

August 20, 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

“Power in the Blood” Medley

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Holy Spirit Rain Down”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Psalm 108:1-6 (pg. 601)

†(8:00) Opening Worship

#233, “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#353, “A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

†(10:30) Opening Worship

“Everything Is Possible”

“Living Hope”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (pg. 1171)

Sermon

“Living Life with Hope”

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#486, “Faith Is the Victory”

†(10:30) Responding in Praise

“We Will Dance”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#116, “Take the Name of Jesus with You”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#606, “Grace, Love, and Fellowship”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)” Chorus

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 108:1-6 – My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

²Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. ³I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples. ⁴For great is Your love, higher than the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies. ⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth. ⁶Save us and help us with Your right hand, that those You love may be delivered.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Praise Team
Worship Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Harrison Rohrs
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Avery Roth, & Evy Roth	

SERMON NOTES

Sermon - "Living Life with Hope," Part 2

Sermon Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 24:36-44 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Children & Youth Programs** - Registration forms for our Wednesday evening programs are now open! LOGOS, JYF, and SYF students can register online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org. Please note that Confirmation has been moved to Wednesday evenings before the start of JYF. Information for timing and scheduling can be found on the church website.
- ◆ **Rally Sunday & “BBFF”** - We’ll kick off the new ministry year of discipleship and fellowship on September 10th! The morning will begin with worship in the chapel at 8:00AM followed by a Rally Sunday celebration in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour at 9:15AM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us in the East lawn at 10:30AM for our annual outdoor worship! We’ll end our Sunday worship schedule with “BBFF” - **B**urgers, **B**rats, **F**ellowship & **F**un - inflatables and BINGO included in the fun!! Can’t wait to see you there!
- ◆ **Youth for Christ Golf Outing** - Youth For Christ is seeking four-person teams for their 4th annual golf outing scheduled for September 8th, 2023 at Ironwood Golf Club. Proceeds will benefit Youth for Christ with all profits going towards impacting area students. The outing begins with a shotgun start at 8:30AM and teams will play in a scramble format. Those interested in registering should contact the church office or reach out to Eliot Nofziger at (419) 551-6667.
- ◆ **Ushers Needed** - We are filling the final worship servant openings for 2023 and are in need of an 8:00AM usher for the month of November and a head usher for the month of December (10:30AM service). If you are able to serve in either of these openings, please 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 20 Snarling Dogs ----- Psalm 59
Aug 21 After Moses ----- Numbers 27:12-23
Aug 22 Organized Holiness ----- Numbers 28
Aug 23 Moving In! ----- Numbers 29
Aug 24 I Wish I'd Never Said That! ----- Numbers 30
Aug 25 Uncomfortable Reading ----- Numbers 31:1-24
Aug 26 Strength in Solidarity ----- Numbers 32

WEEK OF AUG 20TH 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)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Safety Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

O Lord, You who promise to be with me always, be with me this month as I begin my schoolwork. Keep me in health, I pray, and keep me from harm. In all that I do and say, may I love You with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, and may I love my neighbor as myself, so that I might fulfill Your purposes for me and Your calling on my life as a student. In Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jack and Barb Stover, as Jack had a stroke late last week. Jack will be hospitalized at least through Monday for tests and observation.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who will have new scans sometime this month to determine if the current chemo medicine is working on the bone cancer.
- ◆ 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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