

May 12, 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

*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!



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 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

Prelude

"Shout to the Lord"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 107:1-3 (p. 600)

†Hymns of Praise

#586, "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

#433, "Sweet Hour of Prayer", #411, "The Joy of the Lord"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Honoring Mother's and Motherhood

Men's Choir

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus" and "The Old Country Church"

Jim Grieser, Dale Grime, Andrew Rohrs, Richard Spiess,

David Stuckey, Bruce Wooley, Roger Zimmerman

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:4-22 (p. 600)

†Sermon Hymn

#41, "God Is So Good"

Sermon

"Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O How I Love Jesus"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#357, "Jesus Loves Even Me"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#366, v. 4, "I Surrender All"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 107:1-3 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say this -- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, ³ those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Psalm 107:4-22 Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. ⁶ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. ⁷ He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. ⁸ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, ⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. ¹⁰ Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, ¹¹ for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High. ¹² So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help. ¹³ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. ¹⁵ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, ¹⁶ for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron. ¹⁷ Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. ¹⁸ They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. ¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. ²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. ²¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. ²² Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kamy Link	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	
8:00 Ushers	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller	

SERMON NOTES: "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – GOODNESS"

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

The fruit are character qualities, not emotions, how we act, not how we feel

The Bible reveals that God is good, acts with goodness and is the source of all goodness.

Amos 5:4: "Seek me and live; ..."

Amos 5:6: "Seek the Lord and live, ..."

Amos 5:14: "Seek good, not evil, that you may live."

To seek God is to seek the good.

Mark 10:17-18: "As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good -- except God alone."

Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 – "And God saw that it was good."

Matthew 7:9-11 is shared in the context of Jesus teaching on prayer: "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

A Christian is not only to be good, but to be good for something: to let their light shine, to be worthy of their call and their calling, to teach others the knowledge of God, to be the fruit in everyday life, in every way.

The Hebrew word for goodness is an active term which is often directed toward that which does not merit action, and such goodness is generosity that springs from kindness.

- ◆ Luke 23:43 – the thief on the cross
- ◆ Matthew 20 – the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.'"

PROVERBS 31:26-29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Graduate Recognition** - All parents of high school and college graduates should have received an email this week requesting bios and videos (videos for high school grads). If you did not receive this email and have a graduating high schooler or college student, please contact Jocelyn in the church office as soon as possible for inclusion in next Sunday's service.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - April showers bring May flowers! How true, and the spring flowers have been so colorful this year. With the few warmer days, I was drawn to go outside. I hope you, too, will be drawn out to join the GIF Gals on Thursday, May 23rd at 5:30PM for a meal at West Unity's "The Mill District" deli. If you need a ride, please contact me (Carol) at 419-445-8311 or the church office. Sign up is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.
- ◆ **VBS Early Registration Deadline & Donation Board** - Scuba VBS is three short weeks away! Register by May 18th to guarantee a t-shirt for your child. Additionally, we are asking for supply donations to offset the cost of VBS. If you feel led to donate, you can visit the VBS board across from the Preschool Room and take a sticky fish to shop for your item(s), or have your item sent directly to the church by scanning the Amazon Gift List QR code on the board. All non-perishable supplies should be dropped off at the church office by May 27th. Thank you so much for your generosity!
- ◆ **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. Please RSVP to the church office so the committee can plan appropriately for food. Thank you!
- ◆ **Women's Choir** - Attention ladies of all ages! Mark your calendars! We will be having a ladies choir sing on Sunday, June 16th, for Father's Day. We would love to have as many of you come join and sing along with us. Grandmothers, bring your daughters and granddaughters! Aunts bring your nieces! All are welcome! We will be rehearsing at 7:00PM on Thursday, May 16th, Wednesday, May 29th and Wednesday, June 12th. Hope to see you all there!

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:

May 12 With a Flourish -----Psalm 92
May 13 International Cooperation ----- 1 Kings 5:1-6:10
May 14 Beautiful Buildings ----- 1 Kings 6:11-7:12
May 15 Working for God ----- 1 Kings 7:13-51
May 16 God's Visible Presence ----- 1 Kings 8:1-21
May 17 Why Wait? -----Acts 1:1-11
May 18 Take Your Place ----- Acts 1:12-26

WEEK OF MAY 12TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Evangelical Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:30PM	Chancel Choir Fellowship Meal (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Confirmation Pictures and Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Chapel)
	9:30AM	Kitchen Deep Clean (NwoESC Work Transition Students)
Sat	8:00AM	Parish Hall Reserved
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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

EAST GARDEN SUMMER MEALS

The Archbold Area Ministerial Association is resurrecting a meal ministry at the East Garden Apartments located off of County Road D. These meals are focused on boosting morale and building relationships within the East Garden community as well as creating relationships with residents and meal teams.

Pastor Erich is coordinating the meal schedule, with meals being served on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of June, July and August, between 5:00PM and 6:30PM. Erich is looking for volunteers from SJCC to help serve as set-up and tear-down crews, as well as forming a meal team or two. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board, or speak with Pastor Erich about this ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for your goodness, your goodness which is realized in your generosity to us. You shower us with joy and blessing, providing for the myriad number and types of our needs. You are indeed, a God that is good, all of the time. I pray that your goodness will flow through me, causing me to be generous in goodness to people, that they will experience your love through the work of your Holy Spirit. Bless mothers with your spiritual goodness, mothers of the present and the future, and bless the memories of our mothers who are no longer physically with us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

MISSION-A-MONTH: CHERRY STREET MISSION MINISTRIES

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.

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.

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."

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

With the approval of the congregation at last Sunday's congregational meeting, we welcome Jocelyn Walker into this new role at SJCC! Jocelyn will remain in her current role as our Administrative Assistant through May 31st and will begin in her new role on June 1st.

Depending upon when a new administrative assistant is in place, Jocelyn will spend up to a week orienting the person to the workings of the church office, and in this unique transition, Jocelyn will remain available as a resource to the new administrative assistant.

Please share the following with those who may be interested:

Full-Time Administrative Assistant Position Open: The administrative assistant works with the pastor, staff, and other church leaders to maintain the church's day-to-day operations.

Desired qualifications include:

- ◆ 2 year degree in business administration or 3 years previous experience
- ◆ Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Publisher
- ◆ Knowledge of database management, Google Suite, OneCall, and website updating would be helpful
- ◆ Must be welcoming to visitors and be able to manage multiple tasks with attention to detail

How to Apply:

- ◆ Please send resume to Laura Johnson/St. John's Christian Church Personnel Committee at lajohnson57@gmail.com.
- ◆ Interviews will be scheduled ASAP, no later than the third week of May.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 2024: PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Recognition of High School and College Graduates

Special Music by Molly Rutledge

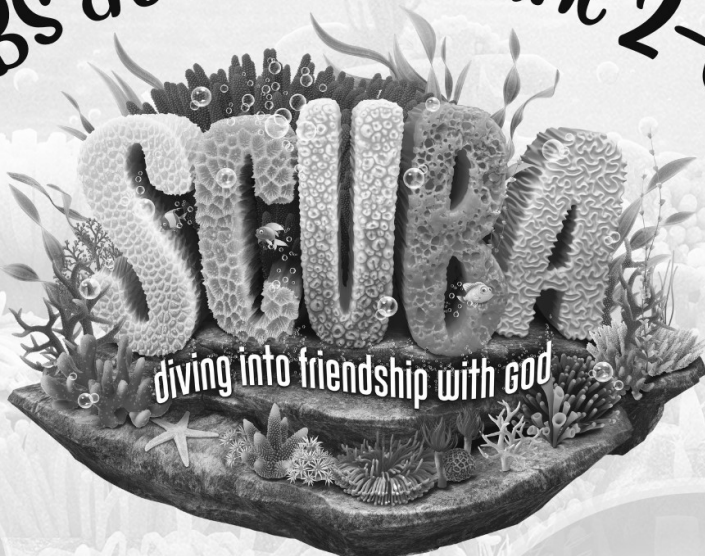
(10:30) Rite of Confirmation

(10:30) Praise Team

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-12, Acts 2:22-41

Sermon: "Growing in Faith"

VBS at SJCC: June 2-6



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!

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!

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
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



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jesse Meyer, who will be baptized following the 10:30 service!
- ◆ Rod Kinsman, who had a consultation with the doctor revealed that there is a spot of concern that they will check on again in twelve months
- ◆ Sandy Miller, at Rupp Rehab, and receiving dialysis three days a week in Maumee.
- ◆ Regina Beck, continues through chemo treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace – 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

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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