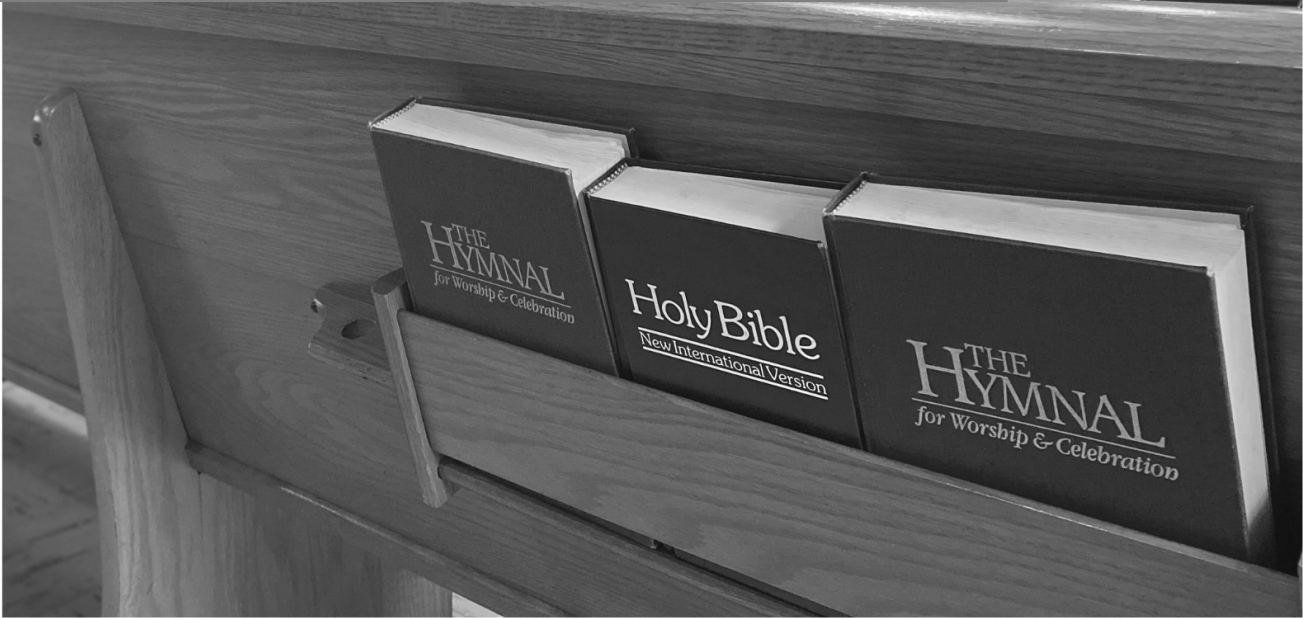


May 19, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am | Pentecost Sunday,
Confirmation Sunday, Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Acts 2:1-12 (p. 1078)

(8:00) Prelude

"Indescribable"

(10:30) Prelude

"Holy Spirit Come"

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#252, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", #295, "Revive Us Again"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Praise, I Will Praise You Lord", "Siyahamba"

Children's Message

(10:30) Hymn (Sign Language – Pre-K thru 5th Graders)

"579, v. 1, "Jesus Loves Me"

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (debtors/debtors)

Recognition of 2024 Graduates

Special Music

Molly Rutledge

"What a Beautiful Name"

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-41 (p. 1078)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#42, "Seek Ye First"

Sermon

"Growing in Faith"

(10:30) Rite of Confirmation

Invitation, Opening Sentences and Charge to Confirmands

Scripture Reading and The Apostles' Creed

Promises and Vows of the Confirmands

Memory Verses and the Laying on of Hands in Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charge to Parents

Response of Parents: ***We praise God for your step of faith in your decision to be confirmed into the church of Jesus Christ this morning. Let us strive to stand firm in faithfulness to the Lord. We promise to continue to encourage you in your faith, doing our part to help you remember your confession and vows of faith. May God bless you with wisdom and courage as you continue to deepen your faith and serve the Lord with gladness.***

Address to the Confirmands

Unison Welcome by Congregation: ***We are filled with joy for you as you have confessed your faith in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.***

Greetings of Christian Love, Conferring of Certificates, and Benediction
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Words of Invitation and Institution
 (10:30) Confirmands First Communion
 Sharing the Elements of the Bread and the Cup
 Communion Prayer of Gratitude

†(8:00) Closing Hymn
 †(10:30) Closing Praise
 †Spoken Benediction
 †Benediction in Song
 †Postlude

#268, "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"
 "El Shaddai"

#244, "Trees of the Field"

WE OBSERVE OPEN COMMUNION. All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune. Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup. At 8:00AM worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups; At 10:30AM worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kamy Link	(10:30) Tucker Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	
8:00 Ushers	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Steve Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God, I want to thank you for the work of your Spirit upon and within our 8th grade confirmands. May you continue to bless them with the courage, the strength, and the grace to live out their vows of faithfulness. Guide me in being an example of discipleship for them and all others, as I thank you for the Christian examples who have been a blessing in my own life of faith. By the guidance of your Spirit, I renew my vow to listen to and live by your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-12 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Acts 2:22-41 ²² "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' ²⁹ "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" ³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The GIF Gals will meet this 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 Donation Boards** - Scuba VBS is only TWO short weeks away! We are graciously accepting 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!
- ◆ **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 23rd, Wednesday, May 29th and Wednesday, June 12th. Hope to see you all there!
- ◆ **Summer Sunday School for Pre-K - 12th Grade** - Due to anticipated low attendance, we will not hold Sunday school for children and youth from June through August; however, the Connections class welcomes all ages this summer. The class will study Bible stories each week, with multi-generational lessons and/or activities scheduled each week. Parents, please feel welcome to bring your children to participate in these classes!

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

- ◆ *Jace Ryan Bernath, son of Ryan and Devin Bernath*
- ◆ *Klaire Renae Kern, daughter of Keith and Kim Kern*
- ◆ *Maci Elizabeth Martz, daughter of Jason and Megan Martz*
- ◆ *Jesse Thomas Meyer, son of Nate and Tara Meyer*
- ◆ *Harrison Seeley Rohrs, son of Andrew and Lori Rohrs*
- ◆ *Camryn Joy Stuckey, daughter of Shawn and Jenna Stuckey*

CLASS CREED We know that God is our Father Almighty, who is everywhere, and who knows us, according to the promises of Psalm 139. We know that God saves us, supports us and sacrificed His Son for us. Through His sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, we believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins. Jesus did this because he loves us, as promised in John 3:16. As we pray for forgiveness, God accepts our confessions and answers our prayers by forgiving us of our sin. We believe that during communion, God hears our confessions and forgives our sins. We know that confessing our sin needs to be followed by repenting from our sin, working hard to not commit that sin again. We believe that God gets us through the hard times we face each day, and that He provides for our needs.

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 19 Holy Spirit Hallmarks -----Acts 2:1-13
May 20 Beauty In Between ----- Acts 2:14-21
May 21 Proving the Impossible----- Acts 2:22-36
May 22 Joy and Generosity ----- Acts 2:37-47
May 23 What Do You See? -----Acts 3:1-10
May 24 History and Humility ----- Acts 3:11-26
May 25 What's in a Name? -----Acts 4:1-12

WEEK OF MAY 19TH 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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Lockport Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	SYF (Ducey's Home - 300 Schlatter Rd.)
	7:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	4:45PM	Scholarship Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Women's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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)

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



BLAKE GRIME, son of Jed & Jen Grime and brother of Carly and Brie. Blake participated in wrestling and football all four years during high school. At Four County, he studied computer programming and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. After high school, Blake will be attending Northwest State Community College studying computer programming.



IAN GRIME, son of Josh & Kasey Grime and brother of Andee, Josee, Cagnee, and Reese, and uncle of Sawyer. Ian is currently undecided but looking into business in the future. In high school, Ian was a four-time letter winner for wrestling and a two-time district qualifier placing once. He was also a member of Archbold's 2023 Division III state duals championship team.



JACK HURST, son of Jeremy & Jen and brother of Tyler and Kennedy. During high school, Jack was a member of the Archbold High School football & baseball teams all four years, and played one year of basketball and participated in track for one year. He was also a member of Student Council, FCCLA, and earned All-Ohio in football. Jack will be attending THE Ohio State University this fall, majoring in Construction Systems Management.



CAHLE ROTH, son of Brian & Lynne Roth and brother of Kreighton Sims. Cahle will be attending the University of Findlay majoring in Business with a dual emphasis in Finance and Business Analytics. He will also be a member of the UF men's golf team. Cahle was a member of the Varsity Golf team, FCCLA, National Honor Society, and participated in SJCC's Life Planning Program. Over his high school golf career, Cahle achieved the following: 1st Team All-Ohio, 2X State Tournament Participant, 2X District 1st Team, 1X District Player of the Year, 4X NWOAL 1st Team, and 4 Year Letterwinner. Academic accomplish-

ments included graduating with a 4.0 GPA (Class of 2024 top 10%), 4-Year Alpha Honor Roll, and was on Northwest State Community College's Dean's List.



GAVIN WALKER, son of Kenny & Mandy Walker and younger brother of Kenny. His time in high school was spent being active in cross country, tennis, FCA, and FCCLA. He is very excited to spend this summer as an assistant cabin leader at Miracle Camp in Lawton Michigan (a goal he has had since 7th grade). This fall, Gavin will attend Bowling Green State University, where he plans to study communications.



TYLER WYSE, son of Keith & Nici Wyse and youngest brother of Andrew, Katie, and Kelsey. Tyler will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall as an undecided major with interests in both business and psychology. Tyler was a participant of all things Archbold music, including marching band, concert band, pep band, drum line, choir, company, fall plays, musicals, theater, and solo and ensemble competition, receiving a superior rating all four years, and earned the Outstanding Freshman Award in both choir and band. He also participated in the “We the People” competition in Columbus with the group coming in 2nd place. Tyler earned Honor and Alpha roll all throughout high school. Tyler currently works at Subway when he is not busy and is the new uncle to little Miss Kasey!!



CAMERON YODER, son of Justin & Carrie and older brother of Ella. He has enjoyed success with the golf team, competing at the state level his senior year. Joining the tennis team, he was able to compete at the district level in doubles play his junior & senior years. He also spent time on student council. Cam has taken some college classes along with his highschool classes the last two years & plans to continue his education at Northwest State Community College in the fall.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



EMILY HINES, daughter of Matt & Kim Hines and younger sister of Brooke. Emily graduated from Owens Community College with her Associate of Health Sciences with a concentration in Physical Therapy Assisting on Friday, May 10th. Emily plans to take her state boards and then work in an outpatient setting close to home.



KELSEY WYSE, daughter of Keith & Nici Wyse and sister of Andrew, Katie, and Tyler. Kelsey graduated with cum laude honors from Kent State University on May 11th with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing along with an Associate of Science. She was a Campus Tour Guide and was on the University Deans list and College of Nursing Deans list every semester all four years.



ADAM WALKER, son of Steve & Kim Walker and older brother of Emily. Adam earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a specialization in accounting from Bowling Green State University with cum laude honors in December of 2023. He is currently working at Tamar Accounting in Archbold and will be starting his masters of accountancy program at BGSU in the fall, working towards getting his CPA license.



KENNY WALKER, son of Kenny & Mandy Walker and older brother of Gavin. Kenny graduated from Northwest State Community College with an associate degree in nursing (ADN). He is considering a position at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne and plans to start the RN to BSN program at the University of Toledo in the fall.

Red carnations will be handed out to all high school and college graduates during service today. If you are visiting or were not recognized in the bulletin but graduated during the 2023-2024 school year, you are welcome to pick up a flower after service as a congratulations from us!

Je louerai l'Éternel (Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord)

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JE LOUERAI L'ÉTERNEL 6.4.10.6.6.4.11.4

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are provided in French, English, and Spanish.

System 1:
 Chords: F, C7, Dm, Bb, C7, F
 1 Je loue-rai l'É - ter - nel de tout mon coeur, je
 1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord,
 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord,

System 2:
 Chords: Bb, C, A/C#, Dm, Gm, G, Csus C
 ra - con-te - rai tou - tes tes mer-veilles, je chan-te - rai ton nom.
 God, I will tell the won-ders of your ways, and glo - ri - fy your name.

System 3:
 Chords: F, C7, Dm, Bb, C7, F
 Je loue-rai l'É - ter - nel de tout mon coeur, je
 Praise, I will praise you, Lord,
 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Serve, I will serve you, Lord,

System 4:
 Chords: Bb, C, A/C#, Dm, Gm/Bb, C7, F
 fe - rai de toi le su - jet de ma joie. Al - lé - lu - ia!
 you I will find the source of all my joy. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sandy Miller, at Rupp Rehab, and receiving dialysis three days a week in Maumee.
- ◆ Regina Beck, as she continues through chemo treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is recovering 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.

Missionaries...

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59PM
- ◆ The Islands – Tom & Megan – pray for an end to a cholera epidemic; the aftermath of a recent cyclone that did not hit their area directly, but damaged surrounding areas; illnesses they each are dealing with; colleagues who survived a plane crash on the Islands; for their older children at boarding school in Kenya

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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