

August 27, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Matthew 16:13-20

†Hymns of Praise

#1, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
#10, “O Worship the King”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

†Sermon Hymn

#92, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Sermon

“Life Instructions”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Where He Leads Me”

Second Offering

†Closing Hymn

#556, “Now Thank We All Our God”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#602, v. 1, “God Be with You”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. ¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. ²⁵ Brothers, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Song & Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman
Acolyte	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer
Head Usher	Brad Roth
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Avery Roth, & Evy Roth

SERMON NOTES

Sermon - "Life Instructions"

Sermon Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers were given by Bill and Judy Barnhart in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate together this upcoming Thursday, August 31st. Congratulations on this blessed milestone and may you have a wonderful day together on Thursday!

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” - **Burgers, Brats, Fellowship & Fun** - 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.
- ◆ **Office Coverage** - Jocelyn will be out of the office this upcoming Tuesday and working from home through September 5th while her daughter recovers from minor surgery, so the office may be unattended at times if Pastor Erich is out. Jocelyn will still be available via phone (419-575-4218) and email (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) while working from home.

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 27 To Whom Else Can We Go? ----- Psalm 60
Aug 28 Justice with Safeguards----- Numbers 35:6-34
Aug 29 A Story Bigger Than Me ----- Numbers 36
Aug 30 Loving Correction ----- 1 Timothy 1:1-11
Aug 31 God's Grace and Mercy ----- 1 Timothy 1:12-20
Sep 1 Pray for Everyone-----1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sep 2 Free to Worship-----1 Timothy 2:8-15

WEEK OF AUG 27TH 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)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team (Fireside Room)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Loving Heavenly Father, we praise you for all your lovingkindness to us. What a wonderful blessing it is that we can come to you in prayer any moment of the day or night. We pray for boldness in our prayers, to be fully open and honest with you. Thank you, Lord, for your grace and mercy. We pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit, that we would deepen our faith and strengthen our devotion to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jack Stover, who is at Rupp Rehab for therapy following a recent stroke.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she waits further results of new scans to determine if the current chemo medicine is working on the bone cancer.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who is doing okay day to day, and will have surgery as part of his cancer treatment on September 12th or 20th.

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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