



# 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: Gary and Teresa Mann will celebrate 35 years of marriage on 10/11 (top left); Jack Spotts celebrates his 89th birthday today (top right); and Jo Short celebrated 95 years of life on 10/8 (bottom center)!*

# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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## 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 scanning the QR code, by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc), or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at one of the literature racks.



## Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young children. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed.

**Children's Busy Bags** are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

## Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use 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 their week brighter!

**Large Print and Children's Bulletins** are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.



Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stjohnschurcharchbold](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurcharchbold),  
Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold and YouTube ("St. John's Christian Church").

## Welcome to our Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 102:25-28 (pg. 595)

Prelude

"Your Love Is Amazing/I Will Sing of the Mercies"

†Call to Worship

†Hymn of Praise

#2, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Spotlight on Ministry

Life Planning

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

Children's Message

†Hymn

#495, "Heaven Came Down"

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8 (pg. 1069)

Sermon

"Plug Into the Source"

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Beautiful One"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#382, "Be Thou My Vision"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#384, "To Be Like Jesus"

†Postlude

## Sermon Notes

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“Plug into the Source” - John 15:1-8

Inspiration for the Sermon – a devotional thought written by a then local high school student a few years ago – a God moment from an everyday, ordinary occurrence.

Social Media, like many things in life, has various negative qualities attached to it, but there are many positive aspects to these platforms of information and communication.

God speaks to us in ways that are obvious, in ways that are not-so obvious, and in ways that are startling – we are called to be observant and open to such moments.

The everyday, ordinary occurrence:

- ◆ On the team bus, coming home after a game
- ◆ Phone dies – no distractions – an urge to pray
- ◆ Following prayer time – asks a friend for a charger
- ◆ Friend provides a chrome book with a cord connected – plugs in the phone, awaits charge to be enough to power up the phone – looking at the chrome book connected to the phone by a cord – has a God moment – John 15:4

John 15:1-8 – A verse by verse picture/image study:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## Scripture Readings

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**Psalms 102:25-28** In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. <sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. <sup>27</sup> But you remain the same, and your years will never end. <sup>28</sup> The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you."

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## Next Sunday - October 17th, 2021: Gideon Sunday

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Junior Choir

Sermon - "Maintain, Remain, and Guard"

Scriptures - Mark 11:20-26, Luke 22:31-32

## October Mission-A-Month: Operation Christmas Child

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Throughout the month of October, St. John's will once again collect for Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse. We welcome your generosity in items to supply for the boxes, such as small toys (cars, balls, dolls, kazoos, harmonicas, jump ropes, etc.), toiletries, school supplies, small Bibles, t-shirts, socks, or ballcaps, to name a few; or in financial contributions which will be used to purchase supplies for the boxes. Boxes will be packed by a team of volunteers here at St. John's. If you would like to pack your own box, please contact the church office so that we may supply you with a box. Items should be dropped off in the Chapel Narthex on or before October 24th. We thank you for your kind generosity as we support this important mission!



## Announcements

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- ◆ **Visitor Mailing Preference Survey** - As we approach the start of a new calendar year, the church office is asking for your help in updating your household's mailing preferences for the monthly issue of The Visitor. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out the survey by scanning the QR code on the right with your phone, by going to the church website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/monthly-newsletters](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/monthly-newsletters), or by calling the church office. We thank you for your time with this!
- ◆ **Leaf Raking** - The Evangelism Committee invites any and all to share in a time of getting to know our neighbors! On the afternoons of Sunday October 17th and/or 25th at 2:00 p.m., we will go to doors and offer to rake up and haul away leaves. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact the church office!
- ◆ **GIF Gals October Time Change** - The GIF Gals will be heading to Bryan for supper on Tuesday, October 19th. Those planning on attending should now arrive to the church by 5:00 p.m. to carpool. Please sign up by October 10th at the office bulletin board. The Gals hope to see you there!



## Week of October 10th at St. John's Christian Church

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| Sun | 8:00AM  | Worship (Sanctuary)                              |
|     | 8:30AM  | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)                     |
|     | 9:15AM  | Sunday School, Faith Village, Confirmation       |
|     | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)             |
|     | 6:00PM  | Couples Small Group (Youth Room)                 |
| Mon | 11:00AM | Staff Meeting (Office Closed)                    |
|     | 4:15PM  | Budget and Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room) |
| Tue | 9:15AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)                      |
|     | 5:00PM  | Community Meal (Parish Hall)                     |
|     | 7:00PM  | Property Committee (Fireside Room)               |
| Wed | 8:30AM  | Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)                   |
|     | 6:00PM  | LOGOS/JYF (Parish Hall)                          |
|     | 6:45PM  | JYF (Fireside Room)                              |
|     | 7:00PM  | Life Planning (Chapel)                           |
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|     | 9:15AM  | Sunday School, Faith Village, Confirmation       |
|     | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)             |
|     | 6:00PM  | Seekers (Kuntz's Home)                           |

## Daily Discovery Guide

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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:

- October 10 – Lighten Our Darkness.....Psalm 119:97-112
- October 11 – Becoming Parents.....Genesis 21:1-21
- October 12 – Being a Wealthy Outsider.....Genesis 21:22-34
- October 13 – Being Tested by God.....Genesis 22:1-8
- October 14 – Discovering God Provides.....Genesis 22:9-19
- October 15 – Becoming a Widower.....Genesis 23
- October 16 – Succession Planner.....Genesis 24:1-28

## Congregational Prayer

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God, I pray that today I remain plugged into the mighty power of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your constant presence, as I am grateful and aware of your guidance and direction as I abide in you. In the beauty of autumn, I am reminded of your creativity and artistry of life. I am so blessed by the wisdom you impart in your Word. Thank you for richly blessing me with knowledge, grace, and love. For your glory I live. Amen.

## Today's Worship Servants

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| Accompanist      | (Both) Lynne Christman                        |
| Song Leader      | (Both) Mike Meyer                             |
| Easy Worship     | (Both) Tom Hines                              |
| Sound            | (Both) James Grime                            |
| Live Stream Tech | (10:30) Cayla Swisher                         |
| Acolytes         | (8:00) Courtney Stuckey (10:30) Brienna Grime |
| Nursery Care     | (10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker                |
| Head Usher       | Greg Walker                                   |
| 8:00 Usher       | Jim Grieser                                   |
| 10:30 Ushers     | Matt & Kim Hines, Todd & Jill Nafziger        |



## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who continues to deal with concussion effects stemming from a soccer injury. Pray for her full healing and for her parents, Eric & Sarah.
- ◆ Tootie Beck, who suffered a stroke last Sunday evening, and has miraculously recovered well.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is now boot free and starting six weeks of therapy. She will return to work in two weeks after being off work for nearly four months. Pray for her strength and stamina.
- ◆ Tyler Wyse, who is ill from Covid-19 and recovering at home.
- ◆ Jack Spotts is now in rehab at Rupp Rehab following hip surgery.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler as he continues to receive treatment for leg nerve regeneration.

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, Suffolk, VA (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)

### **ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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*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.*