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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Jera & Jebb Bernath

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

Prelude

Emma Nafziger

“Forever”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; **P–People; A–All**)

L: “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1-2).

P: Let us rejoice, because Christ our Lord has saved us from our sins!

† (8:00) Hymn of Praise – #374

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

† (8:00) Hymn of Praise – #358

“I Am Thine, Oh Lord”

† (10:30) Praise Songs

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

“Never Once”

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Special Music

“Christ is Enough”

Mission of the Month

Lynn Lehman, FISH Food Pantry

Mission Moment

David Hench, Reliant (University of Akron)

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

† Unison Prayer of Dedication: ***King Jesus, let these gifts be used for the advance of the gospel: use our church to equip people to share their faith, use Lynn and the FISH Pantry to share the hope of Jesus with those in need, use David and Reliant to evangelize and disciple college students at the University of Akron, use us to share testimonies of your faithfulness and love with our co-workers, neighbors, family, and friends. Hear our prayers, King Jesus. Amen.***

Offertory

“Who Am I?”

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Motivation to Say No to Sin”

Sermon Scripture

Colossians 3:1-10 (p. 1167)

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

† Closing Hymn – #368

“All for Jesus”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #376, vs. 1&3

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

† 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.

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 thru 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:

Jesus, you don't hold my past against me. Help me also forgive those with notorious pasts. You forgive me all my sins against you. Help me forgive also those who sin against me. Your whole purpose in coming to earth was to save sinners. Help me also be a doctor who courageously helps the sick, not one who runs from the sick to look after myself alone. By your grace, help me live a life of love. Amen.

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



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

Faith Village: We began a unit entitled, "Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus". The story is found in John 12:1-8. Mary poured perfume on Jesus' feet to show her love for him. What can you do to show your love to Jesus?

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: They read the story of David and how he defeated Goliath (1 Samuel 16-17). This story was a great example of how God uses young and unlikely people to accomplish His work. During the story, they learned that King Saul gave David his helmet, armor, and sword, but being that he was still a boy, these items were too heavy for him. The children were then introduced to Matt Hines. Matt talked to the children about his turn-out gear and the resemblance of those pieces to life and how God gives us what we need to stay safe when we are "dressed for battle". **Second Grade:** They have been reading about Jesus' miracles and parables and then they acted out the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. **Third Grade:** When Joshua met the Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:13), he was neither for the Israelites nor their enemies, he was on God's side. May we too be on God's side as we watch Him do the impossible.

****Wed. Feb, 21 -5:50PM LOGOS Meal -"Washington's Birthday Night"
(Parish Hall / Kitchen) *Please wear red, white and blue**

JYF: Youth met in the Fireside Room, which was aglow with white Christmas lights and the radiant red glow of an electric fireplace! They got cozy on the bean bags and watched a video about true friendship, discussed what they saw and heard, then wrote an encouraging note to one of their friends. A hot cocoa bar and sweets from the Dough Box were enjoyed!

2/14 – Ash Wednesday, No JYF

2/21 – Visiting the two Sunshine Homes in Archbold

2/28 – 6:00pm meal in the Fireside Room so youth can depart at 6:30pm for a time of worship at New Hope Community Church in Bryan. The bus will be back at SJCC at 8:45pm.

NW Ohio Bible Quiz – Housing Signup Sheet: The Quiz Invitational will be held this year in Northwest Ohio on Friday- Sunday, March 16-18. As in the past when we hosted the invitational, we are looking for homes in which to house teams and staff. The teams have really enjoyed their times in our area and look forward to coming here. The only meals that you need to provide are breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The teams and coaches expect to sleep on the floor, and bring their own sleeping bags. They will be arriving on Friday evening, and leaving on Sunday morning. You will need to provide transportation to your home on Friday evening, to Archbold High School on Saturday morning, back to your home on Saturday evening, and to the school on Sunday morning. You are invited to watch the quizzing on Saturday and to come on Sunday to the quizzing and worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Lesa King by email at lesa.king12@gmail.com or by phone at (419) 446-4837. There is a host sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

Potluck - February 18th - The fellowship Committee would like to invite the congregation to a potluck Sunday, February 18th at 11:45! Come fellowship with the people you love and bring the food you love. The committee will provide Meatballs, potatoes and drinks.



WEEK OF FEB 11TH 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	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – 1 Samuel 15 (Fireside Room)
	10:00AM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party T-TH AM (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party T-TH PM (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – Arch. Area Schools Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:00AM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party MWF AM -(Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool Valentine's Day Party MWF PM -(Parish Hall)
		NO LOGOS Meal on Wednesday
	6:00PM	SYF Meal
	6:15PM	Hand Chimes (Choir Room); Hand Bells (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Thurs	6:30PM	5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Preschool Board Mtg (Fireside Room)
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)
	11:45AM	Church Potluck (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Kuntz's - 733 W Leggett St., Wauseon)

Next Sunday – February 18 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon – “Cleansing the Heart” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Matthew 5:10-20

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 12 - Sorting Things Out	Acts 15:1-12
February 13 - A Decision is Reached	Acts 15:13-21
February 14 - Communicate or Die!	Acts 15:22-35
February 15 - Moving On-Again	Acts 15:36-16:5
February 16 - Guidance	Acts 16:6-15
February 17 - Miracles in Philippi	Acts 16:16-40
February 18 - Dismay or Delight?	Psalm 97

Sermon Notes:

Legalism vs. The Gospel

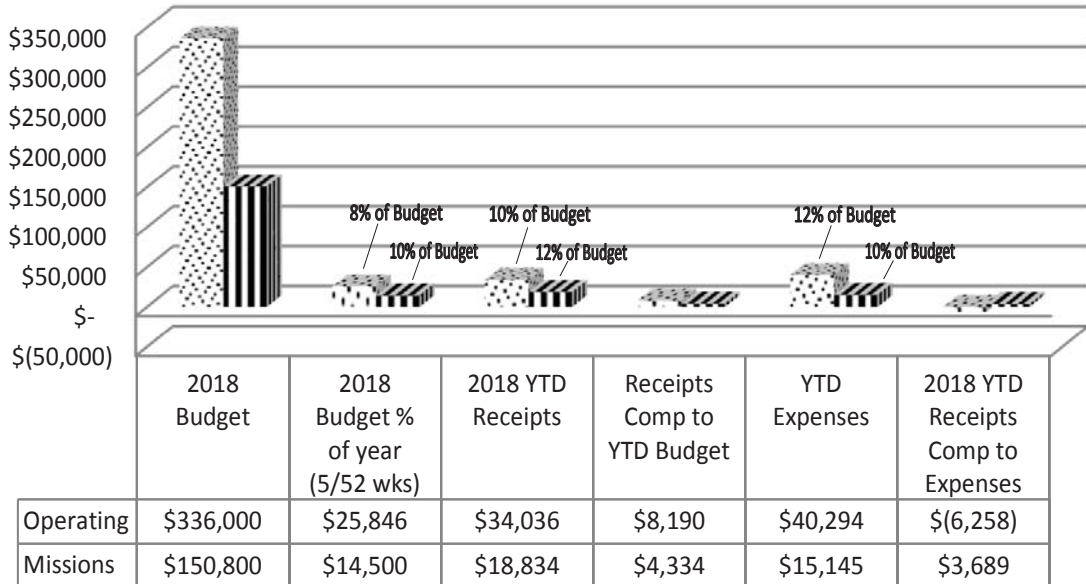
- The Free Gift of God's Grace: Colossians 2:13-15.
- Our New Identity Shapes Our Behavior: Colossians 3:1-10.

The Pleasures of Sin vs. Joy in the Lord

- Sin Can Be Pleasurable: Hebrews 11:24-26
- Life With God is Better: Luke 15:11-32

Back Bay Mission Trip – Larry Auck, Amy Christman, Betsy Ducey, Don Geary, Jim Grieser, James Grime, Tom Johnson, Gloria Lauber, Warren Sauder, Nancy Storrer, Kim Walker and Erich Christman left yesterday morning for a week's worth of service in Biloxi, MS. Please pray for safety, good fellowship, faith growth, and that at least a bit of work gets accomplished!

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of February 5, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of February 5, 2018 - \$580,112.44

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 Presbyterian in charge of the Jamkhed Community Church; pray for Ravi as he continues to deal 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:

- Doris Hull, whose son, Keith passed away on February 4th at the Defiance In-Care Hospice Center.
- Mary Zimmerman, recovering from recent surgery to remove a tumor from her brain; home address is Roger & Mary Zimmerman, 6995 Fry Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130.
- Phil Spiess, a patient at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Joel Foote, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.
- Sharon VonDeylen, in rehab at Montpelier Hospital.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Brendan Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam.
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska.
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed in Korea.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Braden Eichler	(10:30)	Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head)	Steve Walker		
	(8:00)	Tim Beck, Mark Beltz		
	(10:30)	Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Brad & Aimee Roth		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen	(Feb 18)	Ryan & Jill Holdgreve
Sound Tech	(Both)	Angie Neuenschwander		
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Jim Redd		
Song Leader	(Both)	Jim Redd		
Children's Moment	(10:30)	Deb Kauffman		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		

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