

June 9, 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

Eliot Nofziger - The Outback Youth Center with Youth for Christ

Prelude

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 100 (p. 593)

†Songs of Praise

"This is the Day" with "He Has Made Me Glad"

"Shout to the Lord"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Scuba VBS Slide Show

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

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-4 (p. 1207), Romans 5:1-5 (p. 1116)

†Sermon Hymn

#262, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Sermon

"The Fruit of the Spirit – Joy and Peace"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Be Still My Soul"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#270, "Wonderful Words of Life"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#354, v. 1, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalm 100:1-5** A psalm. For giving thanks. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**1 John 1:1-4** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

**Romans 5:1-5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(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 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Brad Enderle, Maggie Enderle, Ken & Cathy Laub	

## SERMON NOTES: "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - JOY AND PEACE"

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity Summer Mission Trip** - The group of seven will leave for LaPorte, Indiana early tomorrow morning, arriving in time to get oriented to the project and get some hours of work in before lunch. At the end of the day, the group will head to an area Airbnb for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be full days on the site, and Friday will be a half day as the group will head home after lunch.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich Out-of-Office** - Pastor Erich will be out of the office this week attending the summer mission trip in LaPorte. Jocelyn will cover the church office in his absence; however, Pastor Erich will be available via text or call (419-551-0401) for any pastoral care needs.
- ◆ **East Garden Summer Meals** - Summer meals at East Garden begin this week on Thursday, June 13th! We have a meal crew lined up to provide the meal and welcome anyone else who would like to help for this first meal. Please contact Jocelyn if you're interested in helping with set-up, tear-down, or serving on Thursday evening.
- ◆ **Middle & High School Summer Visits** - Parents and teens should have received an email or text message last week with information on scheduling summer visits with Jocelyn Walker. The link included in the email allows families to select their preferred meeting date, time, and location. If you have not scheduled yet, need a copy of the link, or prefer to schedule directly with Jocelyn, please contact her at 419-575-4218 or [jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org).

## MISSION-A-MONTH: THE OUTBACK YOUTH CENTER

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The Outback Youth Center with Youth for Christ's mission is to provide Archbold Area Youth (middle school through high school) with a positive, non-denominational, Christian-based atmosphere free of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and other problems which face our youth today. While the Outback is located in Archbold, they have welcomed youth from all over Northwest Ohio. There are many calendar events throughout the year that provide youth with a message, fun games, activities, and food. The Outback has partnered with area youth leaders and other ministries to keep the community involved with what the Outback is doing. You can find more information about the Outback Youth Center online at [defyfc.org/](http://defyfc.org/). To give to The Outback, simply write "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelop or select "Give to Outback Youth Center" in the "Give to" drop -down menu on Breeze's online giving feature.



## 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:

Jun 9 Worship: Hands and Hearts ----- Psalm 95  
Jun 10 The Word Is Out ----- Acts 8:4-25  
Jun 11 Brief Encounter ----- Acts 8:26-40  
Jun 12 About Turn ----- Acts 9:1-19a  
Jun 13 Peace-Making ----- Acts 9:19b-31  
Jun 14 Roles for All ----- Acts 9:32-43  
Jun 15 A Tale of Two People ----- Acts 10:1-8

## WEEK OF JUNE 9TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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	7:00AM	Mission Trip Departs for LaPorte, Indiana
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	Women's Choir Rehearsal
Fri	3:00PM	Mission Trip Returns from LaPorte, Indiana
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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Lord Jesus, thank you for being my Lord and Savior, and I pray for your peace to flood my soul in this moment and throughout the day. I am so thankful for the joy you bless me with, a joy that comes from knowing your love for me and trusting in your plans for my life. Anoint our church with an overflowing joy of life, and with a deep, calming, lasting pervasion of peace. For your glory I pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Don LaFountaine, who is undergoing some medical testing after a recent fall and hospital stay.
- ◆ Marilyn Baron, who is at Fulton Manor and will undergo hip replacement surgery tomorrow afternoon at FCHC.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, who is in rehab at Montpelier following surgery on a broken hip.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she goes through a surgery on June 11th.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, who is at Rupp Rehab and continues with dialysis three times a week.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who is at Rupp Rehab for a few weeks.
- ◆ Maria Cruz, as she was diagnosed with cancer and has asked for our prayers.
- ◆ 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, as Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

Missions/Missionaries

- ◆ Summer Mission Trip – June 10-14; Kelly Ducey, Jim Grieser, Joshua Reeb, Darlene Steiner, Larry Auck, Erich & Lynne Christman; joined on Tuesday by Betsy Ducey and Greg Walker.
- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm

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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