
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***March Mission-A-Month - Friendship House***

# SERMON NOTES

## Mental Health Series - Lesson Four “Understanding, and Community Support” Psalm 23, Luke 8:26-39

**2019 Operating & Mission Funds as of March 26**



	2019 Budget	2019 Budget % of year (12/52 wks)	2019 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2019 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$360,425	\$83,175	\$84,624	\$1,449	\$96,297	\$(11,673)
Missions	\$147,300	\$33,992	\$35,350	\$1,358	\$24,768	\$10,583

## **WEEK OF March 31 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	Joan Grieser's Piano Recital
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Foote's)
Mon	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Training (Chapel)
	7:30PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (at Zion Mennonite Church)
	7:00PM	Discernment Team (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's In Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Chapel)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	6:30PM	Preschool Dad's Night
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
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**Next Sunday – April 7th** Sermon – “It’s Not About Self Control” by Pastor Alex Young  
Scripture – John 4:21-24, Romans 8:5-8, Philippians 4:2-9

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**Discovery®** is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access the guide online at <http://www.scripture-reunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

April 1 - Fragile Kingdom .....	1 Kings 1:1-27
April 2 - David Wakes In Time .....	1 Kings 1:28-53
April 3 - Parting Priorities.....	1 Kings 2:1-12
April 4 - God-Given Wisdom .....	1 Kings 3:1-15
April 5 - Wisdom Acid Test .....	1 Kings 3:16-28
April 6 - Whole Life Wisdom .....	1 Kings 4:29-34
April 7 - Far & Near .....	Psalm 148

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

**LOGOS: PreK/Kind:** We focused on Mark 2:1-12, "Jesus and the four friends". We talked about the importance of the friends the paralyzed man had. The depths his friends went to in order to get him in front of Jesus. In talking about healing the man physically, we also talked about what heals us spiritually. We made cards that said, "God loves you" and "we love you" that went to residents at Fairlawn. We all love getting mail (except bills) that lift our spirits and encourage us. **3rd Grade:** We learned in 1 Samuel 8-14, how self-centered King Saul did what he wanted, instead of obeying God and made excuses for it. **4th Grade:** This week we talked about baptism and confirmation, and the importance of both of them in the life of a Christian.

**SHSS:** Our lesson comes from Joshua 1-4. This lesson is focused around the call to courage; God's presence and promises empower His people to obedience. As Christians, we pause in the belief that the God who has all power is noble and we can gain comfort by knowing that an all-powerful God is operating for our good and joy.

"Unplanned" tells the story of Abby Johnson, an Aggie who eventually became the director of the Planned Parenthood facility on E. 29th Street in Bryan, Texas. One day, Johnson had a change of heart, and "switched sides" to work with Coalition for Life, an anti-abortion organization with offices next door. The movie not only portrays the story of Johnson's journey, but also the people who helped her along the way. Evidently, if the movie is viewed enough, it will be translated into other languages for use around the world. It's currently showing at Skye Cinema in Wauseon.

Archbold High School is proud to announce the 9th Annual  
**Senior Citizens Luncheon**

Friday, April 26, 11:30am - Archbold High School Gymnasium  
The event is free and open to any senior citizen living in the  
Archbold Area Local School District.

### ***"Farm Fresh Faith" VBS***

Mark your calendars for June 23rd - 27th from 6:00-8:30pm! Online registration can be done on our website or paper registrations can be found outside of the chapel. Please be in prayer about helping out with VBS this year, as we are in search of volunteers to fill a variety of positions. We would love for you to join us "Down on the Farm" and help share the word of God's faithfulness with the children of our congregation and community. A sign up sheet is posted outside of the Chapel. Questions? See Kisha Genter or Bri Krukowski

**53rd Annual Fairlawn Haven Auxiliary Benefit Auction**  
Founder's Hall in Archbold

Thursday, April 4 - Preview Night and Dinner  
Friday, April 5 - Free Will Donation Dinner & Live Auction  
The pie sign-up sheet is outside of the office.

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation**

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – in regards to creating community, pray that believers would continue to find ways to meet and grow together, and create godly traditions for their families. Pray for repentance, forgiveness and healing needed for the greater community.
- ✚ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for two upcoming spring break mission trips, for breakthrough in the lives of ten non-believers who have been attending gatherings and events; for their Greek outreach event, and for the discipleship program David directs.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – New Life Church – pray for the entire staff of New Life – 7 pastors, 16 campus staff, 6 city staff, 10 operations staff, 7 staff at Eastern Michigan University, 2 international missionaries and 4 interns!
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray that their Thursday evening gatherings will be a blessing as they share the gospel and engage with students.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their physical and spiritual well-being, as they expend great energy in their three-pronged efforts of ministry – church, college and relationships.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for their support raising efforts, for them to continue reaching out and training effectively, they need to raise an additional \$2000 per month; the support raising efforts are critical, but this takes their time and energy away from their primary focus – sharing the gospel of Christ!
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State & Columbus State – pray for their spring break opportunities at both schools, and for their own health and stamina.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel & Bethany Schrock – Freedom International – continue to pray for the Suon's ministry in the DR, for staff and students; and for the Schrock's as they continue to raise support to leave for the DR – pray for their courage and boldness, for the sale of their home and for a support raising connection in S. Dakota.
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP – with more than 163 million people in India not having access to safe drinking water, as they head into the hottest and water-scarce part of the year, CRHP is reminded that health involves not just the spiritual and physical, but the social, economic, and environmental – pray their community ministries continue to be avenues of blessing, peace and health.
- ✚ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praising the Lord for the supportive relationships they are experiencing through the county government's education department and several foundations that are helping to supply food, school supplies and other resources.
- ✚ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – Grace International School – for students, pray they would know and love Jesus and be equipped to live for him; for staff, pray for strength and wisdom for loving, serving and teaching students well; for parents (missionaries), for their well-being and their ministries – with trafficking victims, orphans, unreached people groups.
- ✚ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – seeing college students surrender their lives to Jesus and become leaders for Christ is amazing, and gives purpose and direction to the continual work of pastoring with H2O while he continues to direct the network and plant further campus churches. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and renewal.

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

- Chris, Toni & Trevor Neuenschwander and Amanda Bird (Jeremy's girlfriend) and family and friends, as they mourn the passing of Jeremy this past Wednesday. Jeremy would have been 29 yesterday, and the family celebrated both his earthly birthday and his entrance in to heaven through a celebration of life service here in the sanctuary.
- Deb Kauffman had knee replacement surgery on Monday and is recovering at home.
- Mary Jo Britt, sister of Toni Neuenschwander, suffered a stroke Wednesday evening and is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo.
- Velma Overmier is a patient at UTMC in Toledo due to an infection.
- Sue & Tim Grieser, as she continues through chemo treatments for her colon cancer.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Afghanistan, (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).
- David Richardson, in Marine boot camp (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (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.

## Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Ian Grime	(10:30) Tyler Wyse
Ushers	(Head) Bruce Wooley	
	(10:30) Dale & Ann Grime, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Lucas & Lindy Lantz	(April 7) Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(Both) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Children's Moment	(Both) Matt Hines	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	

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