

February 23, 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

Responsive Scripture Reading (L-Leader; P-People; A-All)

Revelation 15:3-4

L: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

P: *Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.*

L: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

P: *For you alone are holy.*

A: *All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.*

Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

“You Are Holy”

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

† Hymns of Praise

insert, “Great and Wonderful”
#76, “O For a Thousand Tongues”**
#72, “We Will Glorify”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

“Sharing the Good News”

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

Special Music

Raegan Rutledge

“My Everything”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:18-20 (p. 989), 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 (p. 1139)

† Sermon Hymn

#297, “I Love to Tell the Story”

Sermon

“Evangelizing the People”

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Offer My Life”

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn

#307, “Send the Light”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#315, v. 5, “Let Your Heart Be Broken”

**Hymn #76 “O for a Thousand Tongues” is a favorite hymn for David Stuckey. David recalls singing this beloved hymn often in church while growing up. He especially likes verse 4 where the impossible becomes possible with the help of Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-5: “Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.”

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.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY POSITION

The Consistory has determined to move forward with making the Director of Music Ministry position permanent from “interim” as suggested at the Annual Meeting in January. Buffy Riley has served as the Interim Director of Music Ministry for the past 1 ½ years. She will be applying for the Director of Music Ministry position. Past practice of the church has been that when a permanent position becomes available, it is posted within the congregation. Anyone interested in applying for this position should contact Laura Johnson, chair of the Personnel Committee, at ljohanson@gmail.com. A copy of the job description of the position that Buffy has been filling will be forwarded to the interested applicant. All applicants need to **apply by March 15th**.

SERMON NOTES: "EVANGELIZING THE PEOPLE"

What is evangelism?

- ◆ "Go and make disciples...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."
- ◆ Jesus has a purpose for us. Not just as a church, but as individuals.
- ◆ Evangelism, in modern times, is church members witnessing to others so they may become saved and baptized believers in Jesus Christ.

Telling others who Christ is – 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

- ◆ By this gospel you are saved
- ◆ If you hold firmly to the word
- ◆ Passed on to you as of first importance
 - ◇ Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures
 - ◇ He was buried, He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures
 - ◇ He appeared

How do we evangelize?

- ◆ Impersonal – billboards, pamphlets, social media posts...
- ◆ Church/Individual – supporting missionaries and mission agencies
- ◆ Personal – word of mouth, conversations
- ◆ A way of life...building relationships, friendliness, conviction
- ◆ Matthew 10:7-8 – As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Where do we evangelize?

- ◆ Wherever people are found...
 - Community - Work - Shopping
 - School - Vacations - Restaurants

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Feb 24 A Bad-Tempered Prophet-----Jonah 1
Feb 25 A Prodigal Prophet-----Jonah 2
Feb 26 An Obedient Prophet-----Jonah 3
Feb 27 A Jealous Prophet-----Jonah 4
Feb 28 God's Hatred of Evil-----Nahum 1
Mar 01 Almighty and Everlasting God-----Nahum 2,3
Mar 02 Happy Families-----Psalm 128

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **“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
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **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**.
- ◆ **“God Winks” books** - All of the “God Winks” booklets have found new homes. Some went to different medical facilities within the Wauseon Hospital. Some found a place in the Bryan Medical Doctors building. Others to the Women’s Health Clinic, Friendship House, a dialysis facility, and a homeless shelter in Henry County. I want to give a big THANK YOU to all who donated their book for this mission. It is nice that anyone can call upon the members of St. John’s for help and know they will respond. - Carol DeVries



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Sojourners Class)
Wed	5:30PM	SYF Senior Dinner (Casa Vieja)
	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (work night at FISH)
	7:00PM	Adult Small Group (Parlor)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thur	11:30AM	GIF Gals (Mancino's)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Jocelyn Walker
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge (10:30) Charlee Gearig
Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
Nursery	(10:30) Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines
Usher	(8:00) Linda Heer
Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	(10:30) Jed & Jen Grime, Ryan & Jill Holdgreve,

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- ◆ **One Call Now** - We will **not** be renewing our contract with One Call Now. Instead we will be relying on emails and text messages through Breeze, supplemented by direct calls from the church office to those who do not email or text. Now would be a good time to make sure your Breeze information is accurate.
 - ◆ **Blood Drive** - The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Rauhley Park Pavilion, 320 W Holland Street, on **Tuesday, March 4th from 11AM - 5PM.**
 - ◆ **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.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Stacy & Jeff Rutledge and family upon the passing of her mother, Theresa Prince, on February 15th at the age of 91. A Celebration of Theresa's Life will take place on March 1st from 11:30AM to 1:30PM in Grand Rapids, MI.
- ◆ Shirley & Kenny Nafziger, brother of Mary Ellen Johnson, as Shirley returned home from the ICU earlier this week.
- ◆ Marilyn Buehrer, who is now in rehab at Ohio Living Swan Creek in Toledo.
- ◆ 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, who was cleared to return back to work this past Thursday.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS and receiving treatments.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as his January 30th PET scan came back good!

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., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ 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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