

May 5, 2024 | 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

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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!



## Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool across from the church office. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery) or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. 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!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

*Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.*

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

*The lighted candles symbolize God's presence and Christ, the Light of the World.*

Welcome & Announcements

Fellowship Committee

Cherry Street Mission - Candace Buckley, Vice President of Programs and Services

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (p. 1144)

Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"

*A time to prepare for worship, focusing on the Lord, whom we've come to worship.*

†Hymns of Praise

#43, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#201, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Special Music

Raegan Rutledge

"O Give Thanks"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Trust and Obey"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

Faith Testimony

Jocelyn Walker

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p. 1174)

†Sermon Hymn

#387, "O to Be Like Thee!"

Sermon

"Fruit of the Spirit – Patience"

†Closing Hymn

#339, "Since I Have Been Redeemed"

†Spoken Benediction

*We will take a brief 10-minute break to transition into the Special Congregational Meeting.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**2 Corinthians 4:16 - 5:1** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Amazing and Creative God, the splendor of your ways is truly astounding! As the annual transformation of your creation continues, from the drab grayness of winter to the greening up of springtime, I am thankful for the transformation you have wrought in my own heart and life. Your steadfast patience with me has been unfathomable, and I am so grateful for your grace and mercy. May your Spirit impress upon us all the fruit of patience, equipping us to be self-controlled in all situations, that your glory would shine forth. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	David Stuckey
Lay Readers	Joshua Reeb, Avery Roth
Acolyte	Claire Bowers
Easy Worship	Brian Roth
Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
Nursery Assistants	Bri & Emma Krukowski
Head Usher	Dave Walker
10:30 Ushers	Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller

## SERMON NOTES: "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PATIENCE"

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Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control...

Patience:

- ◆ Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
- ◆ Psalm 31:14-15 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.
- ◆ Proverbs 14:29 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.
- ◆ (NIV) Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.
- ◆ (NLT) Proverbs 15:18 A hothead starts fights; a cool-tempered person tries to stop them.
- ◆ James 1:19 Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry
- ◆ Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting – Joyce Meyer
- ◆ To lose patience is to lose the battle – Mahatma Ghandi
- ◆ True patience is waiting without worrying – Chuck Swindoll

1 Timothy 1:12-20

- ◆ V. 12 – Strength – enabled; Considered – counted faithful; Appointed – to ministry
- ◆ V. 13 – ignorance and unbelief are never an excuse, but God’s mercy is available
- ◆ V. 14 – the exceedingly abundant grace of God saved Paul
- ◆ V. 15 – “trustworthy saying” is used five times by Paul in 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus
- ◆ V. 15 – Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners -- of whom I am the worst.
- ◆ V. 15 – “All are truly sinners, but all are not equally sinners. They are all in the mire; but they have not all sunk to an equal depth in it.” (Spurgeon)
- ◆ V. 16 – That “Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example...”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens** - Ticket deadline for the Mud Hens game is today! Join us on Sunday, June 30th for Faith & Family Night with the Toledo Mud Hens! There will be events for all ages before and after the 4:05PM game. Our group tickets gain admission to a faith-based event in the ballpark prior to the game. Additionally, there will be an inflatable park in Hensville before the game and a base run for the kids after the game is over. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact the church office.
- ◆ **Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition** - All 6th through 12th graders are invited to the annual Youth Breakfast on Sunday, May 19th at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall. Breakfast will be provided by the Fellowship Committee and Pastor Erich will provide a program and time of recognition for our graduating seniors.
- ◆ **GHG Annual Burger Bash** - You're invited to stop by the Ruyhley Park Pavilion today from 11:00AM - 1:00PM for a burger lunch as the community again celebrates our ecumenical mission effort. Your free-will donation funds rural projects in third-world countries under the umbrella of Growing Hope Globally. Checks for the picnic can be made to our non-profit bookkeeping partner, the Pettisville FFA Alumni Assoc.

## MISSION-A-MONTH: CHERRY STREET MISSION MINISTRIES

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Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically-based, Christ-centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. For some, it's the first night they've slept safely in a very long time.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing, and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one-on-one discipleship. They care more about who a person is, rather than what a person has become.

Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. Cherry Street gratefully accepts financial donations and gift-in-kind donations (anything donated that is not cash). More information about this Mission-A-Month can be found online at [www.cherrystreetmission.org](http://www.cherrystreetmission.org).

Throughout the month of May, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these ministries by checking line item 3 on your weekly offering envelope or with a memo of "M-A-M."

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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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:

May 5 In His Shadow -----Psalm 91  
May 6 Political Intrigue----- 1 Kings 1:1-27  
May 7 Counter Moves----- 1 Kings 1:28-53  
May 8 Unfinished Business----- 1 Kings 2:1-25  
May 9 Tough Justice ----- 1 Kings 2:26-46  
May 10 A Wise and Discerning Heart ----- 1 Kings 3  
May 11 Universal Flourishing? ----- 1 Kings 4:20-34

## WEEK OF MAY 5TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:15AM	Special Congregational Meeting
	7:00PM	Piano Recital - Christman Students (Sanctuary)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Mennonite Church Women's Group (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	Life Planning (Parish Hall)
	8:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:00PM	Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Chapel)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, 2024: MOTHER'S DAY

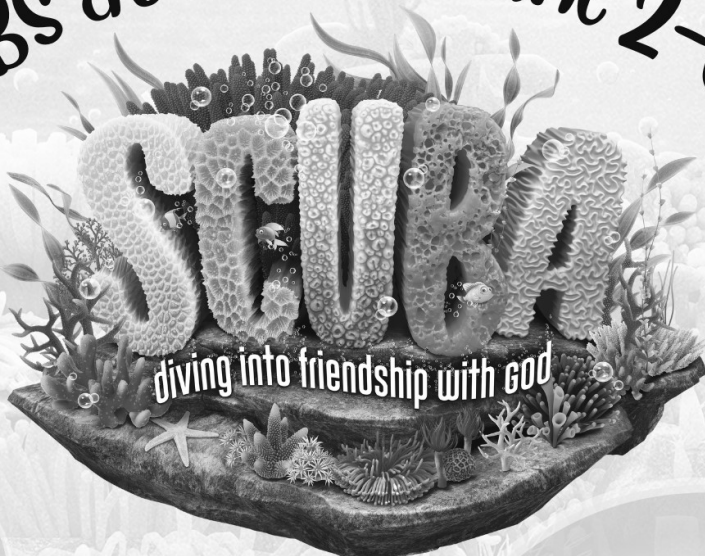
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(10:30) Special Music: Men's Choir

Scriptures: Psalm 107:1-3, Psalm 107

Sermon: "Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness"

# VBS at SJCC: June 2-6



**Donations Needed!**  
Take a fish or scan the Amazon Gift List QR code at the VBS bulletin board. Thank you so much for your generosity and making VBS possible!

Pre-K thru Sixth Graders are invited to a fin-tastic week of diving into friendship with God!

**Early Registration Deadline:**  
Register by May 18th to guarantee a t-shirt!

Scan to register





# Dive Into Bedtime Stories!

Each year, children at VBS raise money to help other children in need.

This year, we've teamed with Villages in Partnership (VIP), an organization which strives to end the cycle of poverty in Malawi, Africa.

VIP works with local development experts in Malawi to implement programs designed to simultaneously address the inter-connected web of root causes of extreme poverty, including inadequate education.

Most children in the villages walk 1+ hours to school each day. When they return home in the evening, they complete essential housework for the family before being able to do their homework. But, in villages without electricity and candles considered a non-essential item, they have no way to read or complete their homework after dark.

## Donations for Lanterns & Books

We will be collecting funds this year to purchase solar-powered lanterns and children's books, allowing the children in Malawi to finally read their own bedtime stories & continue their studies after dark.



Visit [www.villagesinpartnership.org](http://www.villagesinpartnership.org)  
to learn more about VIP's mission.  
**Scuba VBS at St. John's Christian Church**  
runs from June 2nd to 6th.  
Get registered today online at  
[www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org)



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Rod Kinsman, who had a follow up appointment at The Cleveland Clinic this past Friday.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, who is at Rupp Rehab and receiving dialysis three days a week in Maumee.
- ◆ Regina Beck, as she is back at Rupp Rehab for a few weeks.
- ◆ Sue Steiner, as she's home after a surgical procedure this past Monday.
- ◆ Evy Walker, who will see a specialist at the end of May.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she recovers at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, as Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ 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) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

## GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

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As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

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