

AUGUST 14, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Happy 35th
Wedding
Anniversary,
Erich & Lynne!
8/15



Happy 80th
Birthday,
Sandy!
8/18



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.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prelude

“Declare Your Majesty/Worship and Bow Down”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 108:1-5 (pg. 601)

†Unison Prayer

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my Rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.

†Opening Hymns of Praise

#49, “Lead Me, Lord”

#50, “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Children’s Message

Special Music - Pastor Ryan Volkman

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

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

†Sermon Hymn

#51, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:1-9 (pg. 472)

Sermon

“Biblical Leadership: Nehemiah”

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lord I Need You”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#52, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

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

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 108:1-5 ¹My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. ² Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. ³ I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. ⁴ For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

Nehemiah 2:1-9 ¹In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before; ² so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, ³ but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" ⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it." ⁶ Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. ⁷ I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? ⁸ And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests. ⁹ So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love, let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer Your servant is praying before you day and night for Your people – the Church. They are Your servants and Your people, whom You redeemed by Your great strength and Your mighty hand. Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer Your servant and to the prayer of Your servants who delight in revering your name. Amen (*Adapted from Nehemiah chapter 1*)

SERMON NOTES - "BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP: NEHEMIAH"

Nehemiah 1 - Jerusalem's situation (Kislev (Nov-Dec), 446 B.C.)

1. Exiled to Susa, a Persian city under Babylonian control, where the king lived at times
2. Visited by a brother
3. Eager to hear about Jerusalem and the Jewish remnant
4. The survivors are in great trouble and disgrace - the wall of Jerusalem is broken down
5. Nehemiah mourns
6. Nehemiah prays to God - confession of sin, mercy and help
7. Recalls God's instruction to Moses (Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 30)

Nehemiah 2 - Before the King (Nisan (Mar-Apr), 445 B.C.)

1. Access to the king - cupbearer
2. The king noticed Nehemiah's changed appearance
3. Nehemiah seizes the opportunity to speak
4. Nehemiah prays before he answers
5. Seeks to be sent to Jerusalem
6. Offers a plan to the king - a series of letters

Nehemiah's Leadership

1. Leadership
 - a. Based on faithfulness
 - b. Built the walls on faith
2. Leadership Results
 - a. The work of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem begins
 - b. Withstands opposition to the rebuilding
 - c. Cares for the poor
 - d. Brings restoration to the people
3. God gives each leader specific gifts, though some are not as visible as others, all are useful

WEEK OF AUGUST 14TH 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)
	2:00PM	Memorial Service in Remembrance of Paulette Spotts (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Mennonite + SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Prayer Walk - Archbold Schools (AHS Parking Lot)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior “Bruncheon”** - The next Senior luncheon is this upcoming Thursday at 11:30AM in the Chapel. Brunch will be served at 11:30AM with the next lesson of the RightNow Media series, “Thriving in Babylon” to follow. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to join.
- ◆ **Nursery Volunteers Needed** - Anna Yoder is coordinating the upcoming ministry year schedule for 10:30AM service Nursery care. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times per year each individual/family will be scheduled to help. If you’re interested in fellowshiping and laughing with the youngest members of our church family during our time of worship, please contact the church office.
- ◆ **Save the Date for BLAST Sunday!** - We are gearing up to celebrate a new year of ministry together as we **Believe, Learn And Seek Truth** together on Sunday, September 11th! The day will begin with worship in the Chapel at 8:00AM followed by an Education Hour/Education Fair at 9:15 and worship on the East Lawn at 10:30. A chicken BBQ lunch and activities such as yard games, inflatables, and BINGO will immediately follow worship.

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:

Aug 14 The Praise of Children ----- Psalm 8
Aug 15 Servants of Christ ----- 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5
Aug 16 Stay Humble ----- 1 Corinthians 4:6-21
Aug 17 Be Firm on Sin ----- 1 Corinthians 5
Aug 18 Be Jesus-Centered ----- 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Aug 19 Serve With Your Body ---- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Aug 20 Enjoy God's Gifts ----- 1 Corinthians 7:1-11

MISSION-A-MONTH: BACK BAY MISSION

“Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives” (thebackbaymission.org, 2022). 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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Lay Reader	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kennedy Hurst	(10:30) Zander Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Ryan Christman	
10:30 Ushers	Keira Christman, Corey & Allie Walker, Collin Walker, Cayla Swisher	

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Bob Kuntz, who entered into hospice care this past week.
- ◆ Nan Neil, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 8/2.
- ◆ Rod & Joyce Kinsman, as Rod will have surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on 8/25 to remove a tumor from his abdomen.
- ◆ Curt Spotts and family, upon Paulette's entry in to eternal life. A memorial service will be held at 2:00PM this afternoon in the sanctuary.
- ◆ Judy Sears, as she recovers from shoulder surgery on 7/15, spending six weeks in a sling, keeping her arm and shoulder immobile.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as the new chemo medication is getting the best of her. Chloe is scheduled to leave for college in two weeks so big prayers are needed to help her feel well.
- ◆ Leah, Eric, Sarah and Emma, as Leah continues to have weekly treatments in Toledo and twice a month appointments in Ann Arbor.
- ◆ Tracey & Sodie Warren, as they await Tracey's second foot surgery, while still dealing with another disease.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (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, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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