



EA Convocation Luncheon

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



**EVANGELICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

Welcome to



**“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!

## Celebrating the Blessings of God with the Evangelical Association

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 & Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Romans 15:5-6 (p. 1125)

Chancel Choir

"Is He Worthy?"

†Songs of Praise

"My Lighthouse"

"What A Beautiful Name"

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 (p. 11-36)

†Hymn – #97

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Sermon

"Already Equipped – Unwrapping Your Gifts"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – *As people of faith, O God, we wait in hope at the promise of Jesus' return. May our offerings be used to bring hope to the many who are in need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Special Music

Norm Fether & Bruce Wooley  
Chris Baden

"Glorious Day"

†Spoken Benediction

†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.

**Congregational Prayer** – Thank you, Lord, for the power and guidance of your Holy Spirit. I praise you for the work of your Spirit through the EA convocation, praying for everyone who shared in the unifying experience. May your power and authority work through all participants, further equipping and empowering the spiritual gifts you have blessed each person with, to be used for your glory. Thank you, Lord, for the common faith and theology with sisters and brothers from across the nation. Bind us together to reflect your grace and love as we strive to build your kingdom. It is in the mighty and glorious name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

***September Mission-A-Month***  
***Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission***

**Pictorial Directory**

If you signed up for a photo session for the Pictorial Directory, you can find a list of the assigned times on the bulletin board across from the office under the "Activities" section. Please be at the church 5-10 minutes before your assigned time in order to check in. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## **EA National Minister**

The Rev. Jim Barnes has served as National Minister of the Evangelical Association since October 2009. Before becoming full-time with the association, he worked for twenty-one years as the Senior Pastor at Bethesda Evangelical Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Throughout his ministry career, Pastor Jim has been very involved in church renewal and has served on the Board of Directors of both the Biblical Witness Fellowship and the Evangelical Association, two groups seeking to provide options for Bible-believing churches and pastors within the Evangelical, Reformed, Congregational and Christian traditions. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California and currently resides in St. Louis with his wife Patti. They have three adult children.



## **JYF**

Calling all JYF kids!! JYF OUTING at Camp Palmer on Saturday the 28th. Bus leaves at 11:30 from the church parking lot and returning at 4pm for parent pick up. The only thing you need to bring is a sack lunch and all the energy you have for a great afternoon of group games, human Foosball, obstacles course action, and more. An email has been sent out for RSVP with all the information. Feel free to contact any of the JYF leaders with any questions.

## **Preschool Donation Tree**

The preschool has a tree on the bulletin board near the classroom. There are items on the hearts that the preschool can use. If you would like to donate, check it out! Items can be placed in the blue tub under the coat rack near the preschool room. Thank you!

## **Stephen Ministry**

Read the story of the Israelite battle with the Amaleks in Exodus 17. Moses instructed Joshua to fight the enemy. As long as Moses prayed and held up his hands (posture of prayer), Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hands, the Amaleks prevailed. But after time passed, Moses' hands grew tired. Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it...then they held up his hands – one on one side, one on the other – so his hands remained steady till sunset. The life or death of Israel depended on one man. The job was more than Moses could do alone. He needed others to come by his side and strengthen him. There are people in our own church who have grown weary, whose arms are tired, who need help in holding their own life together. YOU can be their support. You can help them win their own battle. Become a Stephen Minister and provide support and encouragement to someone who needs your help. Having someone in your corner makes all the difference. Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Contact Pastor Alex for additional information.

## WEEK OF September 22 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	9:00AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45PM	Chicken BBQ
	4:00PM	Youth Praise Band Practice (Chapel)
	6:30PM	Revive Ohio - Prayer Time - Haven Heights Baptist Church
Mon	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Chapel)
	7:00PM	FISH Board Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by SJCC)
	7:00PM	CE Team (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat	11:30AM	JYF Camp Palmer
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	4:00PM	Youth Praise Band Practice (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Short's Pond)
	6:30PM	Revive Ohio - Crossroads

Next Sunday – September 29, 2019

Sermon – “This Day” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Psalm 118:19-27

**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – 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%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

September 23 - Spiritual Diligence .....	1 Timothy 4:6-16
September 24 - The Mark of the Christian .....	1 Timothy 5:1-16
September 25 - Pillars.....	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
September 26 - Contentment .....	1 Timothy 6:3-10
September 27 - Eternal Life .....	1 Timothy 6:11-16
September 28 - Hope in God, Not Stuff.....	1 Timothy 6:17-21
September 29 - Strong in the Lord.....	Psalm 20

## **The Evangelical Association (EA)**

***What is the EA? The Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches*** is a growing, national voluntary association of churches, ministers, and believers networking together to further the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. Recognition in this Association is fully compatible with the participation in other denominations and associations.

**Vision** – Revitalizing and reproducing healthy churches for Kingdom advancement.

**Mission** – The Evangelical Association networks congregations and individuals to encourage and equip one another for Biblical revitalization and reproduction of healthy churches.

**Purpose** – The purpose of this Association is to:

- Deepen and expand the fellowship of our clergy and churches.
- Help ministers and congregations discover new and creative ways to work together in partnership to advance the work of the Kingdom.
- Assist churches coming out of denominational structures as they seek to function as independent, autonomous congregations.
- Encourage our churches, clergy and laity to maintain a steadfast biblical witness, affirming Jesus as Lord in an era when many are pressuring Christians to compromise the truth.
- To support and promote the Scriptural principles of the autonomy of the local church and encourage a steadfast Biblical witness by our churches, our clergy and laity to our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- To assist churches in finding pastors.

In the mid 1990's, following an initial gathering of pastors and lay people in New Braunfels, Texas, it was decided to launch a new association to provide an orthodox, evangelical alternative for churches and clergy. In 1998, the Evangelical Association was incorporated with a handful of charter member churches and pastors. It has continued to grow ever since. In recent years, the Evangelical Association has become an important networking tool for congregations and clergy who share our faith, vision and values. Pastors, lay people and entire congregations now celebrate their affiliation with the E.A.R.C.C.C. as an important link to the wider church as they seek to serve our Lord and Savior in their local context.

Each year, the EA holds a convocation, gathering clergy and lay people together for encouragement and inspiration, equipping and strengthening. This year's theme is "Equip & Empower" – drawing upon Ephesians 4:12 – "To equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

There were 113 people registered for this year's convocation, though some were unable to attend at the last minute. People came from 18 states: Alabama, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia.

## Monthly Spotlight on Missionaries SJCC Supports



Ravi Arole & Dr. Shoba  
Arole

Second Generation  
Administrators of the  
Comprehensive Rural  
Health Project

It was in 1970 that St. John's began partnering with Dr. Raj and Dr. Maybelle Arole, who founded the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP) in rural Jamkhed, India. CRHP works among the rural poor and marginalized. Founded to bring healthcare to the poorest of the poor, CRHP has become an organization that empowers people and communities to eliminate injustices through integrated efforts in health and development. Pioneering a comprehensive approach to community-based primary healthcare (also known as the Jamkhed Model), CRHP has been a leader in public health and development in rural communities in India and around the world. Annually, CRHP provides services that directly impact 500,000 people in the state of Maharashtra. Since the opening of the Training Center in 1994, over 30,000 local and 3,000 international representatives from NGOs, governments and healthcare professionals have been trained in the CRHP approach.

Upon the death of their parents, Ravi Arole and Dr. Shoba Arole assumed oversight of all the administrative and medical duties of this Christian based ministry. During a visit in 2013, SJCC members learned first-hand that each day at CRHP begins with team devotions and prayer, and that the "comprehensive" approach certainly includes sharing the gospel with staff, patients and community members.

You can pray for Ravi and Shoba, for their personal health and wise counsel of leadership; pray for the faithful stamina of the CRHP staff; and pray for the patients and community members to whom they minister.

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

- Graeme & Gloria Lauber as Graeme has entered into hospice care at home.
- Praising the Lord for His equipping and empowering of all who participated in the Evangelical Association's Convocation this weekend!
- Susanne Spiess as she is in rehab at Fairlawn following a fall.
- Audrey Smith as she is in hospice care at home.
- Sue Grieser has finished her cancer treatments! Praise the Lord for her healing!
- Mike Henry as someone has come forward to donate a kidney, so we thank the Lord for his provision and we pray for Mike to be received into the kidney transplant system at the University of Toledo Medical Center, and we pray for the health of the donor.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (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).
- 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

Acolyte	Blake Grime
Ushers	Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Adam & Kim Walker
Nursery Staff	Vond & Mary Hall (September 29) Bruce & Carrie Wooley
Sound Tech	James Grime
Video Tech	Dean Sauder
Computer Tech	Kelly Ducey
Song Leader	Mike Meyer
Accompanist	Lynne Christman

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