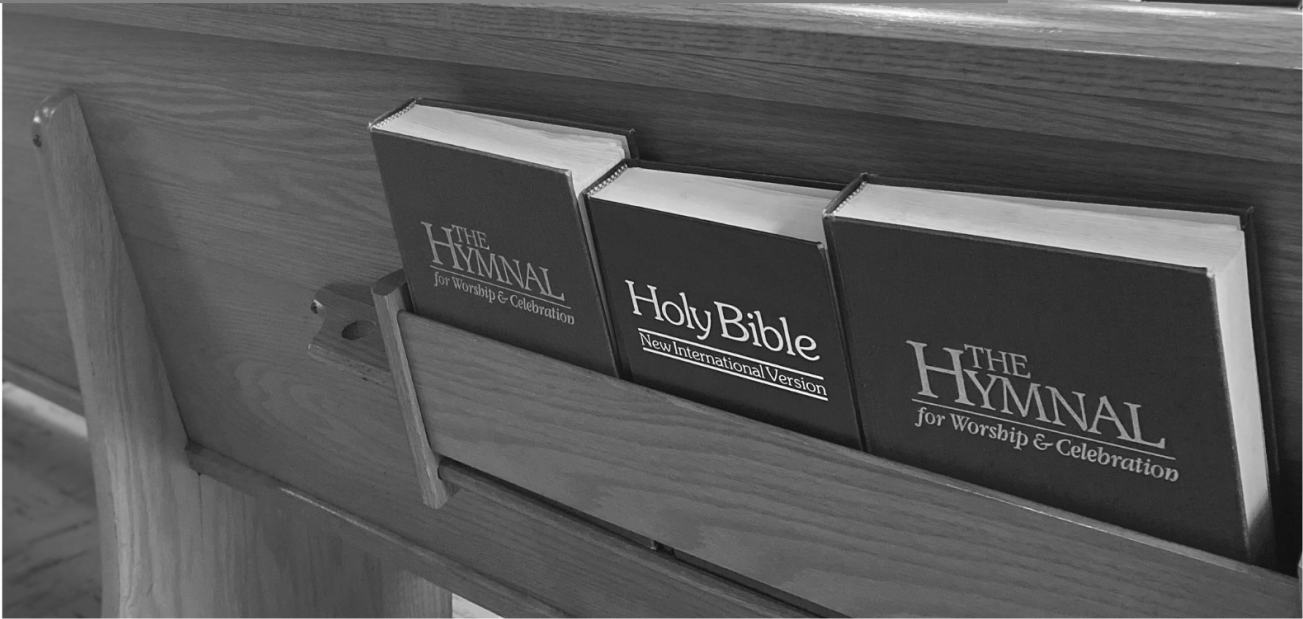


September 29, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

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

Alternative Gift Market - to bless children of Kajiado Children's Home - Nancy Rupp

Prelude

Raegan Rutledge

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 86:11-13 (p. 585)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#88, "Fairest Lord Jesus"

#66, "To God Be the Glory"

†(10:00) Songs of Praise

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

"Echo Holy"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

(10:30) Special Music

Chancel Choir

"God So Loved the World"

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 1158)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#67, "The Love of God"

†(10:30) Sermon Song

"One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)"

Sermon

"Growth Through the Power of God"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"God's Wonderful People"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

"The Family of God"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

chorus, "The Family of God"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 86:11-13 – Part of a prayer of David – Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. ¹² I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. ¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

Ephesians 3:14-21 – Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians – For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

SERMON NOTES - "GROWTH THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD"

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father,

- ◆ Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Paul has knowledge of God's will and purpose, enables Paul to pray with insight
- ◆ Paul has confidence through his faith in Christ Jesus
- ◆ Kneeling – a position of humility, in prayer and in obedience before the Lord
 - ◆ Solomon (1 Kings 8:54), Ezra (Ezra 9:5), David (Psalm 95:6), Daniel (Daniel 6:10), Stephen (Acts 7:60), Peter (Acts 9:40), Paul (Acts 20:36)

¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

- ◆ The essential ideal of unity of the Body of Christ
- ◆ Paul knows God is Father of both Jew and Gentile

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

- ◆ A inner, spiritual strengthening with power through the Spirit of God
- ◆ There is a common need for both physical exercise and spiritual exercise
- ◆ Power from the glorious riches of God – unfathomable

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- ◆ The promise of the gospel – John 14:23, 15:4-5
- ◆ Dwell – a sense of a permanent home, not just a visit
- ◆ Through faith; Rooted – a living plant or tree, rooted in the soil, well established – strong and lasting
- ◆ The vastness and fullness of Christ's love
- ◆ Everlasting love – Jeremiah 31:3

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- ◆ A doxology

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!
- ◆ **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 Rauhley Park Pavilion. Eat In and Carry-Out meals will be served!! A Free Will Donation will be taken at the door.
- ◆ **The adult choir would like to thank** an anonymous donor for gifting us with 20 new choir folders. The folders are a wonderful addition and a much needed resource for our choir. We are excited to use these folders and want to thank you for your generous donation.
- ◆ **Rex Stump with JYF & SYF** - This upcoming Wednesday, October 2nd, JYF and SYF are excited to welcome Pastor Rex Stump as our guest speaker for the evening! Pastor Rex currently serves as the pastor at True North Church in Wauseon and as the Area Director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also works with area schools, camps, businesses, and sport teams giving them weekly encouragement and team building opportunities. We're excited to have him here to lead us in an evening message and activity! JYF and SYF should check in by 7:00pm and head directly to the gym that evening. Advisors are providing a potluck of appetizers and desserts, but we welcome any parents who feel called to provide a dish too!

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. Thank you for having a part in this mission.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Sept 29 Wisdom in a Foolish World ----- Psalm 111
Sept 30 Who Calls the Shots? ----- 2 Kings 3
Oct 1 Two Women; Two Miracles ----- 2 Kings 4:1-17
Oct 2 Faith in His Faithfulness-----2 Kings 4:18-37
Oct 3 Miraculous Provision ----- 2 Kings 4:38-44
Oct 4 A Simple Thing ----- 2 Kings 5
Oct 5 [IN] Significant Intervention ----- 2 Kings 6:1-23

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29TH 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 / Orientation Session
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	2:00PM	Visitation for Don LaFontaine (Chapel)
	4:00PM	Memorial Service for Don LaFontaine (Sanctuary)
Mon	7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Evan Sisters Class (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF / SYF (Gym)
	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Youth Praise Team	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Children's Message	(Both) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	
Nursery	(10:30) Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines	
Easy Worship	(Both) Jenna Stuckey	
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(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...

- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, recuperating at home from recent surgery, while waiting for a second procedure to take place in a week or two.
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine and family, upon the death of Don on Thursday. A Visitation and Memorial Service at 2:00PM and 4:00PM are planned for today (Sunday) at SJCC.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, dealing with health effects from a recent TIA .
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Jeff & Laura Bostelman, as they seek further knowledge on treatment options of the cancer in his spine.
- ◆ 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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