

August 6, 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!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

(10:30) Call to Worship

“I Give You My Heart”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 970)

†(8:00) Opening Worship

#106, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

#196, “There Is a Fountain”

†(10:30) Opening Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns)”

“I Will Follow”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 (pg. 1170)

Sermon

“How Do You Live to Please God?”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#379, “Take My Life And Let It Be”

†(10:30) Responding in Praise

“Christ Is Enough for Me”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#350, “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“More Than Conquerors”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#606, “Grace, Love, and Fellowship”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“More Than Conquerors” (Chorus)

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21 – ¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 - Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit. ⁹ Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more. ¹¹ Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Today's altar arrangement is given in honor of Dave and Karen Walker, who were married here in the St. John's sanctuary 40 years ago today (8/6/83). Flowers were gifted by Kyle, Collin, and Corey.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Book Bag Bash TONIGHT!** - The annual Book Bag Bash will take place tonight 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!
- ◆ **GIF Gals-** This Thursday, August 10th, we'll be carpooling from St. John's to Bryan to have supper at Jackie Blu's. Please meet at the church's south parking lot no later than 4:00PM. Call Carol DeVries at 419-445-8311 and leave a message that you will be joining the group.
- ◆ **August 17th Senior Saints & Senior Luncheon** - August'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!
- ◆ **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 Ruyhley Park near the swimming pool. Their program ended on July 28th, and some area churches are now filling the gap from July 31st until the start of school. St. John's will be preparing and serving the meals August 7-11th. Volunteers willing to help with one or more of these meals may contact the church office.

AUGUST 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. St. John's has participated in several mission projects in coordination with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi over the years and continues to be one of our larger mission partners. If you feel called to give to Back Bay Mission this month, you can do so by checking line 2 on your weekly offering envelope or by selecting "Give to Back Bay Mission" in the "Give to..." drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature. We thank you so much for your continued support of this project that is near to many hearts at SJCC.



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 6 Praise Because God Wins! ----- Psalm 57
Aug 7 Who Do You Say That I Am? ----- Luke 9:18-27
Aug 8 Be Confident: It Is Him! ----- --Luke 9:28-36
Aug 9 Down to Earth with a Bump ----- --Luke 9:37-50
Aug 10 Am I Trusting Enough? ----- Numbers 20
Aug 11 Facing Up to Failure ----- Numbers 21:1-9
Aug 12 Vulnerable and Violent ----- Numbers 21:10-35

WEEK OF AUG 6TH 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)
	4:00PM	Book Bag Bash (Parish Hall)
Mon	7:00PM	Chapel Reserved
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, thank You that You are equipping my children to learn this year and work hard, not just for grades, but because they desire to please You. Father help them in the times when they feel tired and weary. Help me to encourage them and lift them up, but also help them to push through when necessary. I pray above all else this year that they would begin to understand that the work they do is to glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Branden and Lynne Ries, son-in-law and daughter of David and Crissi, who were married here in the sanctuary this past Friday. Many blessings to the couple as they begin their married life together!
- ◆ The family of Lois Keith, as Lois entered eternal life on 7/27 at the age of 94. Services were held this past week.
- ◆ 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 this month.

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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