

August 25, 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

Prelude

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 46:3-4 (p. 723)

†Hymns of Praise

#435, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#428, "I Need Thee Every Hour"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Roger Zimmerman

"Speak O Lord"

Scripture Reading

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

†Sermon Hymn

#518, "The Longer I Serve Him"

Sermon

"Growing Older is Indeed Challenging"

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"God Will Take Care of You"

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#369, "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#602, "God Be with You"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Isaiah 46:3-4** – “Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. <sup>4</sup> Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** – “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.”

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Lord, thank you for creating me and blessing me with my life. Yes, I indeed want to thank you, for as the psalmist proclaims, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” As we all are created in your image, I pray for the Holy Spirit to guide me throughout the years of my life, that I may reflect your glory and praise your Holy Name. I pray for each and every one of our church family, for you direction, strength and comfort as we confront the challenges of living life in this world. Remind us that we are not alone, and that we can depend upon your faithfulness and the truth of your Word. Thank you for being our rock and our refuge! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Children’s Message	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Claire Bowers
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, The Roth Family	

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# Rally Sunday

September 8th

St. John's Christian Church

9:15  
am

## Sunday School Pep Rally

**Sanctuary** | Get excited for another Sunday School program year! Meet all of our classes & enjoy some donuts and coffee with the Christian Ed. Committee

## Outdoor Praise & Worship

**East Lawn** | Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us on the East Lawn for our annual outdoor worship! Sermon Title: "Brick by Brick" (1 Peter 2:4-10)

10:30  
am

11:30  
am

## Rally Sunday Lunch

**Parish Hall** | A delicious lunch will be provided after worship on behalf of the Fellowship Committee. Don't forget to save room for the ice cream bar!

## Slip 'n Slide Kickball

**East Lawn** | Teams will face off in the first ever Slip 'n Slide Kickball Game! Come cheer on the teams or join the Rookie League. Face painting & Photobooth will be available during the game!

12:30  
pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **GIF Gals** - This GIF Gals will meet on August 28th at King's Corner Garage at 5:30PM. Supper will be provided (from the Barn Restaurant). The program after the meal will be given by Debra Layman from Fayette on the history of buttons. The cost for this fun evening will be \$15, which can be paid on the night of the event. Please sign up on the office bulletin board across from the church office by today. Bring your own beverage and a friend or family member to enjoy this evening with us! God's blessings until we meet.
- ◆ **LifeWise Academy** - Archbold LifeWise is starting Year 2! Do you have one hour per week that you can spare? We need classroom volunteers! There's no prep work - just show up! And you can choose the times that work with your schedule! Visit [www.lifewise.org/archboldoh](http://www.lifewise.org/archboldoh) and click on "JOIN THE TEAM." If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Jones at [rachel-jones@lifewise.org](mailto:rachel-jones@lifewise.org).
- ◆ **St. John's Talent/Gong Show!** - The St. John's Talent/Gong Show is returning on October 27th after a seven-year break! Think about what fun song/dance/skit or more you want to share in October and sign up on the office bulletin board.
- ◆ **Archbold Area Schools** - Archbold has several part-time positions they are actively trying to fill. They are open to applicants who are available for a few days per week up to 5 days per week for the following positions (all positions are scheduled during lunchtime hours):
  - Elementary Cafeteria, 2.5 hours per day
  - Elementary Aide for Office and Cafeteria, 2 hours per day
  - Middle School Playground Aide, 1.75 hours per dayContact Valerie Nafziger at [vnafziger@archboldschools.org](mailto:vnafziger@archboldschools.org) or go to "Join Our Team" on the school website, [www.archboldschools.org](http://www.archboldschools.org) to apply.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PEP RALLY

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In lieu of Sunday school on Rally Sunday, all Sunday school classes are invited to join us in the Sanctuary for an exciting time of celebrating as we get ready for the new program year. Before September 8th, SS classes should prepare a brief intro on your class (i.e., your class name, what you typically study, the demographics of your class, anything unique about your class). Select 1-2 individuals as your spokespeople or get your group together to prepare an infomercial skit. We hope this helps individuals without a Sunday school home see what SJCC has to offer!

Sunday school participants should arrive by 9:15am in the Chapel and we will enter into the "Pep Rally" at 9:30am. Light breakfast refreshments will be served after the rally.

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Aug 25 Heads-And Tails ----- Psalm 106  
Aug 26 Mysterious Grace ----- 1 Kings 13:11-34  
Aug 27 The Weight of Leadership ----- 1 Kings 14  
Aug 28 Where Lies Your Heart? ----- 1 Kings 15:1-32  
Aug 29 A Life's Legacy ----- 1 Kings 15:33-16:34  
Aug 30 Into Darkness, God Speaks ----- 1 Kings 17  
Aug 31 Time to Speak Out ----- 1 Kings 18:1-19

## WEEK OF AUGUST 25TH 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	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Safety & Security Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:30PM	GIF Gals (King's Corner Garage)
Sat	10:30AM	Donna Buehrer Visitation (Parish Hall)
	11:30AM	Donna Buehrer Funeral (Sanctuary)
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## MEMORIAL SERVICE: DONNA BUEHRER

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A memorial service will be held next Saturday, August 31st, in memory of Donna Buehrer, who entered into eternal life on July 13th, 2024 at the age of 95. Visitation will be in the Parish Hall from 10:30AM to 11:30AM, and the memorial service will start at 11:30AM in the sanctuary. May we keep the family continually in prayer as they gather to worship God and remember Donna.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Ben Buehrer, recovering from neck surgery that relieved pressure on a nerve.
- ◆ Don LaFontaine, who had surgery on 8/9, and then on 8/13, and remains hospitalized until he can move to a rehab center.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week, with plans to return home, hopefully in this next week.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill & Kathy, diagnosed with a rare cancer in the spine. Prayers for effective treatment and healing are appreciated.
- ◆ Susie Enderle, is recovering at home following surgery on July 24th.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who had some tests and they are praying for positive results.
- ◆ Regina Beck, now at Fairlawn, waiting on further plans of treatment.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm
- ◆ Grace L – pray for healing, pray for relief from pain, swelling and stiffness, pray for complete remission, pray she is able to tolerate meds and have no bad side effects.
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home Child Sponsorships

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)

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