

September 22, 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.

Ring 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

Mission Presentation – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

Prelude

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 23 (p. 544)

†Hymns of Praise

#45, "Surely Goodness and Mercy"

#455, "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Buffy Riley

"It Is Well"

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:40-47 (p. 1079)

†Sermon Hymn

#515, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

Sermon

"Devoted to God"

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Isn't He"

Second Offering - Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#376, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#335, Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 – A Psalm of David – The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acts 2:40-47 – Peter addresses the crowd on the Day of Pentecost – 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. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

The Mission-A-Month for September has been the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. We as a church have been collecting funds and items to support their ministry. Today is the day that we will be collecting these items after first and second services. In today's service, we welcome Val Vorisek, who will talk about the ministry and collect these items for the mission today after the 10:30AM service. Thank you for having a part in this mission.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In Colossians 4:2, Paul urges Christians to "devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." So as a congregation we pray: Lord God, we are ever thankful for your faithfulness, for you are steadfast in your blessings of love, grace, mercy, wisdom, peace, joy, and so many more blessings. Guide us in devotion to you and our church just as you guided the first century Christians to be devoted to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Strengthen our devotion, that our love for you would be a blessing to all, serving as channels of grace and mercy. For your glory we pray. Amen.

SERMON NOTES - "DEVOTED TO GOD"

Program Year Theme of "Building Up and Building Out"

- ◆ Acts 2:40-41 – the church was growing through the acceptance of Peter's message of warning and pleading with them to "save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
- ◆ Acts 2:42-47 – description about the early church in Jerusalem, a church that was devoted to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- ◆ The earliest days of the church at Jerusalem – Luke's writing in the Book of Acts "helps readers feel the nature of what God was doing by his Spirit through the witness of the apostles." (Expositor's Bible Commentary, Vol. 9, page 288)

Acceptance of the message Peter preached

- ◆ Old Testament Prophecy – Joel 2:28-32 & Old Testament History – Psalm 16:8-11
- ◆ Jesus – miracles, wonders and signs; Jesus – crucifixion and resurrection
- ◆ The promised Holy Spirit; Cut to the heart
- ◆ Peter – repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
- ◆ Growth of acceptance and baptism

Devotion – foundation of their faith – the legacy of God's work – a distinct devotion

- ◆ Devotion – steadfast, single-minded fidelity
- ◆ Learning – learning from the apostles – authoritative; about Jesus Christ
- ◆ Fellowship – their gatherings were distinctive, set them apart
- ◆ Breaking of Bread – the Lord's Supper / eating a meal together – a time of joy, agape love, praise and thanksgiving
- ◆ Prayer – conversing with God

Fruitful Times

- ◆ Awe, wonders, miraculous signs – evidence of God's presence
- ◆ Together, in common – spiritual unity – caring for each other, caring for the needy
- ◆ The New Testament Church – daily, ate together, glad and sincere, worship

Building Up – what does this mean for us, individually and congregationally?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **The Unclouded Day** - The Unclouded Day Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble from Fort Wayne, Indiana will present their unique style of sacred music ministry at St. John's Christian Church on Sunday, October 13th, during the church's 8:00AM and 10:30AM morning worship services. This will be the group's first presentation at St. John's Christian Church. Please join us in welcoming our guest musicians on this special day!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - September 26th is the date for our next get together. The ladies are traveling to Bryan to have a meal at Jackie Blu's. The restaurant is expecting us at 5:00PM. You may want to drive yourself with friends or meet at the church to help others who need a ride to Bryan. If you need a ride or want to be a driver please be at the church by 4:15PM. The sign up sheet will be at its usual spot. Hope many of you have this date and time to come and contribute to the joy and laughter. Until then, enjoy life and all of God's blessings.
- ◆ **Connections Sunday School** - The Connections class invites you to join them for their next study beginning on September 29th titled, "What Is a Christian?" Ask any group what it means to be a Christian, and we will hear different answers. But what unifies us? What are the basic characteristics of our faith that every Christian affirms? In this six-session series, Francis Chan will lead us in an exploration of key concepts common to all Christians through the centuries. No matter what divides us, we are united by these truths about the God we worship and our relationship with him. See you on the 29th at 9:15AM in the Chapel!
- ◆ **The Unknown Tour** - Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for a Girls' Night Out on Friday, November 8th at 7:00PM to see "The Unknown Tour" at Crossroads Church in Napoleon! This women's ministry event is filled with clean comedy, worship music, and incredible speakers that will leave you feeling uplifted. Please sign up on the church bulletin board by next Sunday, September 29th if you'd like us to reserve a ticket for you at our group rate.
- ◆ **Chicken BBQ/Pulled Pork Meal** - Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center is planning their Fall Fundraiser on Sunday, October 13th from 11:30AM - 1:30PM at the Ruyhley Park Pavilion. Eat In and Carry-Out meals will be served!! A Free Will Donation will be taken at the door.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Sept 22 Jesus - Priest and King ----- Psalm 110
Sept 23 Change My Heart, O God ----- Mark 4:1-20
Sept 24 His Kingdom Is Coming! ----- Mark 4:21-25
Sept 25 Nothing Will Stop It! ----- Mark 4:26-34
Sept 26 Trust and Obey ----- Mark 4:35-41
Sept 27 Sources of Knowledge ----- 2 Kings 1
Sept 28 Passing the Baton ----- 2 Kings 2

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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	6:00PM	Seekers (Short's Pond)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	3:30PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Church (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
Fri	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore Spa)
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)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Nursery	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Claire Bowers
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Toni Neuenschwander and family, upon the death of her brother, John Kruse. Services were held on September 20th in LaMoille, Illinois.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, who had recent surgery due to issues with a kidney stone, and has been hospitalized at Toledo Hospital since Tuesday.
- ◆ Don & Charlene LaFontaine, as Don is in comfort care at the Defiance in-patient center.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, dealing with health effects from a recent TIA .
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill & Kathy, diagnosed with a rare cancer in the spine. Prayers for effective treatment and healing are appreciated.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart was recently hospitalized due to side effects of the chemo treatments. He is now waiting for a PET scan in mid-October.

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ 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)

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