

MAY 1, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Arlene & Judy
Grime (left);
Evelyn Walker
(right)



Ann Grime &
Hailey Wooley



Emily Hines,
Lainey, & JD
Holdgreve



Dan Light &
Mark Nofziger



COME HEAR THE REASON WE'RE INSPIRED TO SERVE TOGETHER

*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! We are so glad you are here.

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, 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. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed. We are striving to restart our 10:30am Nursery Care ministry, which has been affected by sporadic need for care and difficulty in scheduling volunteers. People interested in helping are asked to contact the church office.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH
700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, Ohio 43502
419-446-2545 † www.stjohnsarchbold.org
Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Mission-A-Month

Cherry Street Mission Ministries

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 30 (pg. 547)

Prelude

"He is Exalted" Medley

†(8:00) A Brief Service of Worship and Exaltation

#7, "Praise God in His Sanctuary"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"I Saw the Light" Medley

"I Surrender"

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19 (pg. 1087)

Children's Message

"Change of Heart"

†Hymn

#515, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

Sermon

"Conversion"

Testimony - "From Wayward to Witness"

Testimony - "Passing On a Legacy of Faith"

Testimony - "Those Who Haven't Heard"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#516, "He's Everything to Me"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Redeemed"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, v. 1, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

†Postlude

"A New Name Written Down in Glory"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 30:1-12 I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. ² O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. ³ O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. ⁴ Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. ⁶ When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." ⁷ O Lord, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: ⁹ "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?" ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me; O Lord, be my help." ¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Acts 9:1-19 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and

you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord-- Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here-- has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Pastor Ryan Start Date** - Pastor Ryan's official first day is tomorrow! Please join us in giving him a warm welcome as he settles into his ministry with us.
- ◆ **National Day of Prayer** - A service will be held this Thursday, May 5th at Ruihley Park at 6:30PM. Join as we intercede for our nation in prayer. In the event of rain, the location for this service will be moved to Archbold Middle School.
- ◆ **Summer Mission Trip** - Plans have been set for another week of serving with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Michigan City, IN, from June 27th - July 1st, working on one of their new homes. An Airbnb with a limited number of beds has been reserved for the week. If anyone has interest in sharing in the week, please let Pastor Erich know so he can line up the correct number of beds! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board as well. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Erich.
- ◆ **Help Build Hope** - On May 14th, SJCC is sponsoring a build event with Help Build Hope. We're hoping to have between 80 and 120 volunteers from the church and community to frame the walls for the next Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio home build. The morning will start at 7:30AM with a light continental breakfast, then there will be time of welcome, worship, devotions, instruction and two and half hours of hammering! Hopefully, by noon, the event will conclude with standing up all of the walls, a short service of dedication, then carrying the walls into the storage building. To sign up, use this link: <http://www.helpbuildhope.com/stjohncc>.

WEEK OF MAY 1ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved
	7:00PM	Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
Mon		<i>Pastor Ryan's First Day</i>
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Providing/SJCC Serving (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Fellowship Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thu	6:30PM	National Day of Prayer Service (Ruihley Park)
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MAY MISSION-A-MONTH: CHERRY STREET MISSION

Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio, was founded in 1947 on Biblical principals and remains a Biblically-based, Christ-centered organization today. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services, and it is the only organization in the region to offer three meals a day, seven days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. Their redemptive programming is built around one-on-one discipleship. Throughout the month of May, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these ministries by checking line item 3 on your weekly offering envelope.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In your power and love, you have brought your people to yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. I stand in awe before you, offering myself, my heart, my abilities and my worship. Come now, O Holy One, and make me fully your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the light of Paul's conversion, I thank you for guiding me to you, and I pray for the people I know who need such a call upon their own hearts. Enable me to witness, to share your love and grace. Amen.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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:

May 1 A Shower of Blessings ----- Psalm 144
May 2 It's Not Fair! ----- Romans 9:6-18
May 3 Don't Blame Me! ----- Romans 9:19-29
May 4 Hot or Cold ----- Romans 9:30-10:13
May 5 Deaf, Dim or Disobedient? ----- Romans 10:14-21
May 6 Amazing Grace----- Romans 11:1-10
May 7 Off the Radar? ----- Romans 11:11-24

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Acolytes	(8:00) Cagney Grime	(10:30) Ella Yoder
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) David Stuckey
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Ben & Sue Buehrer	
Praise Team	Emma Nafziger, Chris Baden, Norm Fether, Todd Nafziger, Lynne Christman, & Buffy Riley	

CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Gary & Judy Sears, as Gary has been diagnosed with cancer, so they are going through many appointments and tests, and ask for prayers to make the right decisions regarding treatment.
- ◆ Jeremy Hurst and family, upon the passing of his father, Michael, whose funeral service was held on Friday, April 29th.
- ◆ Phyllis Miller, who is in a time of rehab after several days in the hospital last week.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, who we've prayed for in the past, and is now in need of further prayer. A recent scan showed changes to a questionable spot in her back. Pray for her and her parents, Keith & Jawn, as they evaluate options and have decisions to make.
- ◆ Pastor Ryan, Stanka, Daniel and Filip Volkman in this time of transition for their family, as Stanka and their sons remain in Texas until the end of the school year as Pastor Ryan starts in his ministry as our Pastor of Music and Worship tomorrow.
- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud and Tootie, as he continues to struggle through various health issues, and has not been doing well recently.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who has continued to have periodic episodes of passing out and continues to be in treatment.
- ◆ Jenna Stuckey, who continues to recover from a C. Diff infection.
- ◆ Teresa Mann, who continues to recover from recent out-patient knee surgery that went well.
- ◆ Devin Beltz, who suffered some broken ribs in a four-wheeler accident.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who continues to recuperate from foot and finger joint surgery.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, as his second foot surgery has been postponed until his left foot grows stronger; and he's dealing with complications from previous radiation treatments.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter 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)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts has been deployed to Quatar (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)