



February 16, 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

*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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." 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

“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 29:1-2 (p. 547)

(8:00) Prelude

“Holy and Anointed One”

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

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Impact”

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

#50, “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

#339, “Since I Have Been Redeemed”

† (10:30) Opening Praise Songs

“Rise Up and Praise Him”

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading

John 4:19-26 (p. 1053), Psalm 51:15-17 (p. 562)

† Sermon Hymn

#398, “Fill My Cup, Lord”

Sermon

“Worshipping God”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Give Us Clean Hands”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closing Hymn

#295, “Revive Us Again”

† (10:30) Closing Song

“Surrender”

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song

#296, v. 3, “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

† (10:30) Benediction in Song

“My Life is in You Lord”

† Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29:1-2: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

John 4:19-26: "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Psalm 51:15-17: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

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!



The Gideons
International

SERMON NOTES: "WORSHIPPING GOD"

Peeling back the layers of an onion...

- 1) Many Jews disdained any contact with Samaritans
- 2) Sychar and Jacob's Well
- 3) A Samaritan woman comes to the well, Jesus converses with her
- 4) Living water...not from the well... but from Jesus
- 5) Worship



- a) Christians should want to worship in the way God wants us to worship.
- b) How does God want us to worship Him? In spirit and in truth.
- c) Worship is of the spirit – being honest and open with God.
- d) Worship is of the truth – accurately knowing who God is.
- e) Worship is
 - i) Connecting with God, offering ourselves to Him in praise
 - ii) When our spirits fill with awe, wonder and gratitude as we recognize God as the great creator and savior
 - iii) In the heart, not about a place
 - iv) Paul and Barnabas prayed and sang hymns in a prison cell (Acts 16:25)
 - v) Miriam's song after the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 15:21)
 - vi) David danced before the Lord (2 Samuel 6:14)
 - vii) When Peter & John healed a lame man, the man praised God (Acts 3:8)
 - viii) Mary poured expensive perfume on the feet of Jesus (John 12:3)
- f) Worship starts in the heart and overflows in outward expression
- g) Worship occurs when Christians live what they believe and speak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Kajiado College Scholarship** - We are pleased to share that applicant, Emily S. Walker, has been selected for this year's Kajiado College Scholarship! Emily will be attending the summer mission trip to Kenya from June 4-14th. Along with Emily, there are eleven other participants from six churches confirmed, including Annie Foote, as well as individuals from Sarasota, FL and Charlotte, NC. Five people, including Emily, are visiting KCH for the first time. The group will be providing Bible studies and many activities to the children during their stay in Kenya, with the possibility of painting a classroom in the new junior high school while they are there. Please be in prayer for Emily as she prepares for this trip. After reviewing her personal testimony, we have no doubt that she will be an excellent example of Christian love in the lives of kids at Kajiado.
- ◆ **“Sing to the King who is coming to reign!”** 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 sjccmusicdirector@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
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! February's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **February 20th 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.
- ◆ **SYF Work Night at FISH Pantry** - SYF will be held at the FISH Pantry (1309 S. Defiance St.) on Wednesday, **February 26th** to provide hands-on support to our Mission-a-Month project. Please meet at the pantry no later than 7:00PM, where we will learn more about this local mission project, stock shelves, and organize the back storeroom. SYF attendance is highly encouraged this night - we had perfect attendance with JYF in November so let's show the pantry our senior high support too!
- ◆ **Giving Statements** were either emailed or sent via regular postal service the last week of January. If you did not receive yours please let the church office know.

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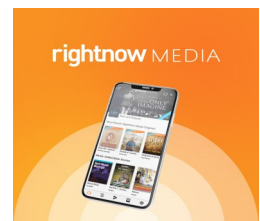
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Welcome to February, another month closer to Spring. February has so many happy events, like Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, Birthdays and the big event, "GIF Gals Get Together!" This time we are gathering for lunch at **Mancino's in Archbold on Feb. 27th**, 11:30AM. Please save this day to join us for good food and inspiring fellowship. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Bring a friend or even a stranger off the streets. All single gals are welcome.
- ◆ **Faith & Family Night with the Toledo Walleye** - The Toledo Walleye are once again hosting a Faith & Family Night on **Sunday, March 9th**! This has been a popular fellowship outing the past several years and we're excited to return! Tickets are \$19 each and can be reserved by scanning the QR code, contacting the church office, or signing up on the bulletin board. As in previous years, there will be a pregame Q&A session led by Walleye players and coaches including a local faith band. Pre-game faith session begins at 3:00PM. There will also be FREE open skate after the game for anyone who would like to stay! The Huntington Center will have skate rental available for \$5 each.
- ◆ **2025 Easter Flowers** - Flowers will again decorate the base of our Easter cross and are donated in memory or honor of those we love with those names listed in our Easter bulletins. Anyone is welcome to order. The **Easter Flower order form** is posted on the wandering bulletin board. Flower selections include daffodils, lilies, and a variety of colors of hyacinths, tulips, and mums. The cost is \$12 each. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 16th**.
- ◆ **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.



Rest & Restoration

Bible Study for High School Girls

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



stjohnsarchbold.org/rightnow-media/

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025

- ◆ The excavation of the pit for the elevator shaft includes digging a 3' x 3' area even deeper for a sump pump pit, and that has evidently been some tough digging.
- ◆ The workers are preparing to set forms for the base and walls of the elevator shaft.
- ◆ Unfortunately, the contractor who was lined up to take care of the pew restoration needed to withdraw his contract due to personal health issues. Fortunately, a contractor that had submitted a bid, who had already been notified we went with another company, was willing to reconsider our project, and we are in the process of finalizing that contract so we can get on their work schedule.

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

- ◆ We are now waiting to see if the pews will be removed the week of 4/21 (Easter is 4/20)
- ◆ Asbestos abatement to take place as soon as pews and carpet are removed
- ◆ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28

MISSION-A-MONTH - FISH PANTRY

During the month of February St. John's collects food and personal care items as well as monetary donations in support of the FISH Pantry. It is the goal of the Archbold Fish Pantry to assist low-income Archbold families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and share God's love and grace with all. Help is given through food as well as an emergency phone line that is available for help with rent, electric, gas, prescriptions, etc. Visit www.archboldfish.org/ to learn more about this local project.



BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report – As of February 13th

Total Income	\$38,997.55
Total Expenses	\$57,054.99
Net Operating Income	-\$18,057.44

Mission Fund Year to Date Report – As of February 13th

Mission Income	\$27,977.07
Mission Disbursements	\$11,517.49
Net Mission Income	\$16,459.58

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign – As of February 13, 2025

2025 Project Budget	\$2,757,000.00
Building Fund Balance with EGR	\$2,152,732.48
Building Funds with F&M Bank	\$83,333.13
Building Project Expenses to Date	<u>\$349,039.85</u>
Total	<u>\$2,585,105.46</u>
Funds to be Raised to Meet Budget	\$171,894.54

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Praise Team
Lay Readers	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Children's Message	Jocelyn Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer	(10:30) Dawsyn Martinez
Easy Worship	Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery	(10:30) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge	
Usher	(8:00) Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
Ushers	(10:30) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve, Jed & Jen Grime	
Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker, Bruce Wooley	

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH 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
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	1:00PM	Meal Support Team (Fireside Room)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Mission & Service Team) (Parish Hall)
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)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Fireside Room)
Fri	7:10AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restoration 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jim McCurdy and family, upon the passing of Jim's brother, Ron, who passed away on February 8th. Services were held on Friday, February 14th in Harlan, Indiana.
- ◆ Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Keith & Kim Kern, and family upon the passing of Jeff on February 10th. Visitation is this afternoon from 1PM to 5PM at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in Napoleon, with the funeral service at 11AM on Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon.
- ◆ Shirley & Kenny Nafziger, brother of Mary Ellen Johnson, as Shirley is in ICU as the medical team addresses bleeding issues.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, who continues to struggle with weight loss, and is going through new testing regarding an infection. Pray for wisdom, peace and endurance in this race.
- ◆ Emily K. Walker, as she recovers from elbow surgery performed on February 5th.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS and receiving treatments.
- ◆ Tim Laird, son-in-law of Gary & Judy Salisbury, who had surgery on February 10th for cancer in his sinuses. They await lab results, but indications are it might not be cancer – an answer to many prayers!
- ◆ Marilyn Buehrer, who will spend about a month at a skilled nursing care center while recovering from a recent mild stroke.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as his January 30th PET scan came back good!

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DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Feb 17 Prove Yourself!-----John 6:25-40
Feb 18 You Are What You Eat-----John 6:41-59
Feb 19 Words of Life-----John 6:60-71
Feb 20 Knowing the Time-----John 7:1-13
Feb 21 Whose Glory?-----John 7:14-24
Feb 22 Water For the Thirsty-----John 7:25-39
Feb 23 Unless the Lord...-----Psalm 127

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS CONTINUED:

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Bryan, 43506, Room #130
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – pray for her as she continues further language and culture learning, and for her to be led by the Spirit in meeting people.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7th & 8th 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)

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