



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Pictured above: Highlights from VBS during the week of July 18th. For more photos and highlights, visit "St. John's Christian Church VBS" on Facebook!

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

August 1, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome and Announcements

Mission-A-Month Presentation

Back Bay Mission

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 51:1-12 (pg. 562)

Prelude

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

†Hymns of Praise

#31, “Great Is the Lord”
#43, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

†Unison Prayer of Confession - *Lord, I come to You with a heart seeking release. As I praise You this day, I desire to confess my sins to You, asking Your forgiveness, pledging my repentance, re-accepting the cost of my discipleship to You. I beg You to release me from my burden of sin, washing me anew with the grace of Christ, for this is a new day and I trust in You, my God, to cleanse me and deliver me. I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Savior. Amen.*

†Hymn of Assurance

#220, “He Lives”

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

Scripture Reading

John 6:24-35 (pg. 1056), Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg. 1158)

Children’s Message

†Sermon Hymn

#270, “Wonderful Words of Life”

Sermon

“Partaking of the Bread”

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#366, “I Surrender All”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#286, v.1, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

†Postlude

“I Am a Promise”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 51:1-12 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

John 6:24-35 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." ³⁰ So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread

from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

Ephesians 4:1-16 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." ⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Partaking of the Bread"

Scriptures John 6:24-35, Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24 - The people were searching for Jesus, seeking him out

- ◆ The people were puzzled - there had been only one boat, and they knew Jesus never climbed aboard for he wasn't with the disciples when they set off in the boat - they didn't know that Jesus had walked across the water to rejoin his disciples

6:25 - The people ask the first question

6:26-27 - Jesus begins to teach once again

- ◆ Materialism - ate the loaves - physical necessities of life - food that spoils
- ◆ Focus on the eternal - on Jesus - verse 54 (John 4:10-15)
- ◆ Proper balance, proper priorities

6:28-29 - The people ask the second question

- ◆ Seeking the correct list of action steps - what can we do? Seeking to please God.
- ◆ Micah 6:8 "...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
- ◆ Jesus doesn't respond with action, but with a call to believe in him (John 4:10-15)

6:30-33 - The people ask the third question

- ◆ What miraculous sign?
- ◆ Had they forgotten the miracle of feeding over 5000 from the day before? (OT manna)
- ◆ Action oriented...short memories

6:34-35 - The people draw a conclusion

- ◆ "...from now on, give us this bread."
- ◆ "I am the bread of life..."
- ◆ To be satisfied - come and believe (John 4:10-15)
- ◆ Consistency in the message of Jesus

Ephesians 4

- ◆ 4:1 - "live a life worthy of the calling you have received"
- ◆ 4:3 - "every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit"
- ◆ 4:4 - "one body and one Spirit"
- ◆ 4:12-13 - a very key passage that we must believe in and live out
- ◆ 4:16 - the result of faith and belief

August Mission-A-Month: Back Bay Mission

“Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives” (thebackbaymission.org, 2021). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives. Offerings to Back Bay Mission can be designated on line item two of your offering envelopes or by selecting “Back Bay Mission” in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

Announcements

- ◆ **Book Bag Bash** - Today is the day! SJCC Book Bag Bash is here! The event will be hosted as a drive-thru in the SJCC parking lot from 4:00 - 6:00PM. If you know of a family or families who would benefit from this free event, please invite them to attend! They must be present to receive a book bag and supplies.
- ◆ **B.L.A.S.T. Sunday - SAVE THE DATE!** On September 12th, St. John’s will blast off into a year of new ministry as we **Believe, Learn And Seek Truth** together! The day will consist of Christian education and fellowship for all ages, as well as an 8:00AM service of worship in the Chapel and a 10:30AM outdoor service of worship on the East lawn. A tentative schedule can be found in the August issue of The Visitor, and updates will be shared in future bulletin announcements and on Facebook.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich Vacation** - Pastor Erich will be on vacation beginning Tuesday, August 3rd and returning to the office on Wednesday, August 11th. For pastoral care needs, please call or text Pastor Erich at 419-551-0401.
- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - Tuesday Bible Study will not meet on August 3rd or 10th. Class will resume on August 17th.

Congregational Prayer

Prayer flows from the week’s Discovery Guide reading from the Book of Ruth.

Thank you, Lord, for the revelation of your Word. I can get so caught up in my own life, so preoccupied with me, that reading the plights of Naomi, Ruth and Orpah reminds me of community and society. As I realized how Naomi lived with bitterness resulting from the deaths of her husband and sons, it’s revealed that Naomi continued to know you existed and that you are sovereign, O God. In my own afflictions, help me remain faithful, trusting in your presence and will for my life. As you provided for Naomi through Ruth’s love and Boaz’s care, so I know you provide for me. Family and community support are such blessings! Thank you for the care you orchestrate and help me to be caring and compassionate too. Amen.

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

Large Print and Children's 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.

Week of August 1st at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	4:00PM	Book Bag Bash Drive-Thru
	6:00PM	Evangelism Committee
Tues	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

Next Sunday - August 8th, 2021

Please join us in welcoming Gary Stuckey, pastor of Inlet Mennonite Church, and brother of David Stuckey, as our guest preacher while Pastor Erich is out-of-town.

Daily Discovery Guide

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 1 – The Lord Doing Wonders.....Psalm 111
August 2 – We’re Praying For You.....1 Thessalonians 1
August 3 – We Love You.....1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
August 4 – We Long to See You.....1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5
August 5 – Encouraged By You.....1Thessalonians 3:6-13
August 6 – Daily Life.....1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
August 7 – Life With Jesus.....1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Today’s Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
8:00AM Usher	Linda Heer	
10:30AM Ushers	Paul & Joan Lovejoy, Roger & Mary Zimmerman	

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Bob & Barbara Vos, as both are experiencing health issues. Bob is in rehab through Rupp Rehab, though he is in a room in the Fairlawn care center.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who has been dealing with lower leg pain for the past three months and recent MRI's revealed fractures in both of her ankles, so pray for her healing.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, who continues in rehab at Heartland in Sylvania.
- ◆ Teresa Mann, who continues to recover at home from successful knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who will have his last day of radiation treatment on 8/3. In three months, he will have another test to determine future treatment.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, undergoing surgery on 8/4 to remove the upper lobe of his right lung, to remove a malignant tumor.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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