

February 2, 2025 | 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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." 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

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)*

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

*“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)*

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 63:1-4 (p. 658)

(8:00) Prelude

“There is a Redeemer”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“The King is Coming”

*“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”*

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

#69, “Thy Loving Kindness”

#13, “Bless His Holy Name”

#429, “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Your Love O Lord”

“Holy Forever”

Children’s Message

(10:30) Logos Children’s Choir

“Everybody Ought to Know”

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

Scripture Reading

Jonah 2:1-10 (p. 916), Colossians 4:2-6 (p. 1167)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

#505, “Love Lifted Me”

Sermon

“It All Begins with Prayer”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

† The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closing Hymn

bulletin pg. 8, “Don’t Forget to Pray”

† (10:30) Closing Song

“Holy, Holy, Holy (We Bow Before Thee)”

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song

#447, v. 2, “Freely, Freely”

† (10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, “Holy, Holy, Holy (We Bow Before Thee)”

† Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Psalm 63:1-4:** O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**Jonah 2:1-10:** From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. <sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. <sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' <sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. <sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God. <sup>7</sup> "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. <sup>9</sup> But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord." <sup>10</sup> And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

**Colossians 4:2-6:** Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

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Feb 03 Ready for Battle----- Joshua 4:10-5:1  
Feb 04 Painful Surrender----- Joshua 5:2-12  
Feb 05 The Fall of Jericho----- Joshua 5:13-6:20  
Feb 06 Judgement and Salvation----- Joshua 6:21-27  
Feb 07 Joshua's Parting Words----- Joshua 23  
Feb 08 We Will Serve the Lord----- Joshua 24  
Feb 09 Learning to Trust----- Psalm 125

## SERMON NOTES: "IT ALL BEGINS WITH PRAYER"

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Faith-wise, regarding being disciples of the Lord, we are looking at where we are and where God wants us, understanding that everything we are and are to become, starts with prayer.

Jonah 2:1-10

- ◆ After hearing that the Lord wanted Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh, to preach against it, Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed to Tarshish.
- ◆ As Jonah sailed by ship, a violent storm arose and the sailors cast lots to find out who was responsible for the storm, and the lot fell on Jonah. After they tried to row against the storm, they ended up throwing Jonah into the sea.
- ◆ Jonah was swallowed by a great fish sent by the Lord
- ◆ While inside the belly of the great fish, Jonah prayed
  - In his distress, Jonah prayed to the Lord
  - Jonah recognized his distress was at the hand of the Lord
  - Jonah knew the Lord could be his rescuer



Colossians 4:2-6

- ◆ Words of encouragement
- ◆ Be devoted to prayer
  - Pray earnestly, continually, with persistence and fervor
- ◆ Be watchful and thankful
  - Vigilant, staying alert, wakeful
- ◆ Pray for others who are working to proclaim the mystery of Christ
  - Pray for open doors, for opportunities
- ◆ Be wise in your actions towards outsiders
  - Outsiders – non-Christians, including people who haven't heard of Jesus
  - Prayer moves believers to action
- ◆ Make the most of every opportunity to witness
- ◆ Pray to be full of grace, seasoned with salt, knowing how to answer
  - Seasoned with salt – language that is not dull, but interesting and well chosen

## BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 30, 2025

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Access to the building, and to the church office, can be difficult depending upon the work being accomplished each day. As the workers took down the hallway ceiling, it was difficult to navigate the main hall. People planning to visit the office may want to park at the carport entrance.

On Sundays, we are leaving the top half of the former nursery entrance door open for people to be able to take a look at what is taking place behind the walls!

The building has been very noisy this past week! Workers spent one day cutting the concrete floor in the former preschool, custodial and nursery rooms – removing concrete for the elevator shaft as well as for plumbing for the new restrooms. After the noisy and dusty saw cutting was finished, then the jackhammering began!

Next on the list is the digging out of the elevator pit – dug by hand. Plumbers and electricians have also been on site. Plumbers have had to cap off some of the radiant floor heat loops that were cut during the saw cutting of the floor. Electricians are running conduit in the tunnels for the overall project.

Further contracts have been signed this week: 1) with Stewart Installation for the sanctuary pew work, 2) with Total Environmental for further asbestos abatement in the second floor, and 3) with Sauder Worship Seating for lectern and pulpit work.

The schedule of work for Phase One – New Restrooms and Elevator:

- ◆ The new restrooms should be ready for use by the end of March
- ◆ The elevator shaft and elevator installation will be worked on through August
- ◆ Ceiling and flooring in the parlor, nursery/preschool room and first floor hallway will be addressed from now through early May.

The schedule of work for Phase Two – Sanctuary

- ◆ Pews will be removed the week of April 21 (Easter is April 20)
- ◆ Asbestos abatement to take place as soon as pews and carpet are removed
- ◆ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28

# BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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## Operating Fund Year to Date Report – YTD – As of January 30th

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Total Income         | \$26,670.39 |
| Total Expenses       | \$14,232.58 |
| Net Operating Income | \$12,437.81 |

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report – As of January 30th

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Mission Income        | \$23,685.85 |
| Mission Disbursements | \$489.23    |
| Net Mission Income    | \$23,196.62 |

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign – As of December 31, 2024

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 2025 Project Budget               | \$2,757,000 |
| Building Fund Balance with EGR    | \$2,144,857 |
| Building Funds with F & Bank      | \$314,304   |
| Building Project Expenses to Date | \$101,076   |
| Total                             | \$2,560,237 |
| Funds to be Raised to Meet Budget | \$196,763   |

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## MISSION-A-MONTH - FISH PANTRY

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With the help of the Archbold Area Ministerial Association, many individuals, other churches, and businesses in the community, FISH has been effectively serving those in need in the Archbold community. St. John's collects food and personal care items as well as monetary donations in support of the FISH Pantry throughout the month of February.

Visit [www.archboldfish.org/](http://www.archboldfish.org/) to learn more about this local project.

## Don't Forget to Pray

Mrs. M. A. KIDDER

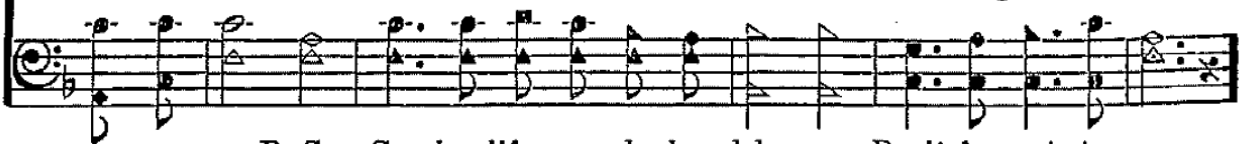
W. O. PERKINS



1. Ere you left your room this morn-ing, Did you think to pray? In the name of
2. When you met with great temp-ta-tion, Did you think to pray? By His dy-ing
3. When your heart was filled with an-ger, Did you think to pray? Did you plead for
4. When sore tri-als came up-on you, Did you think to pray? When your soul was



Christ, our Sav - ior, Did you sue for lov-ing fa - vor As a shield to - day?  
 love and mer - it, Did you claim the Ho - ly Spir - it As your guide and stay?  
 grace, my broth - er, That you might forgive an - oth - er Who had crossed your way?  
 bowed in sor - row, Balm of Gil - ead did you bor - row At the gates of day?



*D. S.—So when life seems dark and dreary, Don't for-get to pray.*

## CHORUS

*D. S.*

Oh, how pray-ing rests the wea - ry! Prayer will change the night to day;





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **SYF Super Bowl Sub Sale**- Senior Youth Fellowship will once again hold their annual Sub Sale Fundraiser on **February 9<sup>th</sup>**! High schoolers will be preparing turkey, ham, and roast beef subs with cheese and lettuce. Each sub will be served with a cookie, bag of chips, and pickle spear, as well as condiment packets. We will have an SYF Youth taking pre-orders in the sanctuary narthex before and after both services of worship TODAY. We simply ask for a freewill donation to help support our senior high youth ministries, which can be given at the time of sub pickup on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your financial and prayer support of our high school ministries!
- ◆ **“Praise the Lord together singing Alleluia!”** As a part of my music planning for this year, I would like to extend the opportunity to you, as the congregation of St. Johns, to help shape our music ministry in bringing praise to God. During the month of February, I would like to hear what your favorite hymn or worship song is that you would like included in our worship services. I will try and honor all requests and place them in the services throughout this coming year. If you would like to share a favorite song, please do so by one of the following methods – 1) email Buffy at [siccmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:siccmusicdirector@gmail.com), 2) text or call 419-572-6880 or 3) speak to Buffy in person. If you are willing, please let me know why you chose this song/why it is a favorite of yours and if you are willing to let the congregation know who chose it. I look forward to hearing from you and experience singing some new songs, maybe some forgotten songs and even the treasured ones we know and love. Buffy Riley, Interim Director of Music
- ◆ **RightNow Media** - St. John's continues to provide our congregation with the free gift of a digital library of over 20,000 Bible study resources and videos (think of it as Netflix for Bible Studies and faith-based illustrations!) Watch on your own or with a group to experience the mission Jesus gave to his people - making disciples of all nations. Everyone is welcome to sign up for free by texting the keyword "STJOHNS" to 49775 or by contacting the church office. You can stream videos on any device online or through the RightNow Media app available on IOS, Android, Roku, Chromecast, or FireTV.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! February's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **February 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 11:30AM in the chapel. Following an always delicious meal, those present will enjoy some special entertainment as we work our way from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday.
- ◆ **Widow/Widower Event - Thursday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5PM-7:30PM** at Pettisville Missionary Church. Free dinner and program provided by Weeping Willow Florist. Must call Weeping Willow to register at 419-445-7773. Registration deadline is Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Ed Wyrick and family, upon the passing of Dianne on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the age of 87. Services will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Tim Lairrd, son-in-law of Gary & Judy Salisbury, had surgery on January 29<sup>th</sup> for cancer in his sinuses.
- ◆ Scott & JoAnn Short are very thankful for all of the prayers, cards and well wishes shared with them over the past several weeks.
- ◆ Ron McCurdy, Jim's brother, who continues dealing with serious health issues.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jeff & Laura Bostelman, as Jeff awaits the next stage of his cancer treatments.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart's latest scan was a good one, with progress in his treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #104
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #108
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Bryan, 43506, Room #130
- ◆ Dencel Miller, Fairlawn Haven Care Center, Room #166
- ◆ Josephine Short, Fairlawn Haven, Room #152B
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #111

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – praising God for safe arrival and for meeting her team and roommates; pray for her as she starts further language and culture learning, for her adjustment to the location and for her health, and for her to be led by the Spirit in meeting people.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit's wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ 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)

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2ND AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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|     |         |  |
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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)                 |
| Tue | 9:15AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)                          |
|     | 4:00PM  | Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)       |
|     | 5:00PM  | Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran) (Parish Hall) |
|     | 6:45PM  | Mission Committee (Fireside Room)                    |
| Wed | 1:00PM  | Succession Team (Fireside Room)                      |
|     | 6:00PM  | LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)         |
|     | 7:00PM  | JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)                 |
|     | 7:00PM  | Adult Small Group (Parlor)                           |
|     | 7:30PM  | Adult Bell Practice (Sanctuary)                      |
| Fri | 7:10AM  | Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore Spa)  |
|     | 5:00PM  | Gym/Kitchen Reserved                                 |
| Sat | 7:40AM  | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)               |
|     | 11:00AM | SYF Sub Sale Prep                                    |
| 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)                 |
|     | 6:00PM  | Seekers  |

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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|                |   |                     |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| Accompanist    | Buffy Riley   |                     |
| Song Leader    | (8:00) David Stuckey  | (10:30) Praise Team |
| Worship Leader | Jocelyn Walker  |                     |
| Lay Readers    | (8:00) Joshua Reeb  | (10:30) Avery Roth  |
| Acolytes       | (8:00) Kamy Link  | (10:30) Grant Cover |
| Easy Worship   | Brian Roth  |                     |
| Sound Tech     | (8:00) Kelly Ducey  | (10:30) James Grime |
| Live Stream    | (10:30) Ollie MacDonald   |                     |
| Nursery        | (10:30) Brooke Lerma and Emily Hines                                      |                     |
| Usher          | (8:00) Linda Heer   |                     |
| Head Usher     | Dave Walker   |                     |
| Ushers         | (10:30) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve, Jed & Jen Grime                            |                     |
| Praise Team:   | Lynne Christman, Todd Nafziger, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker, Bruce Wooley |                     |

## 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!

### SYF FUNDRAISER

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR SUBS IN  
THE NARTHEX BEFORE AND AFTER BOTH  
SERVICES



*Rest & Restoration*

### Bible Study for High School Girls

Every other Friday morning starting  
September 13th at 7:00am  
at Rest & Restore in Archbold

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