



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**



We have some exciting milestone birthdays this week! Happy Birthday to Bernice Rice (101, 9/12), Darlene Sauder (65, 9/8), Judy Barnhart (75, 9/9), and Liam Yoder (5, 9/7)!

*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.

Welcome to our Worship of God
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (pg. 662)

Prelude

“Freely, Freely”

†Opening Hymn

#493, “It Is Well with My Soul”

†Confession of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed

†The Gloria

#623, “Gloria Patri”

Labor Day Reflection

“God’s Work”

Sharing Prayer Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn

#433, “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

Children’s Message

†Hymn

#307, “Send the Light”

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (pg. 187), Ephesians 4:25-28 (pg. 1158)

Sermon

“The Value of our Labor”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Make Me a Servant”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#315, “Let Your Heart Be Broken”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#452, verse 1 and chorus, “Make Me a Blessing”

†Postlude

“Give of Your Best to the Master”

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him-- for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work – this is a gift of God. ²⁰ He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. ⁸ Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. ⁹ Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. ¹⁰ Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ¹¹ There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

Ephesians 4:25-28 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Congregational Prayer

In my prayer this day, Lord, I am grateful for the work you have provided for me to do, and for us to do as a church. Guide our balance of toilsome work and pleasurable relaxation. I am thankful for how you have filled my heart with gladness. I am thankful for your powers of forgiveness and restoration for the times when my heart has been empty of any gladness. Each day, O God, help me to accept my lot, whatever that might be for each of us, for in acceptance, we seek to honor you and worship you. In Christ, Amen.

Next Sunday - September 12th, 2021 - B.L.A.S.T. SUNDAY!

Sermon - "Living in Truth"

Scriptures - Colossians 3:12-14

Sermon Notes

Sermon "The Value of our Labor"

Scripture Deuteronomy 15:7-11, Ephesians 4:25-28

Setting the Stage - Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

- ◆ From the wisdom literature section of the Bible
- ◆ Searching for the meaning of life - eat, drink and be glad (8:15)
 - > Eat, drink and find satisfaction in your work/toil (2:24, 3:13, 5:18)
- ◆ Points - Good and proper; few days of life; God has given; this is his lot; gladness of heart
- ◆ Verse 19 - "When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work-- this is a gift of God."

Understanding the Lesson

- ◆ From the perspective of the Lord's instructions to Israel as they settle in The Promised Land
- ◆ Who are our brothers?
- ◆ Who owned the land? Who owns the land?
- ◆ First point - do not be hardhearted or tightfisted - first response?
- ◆ Second point - be openhanded and freely lend what is needed
- ◆ The wicked thought...
- ◆ Give generously without a grudging heart
- ◆ The blessing of the Lord

Sharing the Lesson

- ◆ James 1:22 - "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."
- ◆ Speak truthfully, with wise instruction
- ◆ Why #1 - "members of one body"
- ◆ Response #2 - not in anger, but in wisdom and blessing

Accepting the Lesson

- ◆ Ephesians 4:28 - "He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."

September Mission-A-Month: TGRM

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) has been providing men and women in the Toledo, Ohio area with shelter and resources since 1955. Both the men's shelter and women's shelter (Rebekah's Haven) provide for the spiritual, physical, and material needs for homeless persons through generous support of Northwest Ohio. St. John's has supported them for the last several years prayerfully and financially, and with material donations. Several times per year, St. John's will share in the TGRM men's chapel services, with members of St. John's preparing a meal with chapel guests for after service. To learn more about TGRM and the many services they provide, visit tgrm.org.

Mission Announcement

The Mission Committee would like your help participating in the "Love Your Neighbor 'Back to Basics' Campaign" at Rebekah's Haven, the "safe haven" for mothers with children supported by Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. Currently, there are two families living at Rebekah's Haven who could use some assistance with back-to-school items. One of the families residing at Rebekah's Haven has three school-aged boys and the other family has two school-aged children, boy and a girl. If you would like to help provide these families with some essential back-to-school clothing, please see the information posted on the Mission Bulletin Board located outside the office for further details.

Announcements

- ◆ **B.L.A.S.T. Sunday** - 7...6...5...4...3...2...1... One more week until BLAST Sunday! Join us next Sunday, September 12th as we **Believe, Learn And Seek Truth** together! See page 6 for the day's schedule of events.
- ◆ **Give & Take Board** - Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Have you lost sight of your faith and need a spiritual pick-me-up? Do you need a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need - you just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make your or their week ten times brighter!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The GIF Gals will be traveling to Nancy Rupp's home on Sunday afternoon, September 12th starting at 2:00PM. One never knows what our hostess has in store! The Gals will have an antique presentation followed with an ice cream sundae bar. Don't miss the fun! If you would like to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 1:45PM. Otherwise, there is plenty of parking at 22396 State Route 2, Stryker. Sign up at the office bulletin board today!. Hope all of you will join in on the fun!

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 September 5th 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)
Mon	8:00AM	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun		BLAST SUNDAY!
	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Education Hour
	10:30AM	Worship (East Lawn and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM	Chicken BBQ (Parish Hall)
	12:00PM	Fellowship Games & Activities

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:

September 5 – Personal Testimony.....Psalm 116, 117
September 6 – Persevere.....Hebrews 6:4-12
September 7 – A Secure Hope.....Hebrews 6:13-20
September 8 – Thy Kingdom Come.....Hebrews 7:1-10
September 9 – Diagnosis and Deliver.....Hebrews 7:11-28
September 10 – Shadow to Substance.....Hebrews 8:1-6
September 11 – Changed Hearts.....Hebrews 8:7-13

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Reader	(10:30) Avery Roth	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Head Usher	Jeff Rutledge	

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Judy Sears, who is dealing with back pain and other health issues.
- ◆ John Barr, father of Mary Hall, as he recovers from heart bypass surgery.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger and Kay, as she recovers from recent nerve surgery.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, as he continues to settle in at home while dealing with some wound issues, and awaits new therapy treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as new x-rays did show new bone growth on her tibias, but also showed a complete break of the left fibula, so she is being referred to a specialist.

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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