

July 30, 2023 | 8:00am & 10:30am

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 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.

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 refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30AM service and we are always looking for new volunteers to help with this ministry! People interested in helping can contact the church office. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you 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 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.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude

“Christ the Rock” Medley

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Matthew 13:44-46 (pg. 969)

†(8:00) Opening Worship

#512, “My Savior’s Love”

#399, “Higher Ground”

†(10:30) Opening Worship

#512, “My Savior’s Love”

“How Great Is Our God”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Message

†(10:30) Sermon Hymn

“Ancient Words”

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 3 (pg. 1170)

Sermon

“Faithful Encouragement”

(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#433, “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

†Profession of Faith: **My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.** (*from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1*)

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#67, “The Love of God”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“And Now My Lifesong Sings”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, v. 1&2, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:44-46 – ⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶"When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

1 Thessalonians 3 - So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. ² We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, ³ so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them. ⁴ In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless. ⁶ But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. ⁷ Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. ⁸ For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song & Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Brie Grime
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Richard Spiess	
10:30 Ushers	Brad & Aimee Roth, Avery Roth, Evy Roth	

SERMON NOTES

Sermon - "Faithful Encouragement"

Sermon Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Book Bag Bash** - The annual Book Bag Bash will take place next Sunday, August 6th from 4:00 - 6:00PM here in the gym. Any and all K-12 students in the Archbold community are invited to come pick up a free book bag filled with school supplies. Thank you to the SJCC Evangelism Committee for organizing yet another year of this community event!
- ◆ **Growing Hope Globally Burger Bash** - Archbold's Ruihley Park will be the place to be next Friday evening, August 4th. For a free-will donation you can enjoy burgers from Brookview, slaw, chips, beans and ice cream in the pavilion from 5:30 – 7:00PM. Just a bit after 7:00PM, you'll want to bring the young people in your life (and a lawn chair or blanket) to enjoy the Jim Barrow Comedy Magic Show. The Summer Celebration in the park is to bring awareness to an international mission effort: Growing Hope Globally. Although the Burger Bash is an annual spring event, this second bash of the year is planned for our community and the guests from out of town who will come together for the GHG annual meeting to share the highlights of their growing projects during other sessions of the 3-day event.
- ◆ **August 17th Senior Saints & Senior Luncheon** - Next month's Third Thursday Senior Luncheon includes a special performance by the Senior Saints at 11:00AM in the Sanctuary! The group includes 71 musicians from thirty area churches. We've invited the Senior Saints to join us for our monthly luncheon after their performance. Due to this special program, we kindly ask that church members planning on staying for lunch sign up at the bulletin board no later than August 10th so that food can be ordered. We hope you'll be there!
- ◆ **Save the date for "BBFF"** - We'll kick off the new ministry year on September 10th with our annual outdoor worship followed by **Burgers, Brats, Fellowship & Fun!** More details to come!
- ◆ **Summer Lunch Program** - The Northwestern Community Action Commission has been serving free lunches to Archbold children from 12:00PM to 12:45PM, Monday through Friday, at the pavilion in Ruihley Park near the swimming pool. Their program will end on July 28th, and some area churches will be filling the gap from July 31 until the start of school. St. John's will be preparing and serving the meals August 7-11. Volunteers willing to help with one or more of these meals may contact the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, I pray that I may learn to walk in all of Your ways, to serve with all of my being and to learn to love You as You have loved me. Teach me Lord, how to worship You in the beauty of holiness so that I may be one that bows my heart before You in spirit and truth, to Your honor and glory. In Jesus' name I pray, 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:

Jul 30 What Can Man Do To Me? ----- Psalm 56
Jul 31 Listen Very Carefully ----- Luke 8:16-21
Aug 1 Who Is This Man? ----- -Luke 8:22-25
Aug 2 Have They “Herd” of Jesus?----- Luke 8:26-39
Aug 3 Interwoven Grace ----- Luke 8:40-56
Aug 4 Multiplying Ministry ----- Luke 9:1-9
Aug 5 A Very Practical School----- Luke 9:10-17

WEEK OF JULY 30TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Thu	7:00PM	Stuckey/Ries Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Parish Hall)
Fri	4:30PM	Stuckey/Ries Wedding (Sanctuary/Parish Hall)
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	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	4:00PM	Book Bag Bash (Parish Hall)

JULY MISSION-A-MONTH: SHEPHERD CIRCLE

Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources. To donate to Shepherd Circle, simply write “MAM” on Line 11 of your offering envelope or select “Shepherd Circle” in the “Give to” drop-down menu on Breeze’s online giving feature.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Lynne Stuckey, daughter of David and Crissi, and her fiancé, Branden Ries, as they are in the final week ahead of their marriage this upcoming Friday, August 4th. A live stream of the wedding ceremony is being offered at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezTXJ_hIKj8 with the prelude beginning at 4:00PM and the ceremony beginning at 4:30PM.
- ◆ Stacia Suon, teenage daughter of Jason and Becky, as she had to have emergency surgery. The family is praising God the situation is not life-threatening; however, there is a long road of recovery ahead. Prayers are needed that Jason and Becky can care for Stacia while tending to their other three children all while in the middle of their furlough.
- ◆ Tom & Megan L., as they continue to be in prayer and discernment over a treatment plan for the herniated discs in Megan's back. After last weekend, they are feeling peace about traveling to talk to a surgeon so now they must decide where to go and what surgeon to consult with.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she continues to recover while working at Miracle Camp this summer.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, as the surgery for the cancer has been postponed until sometime in August.

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, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (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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