

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

A monthly Newsletter for St. John's Christian Church  
Family and Friends

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### Please Pray For:

- The family of Mike Henry upon Mike's entering into eternal life on January 27th at the age of 70. Pray for his wife, Sue, and their children, Jenny, Beth and Scott and their families.
  - Dale VonDeylen has been referred for further treatment as a significant mass is on one of his kidney's, with test results indicating he has stage two cancer.
  - Jamie Beck continues to recover from recent (January 15) fusion surgery in her lower back.
  - Velma Overmier is a resident of Fulton Manor, room 505-1.
  - Verlene Lovejoy is recovering from a January 15th hip surgery following a fall.
  - Marvin Fish spent several days at Bryan Hospital and is now on oxygen.
  - Sandy Miller is in the midst of chemo treatments.
  - Audrey Smith is now a resident at Genacross (Alpine Village) in Napoleon – 1036 S. Perry Street, 43545.
  - Bettie Perry remains in hospice care at her apartment near Cincinnati.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

**PFC Brenden Bostelman (Army)** (Alaska)  
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)

**PFC Kohl Collins (Army)** (Ft. Meyer, VA)  
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

**Kyle Ducey (Navy)** (Suffolk, VA)  
(Son of Kelly & Betsy)

**Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)** (Washington D.C.)  
(Son of Keith & Kelli)

**Eric Magg (Coast Guard)** (Ketchikan, AK)  
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

**AB Shane & Taylor Pitts (Air Force)**  
(Albuquerque, NM) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

**David Richardson, (Marines)** (Okinawa, Japan) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).

**Joshua Richardson, (Marines)** (MCBH, Kaneohe, Hawaii) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).

**Steven Schink (Coast Guard)** (Port Angeles, WA) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer)

**AJ Short (Marines)** (Japan)  
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

**PFC Kyle Stuckey (Army)** (Killeen, TX)  
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

**Kollin Woolace (Marines)** (Jacksonville, NC)  
(Grandson of Larry & Melva)



Please consider sending cards to these people letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd. Archbold, 43502  
David Lightner, Room #138  
Esther Rice, Room #137A  
Josephine Short, Room #112  
Paul Sigg, Room #178  
Jane Short, Room #176  
Nancy Ries, Room #158 - (Memory Care Unit)

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502  
William & Donna Buehrer, Room #230  
Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Room #228

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502  
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567  
Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2  
Velma Overmier Room #505-1  
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2  
Joanne Spotts, Room #113

SKLD, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506  
Verlene Lovejoy, Room 203B

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, OH 43545  
Audrey Smith

## **pastor's letter**

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Do you remember the story of the paralyzed man in Mark 2? His four friends carry him to see Jesus. The Bible is often incredibly succinct in telling its stories, so I wonder if mentioning the number of friends is significant? Perhaps the four friends took turns carrying the paralyzed man, one at his head, one at his feet, until they got tired, and then switched out with the two other friends with them. What if only three friends came to help the paralyzed man? They wouldn't have enough for the rotation of two carrying and two resting. Maybe they would have had to set their friend down and take a break? Maybe the distance they traveled was long enough that these breaks along the way would have slowed them down enough that they would not have made it in time to see Jesus?

We simply don't have enough details in the story to conclusively answer my questions. However, we can say with a little more certainty, that if the paralyzed man only had one friend come to help him, this friend would have found the task of carrying the paralytic man to be quite a burden, perhaps even impossible.

My point is this: you can make a difference. Perhaps there's a ministry team at church that already has three people. Surely they won't need you as a fourth, right? Perhaps your contribution is exactly what is needed for the team to thrive. Maybe your contribution is even the difference between the group getting their friend to Jesus or not.

Another point we can take from this reflection is this: while you can make a difference, you do need help. What if there are people in our lives, who, no matter how much we love them and point them to God, won't ever make it to Jesus unless we enlist the help of others? What if we, as Christians, talked about our friends who were in need, and prayed about how we might work together to help our friends, and made plans together of how we might help, and then pursued our friends in the love of God?

You can make a difference. And you do need help. Let us join the cause and join together that we might see more and more of our friends and neighbors come to Jesus, receive God's love, and rejoice in his salvation.

Grace and Peace,

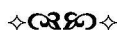


## **congregational news & thank you's**

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### **Pastor's February Schedule**

Pastor Erich will be guiding the February 8th-15th trip to Back Bay Mission, and then after being home for two days, he and Lynne will be traveling to Bozeman, Montana to visit with his mother. They will return on February 25th, in time for Ash Wednesday.



Thank you, friends! You make such a difference for the children here! Abuse, neglect, trafficking, brain trauma and more bring kids to Crossroad. You help them learn to live with promising futures!

Kyle Zanker  
Crossroad Child & Family Services



"I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessings." Ezekiel 34:26  
YOU are our "shower of blessing!" Thank you for your prayers and your financial gifts this past year. We so appreciate each and every one of you! Thank YOU!

Shepherd Circle

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Dear St. John's Christian Church, Pastors & Staff,

Thank you so much for everything! Thank you for the many years of providing your church space & gym for the outreach ministries of YFC. Thank you for providing your chapel, Sanctuary and fellowship hall for Rick's visitation, service and meal. Please let the family who moved their Christmas gathering for us, know how much we appreciate their great sacrifice. We were so blessed by their generosity. Words cannot express our debt of gratitude for your friendship, abundant generosity, thoughtfulness, kindness, love and care. Thank you kindly!

Sincerely,  
The Family of Rick Jones

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during my back surgery and for my recovery. Thanks for the cards, phone calls, text messages, visits and meals. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Jamie Beck

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Dear Pastor Erich & the St. John's Family,

Thank you for your continued and generous support of the children at Crossroad Child & Family Services. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and provision.

Liz Bergren  
Crossroad Child & Family Services

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Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Saying "thank you" is not sufficient for all you have done for the Friendship House during 2019. Because of you, our lights are on, food is in the pantry and we are helping a mom and her two boys. Thank you again for your continued support of the Friendship House. You are so faithful in your support. You are a blessing!

In His Name,  
Gloria Lauber - Bookkeeper

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Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for the support of St. John's Christian Church for Kajiado Children's Home in 2019 through your members, child sponsors and memorials for Larry Rupp. We couldn't do this important work without you. Because of you, these children receive physical and spiritual care in a loving environment along with educational opportunities and medical care. Every child deserves HOPE and your support provides them hope for a better future. Thank you again for all you do to create a better future for these children.

Sincerely,  
Gaye List - Chairman, Board of Directors

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Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for supporting me financially and through prayer as I prepare to travel to Guatemala on a mission trip! Your support means more than words can describe. I'm excited to see the way God works during the trip, and this opportunity would not be possible without your help.

Thank you again!  
Leah Hall

# mission corner

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## *February Mission-A-Month* **FISH Food Pantry**

It is the goal of the Archbold Fish Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's love and care. The Archbold Fish Pantry serves approximately 100 households each month. All of those households have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold Fish Pantry. Each month nearly 4,000 food items are distributed and approximately \$700 is used to help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. The Archbold Fish Pantry is completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need.

Below is a current list of needed items, but all items are welcome.

### FOOD

- Canned potatoes, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce
- Canned pineapple, mandarin oranges\*
- 1 lb bags of white rice\*
- Kids' cereal
- Soups (not tomato or chicken noodle)
- Sugar
- Pop tarts
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Cake mix and frosting

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- Toilet paper
- Paper towel
- Multi-purpose cleaner\*
- Toilet cleaner
- Dish soap\*
- 2 in 1 Shampoo\*
- Deodorant\*
- Diapers(size 4,5,6)
- Toothpaste

Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the chapel narthex. You can also give monetary donations through your weekly offering envelopes or in the church office weekdays from 8AM-5PM. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk.

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### **Back Bay Mission Trips**

There are 11 people signed up for the February trip. They'll be framing a roof of a one story 1,700 square foot home, and spending time in the Micah Day Center for the homeless, at the local soup kitchen and in BBM's food pantry.

It's looking like the October trip might be the last trip scheduled with Back Bay Mission, so anyone who's ever thought about going on one of these trips might want to plan on the October trip. - 10/24-31

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### **Kajiado Children's Home**

As St. John's continues to support the ministry of this vital care giving and educational home, we've been made aware that there are some spots available on an upcoming trip to visit the home. The group will be leaving on June 10th and returning on June 18th. David & Crissi Stuckey will be participating in this trip in their roles as board members of the Hope for Kajiado Corporation. If you're interested in learning more about this mission opportunity, talk with David, Crissi or Pastor Erich.



**Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:**

- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- Reliant (Chase, Hensch & Pardi), for our gift of \$2100.
- CRU (McMahon), for our gift of \$1000.
- Friendship House, for our gift of \$590.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift of \$2389.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1255.
- YFC, for our gift of \$20.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$2519.
- Samaritan's Purse, for our gift of \$1368.
- CWS, for our gift of \$500.
- Pioneers (Doriot's), for our gift of \$60.
- Altlink (Langdorf's), for our gift of \$780.

St. John's offers several experiences for people to deepen their Christian faith while sharing the love and light of Christ with others.

**Upcoming mission experiences:**

- February 9-15, 2020 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- June 10-18, 2020 - Hope for Kajiado, Kenya
- June 13-20, 2020 – Dominican Republic Mission Trip
- June 14-19, 2020 – Summer Mission Trip, LaPorte County, Indiana
- October 25-31, 2020 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi

**DR Mission Trip – June 13-20, 2020**

Freedom International Ministries is located on the island of Hispaniola, in the Dominican Republic. Currently, they are based out of a town called San Pedro de Macoris. San Pedro is home to more than 190,000 people. Founded in the late 19th century, this city is situated along the Caribbean Sea on the south coast of the island.

Freedom has started a bilingual, Christian school near the town of Ramón Santana. Over 100 sugarcane villages are found in the surrounding area. Their school serves families of Ramón Santana and the nearby bateyes. They have 410 students enrolled in eight levels for the 2019-2020 school year. Each year, another grade will be added. The final goal is to grow the school to 1,800 students. A student who attends Freedom from pre-school to high school graduation will have 18,000 hours of contact time with teachers and staff who love the Lord.

Through mission trips, Freedom invites people to participate in what God is doing in the Dominican Republic, spending time loving on “the least of these,” reflecting on what God is doing in their own life, all the while, helping to further the ministry of Freedom.

St. John's supports two missionary families serving with Freedom – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel & Bethany Schrock. A June 13-20, 2020 trip is a joint effort between Pettisville Missionary Church (PMC) and St. John's. At the present time, PMC has 20 youth and adults and SJCC has 17 youth and adults participating, so the group could total 37!

The SYF will be working to raise funds for the trip, as the cost per person is \$1,500. Support is being offered through the church's mission budget, team fundraisers and participant support.

**Summer Mission Trip - In Cooperation with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity (LCHF)**

This week of lodging and dining at Tower Hill Conference Center in Sawyer, Michigan, while working with LCHF in nearby Michigan City, is scheduled for June 14-19. It's another great week of fellowship and service!

## Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



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# ministry happenings

## Christian Education

## Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

### Mark your calendars for this year's VBS!

The dates are set for June 7-11, 2020.

## LOGOS

Our Wednesday evening program for children is back in full swing. Our nightly themes for January have been, "Everybody's Birthday Night", where we ate birthday cake and celebrated everyone's birthday; "Got Milk? Night", where we learned that milk is packed with vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients that your body needs to live, as well as sugars and fats which provide your body with energy; "Opposite Night", where we thought about lots of opposites that are found in the book of Proverbs, and played "Opposite" Bingo; and "Super Bowl Night", where we talked all about the Chiefs and the 49ers. Feel free to stop in and check out what goes on during LOGOS on Wednesday evenings.

## SYF

This semester at SYF we're going to be learning more about the fruit of the Spirit and how this fruit can be a part of our lives. Want to know the secret? Read John 15:4-5.

## AMS Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Pastor Alex and Eliot Nofziger (from Youth For Christ) co-lead a Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 7:15-8am, at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers. This semester we're picking up with the story of the New Testament, following the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the commissioning and empowering of his disciples to be his witnesses throughout the world. Come for the lessons, come for the friends, come for the games, or just come for the donuts and chocolate milk!



# ministry happenings

## Friday Morning Small Group

Jenny Young continues to enjoy meeting with several high school girls for small group conversations and coffee at McDonald's before school on Friday mornings. Feel free to contact her if you're interested in joining the group and getting some coffee on her!



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Please join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study group. This weekly time of fellowship, prayer and Bible study explores the Discovery Guide's daily lesson for that Tuesday. The two pastors take turns leading the study time, which occurs from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Fireside Room.



The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck on Sunday, February 9th after the late service. The committee will be providing a meat entrée, drinks and tableware. We invite you to join us for good food and fellowship and to bring a dish that you "love" to share.

## Men's Ministry

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast and fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Our meeting time for February is Saturday, February 8 at 7:40AM.

## Third Thursday Lunch

The next Third Thursday luncheon will be held on February 20, 2020, beginning at 11:30pm in the parish hall. Those in attendance will discover what menu Judy Sears has come up with for the meal, as well as enjoy a short program on an area mission project.



## Couples Small Group

Our next meeting is February 9th at 6pm in the SYF room.

## Trip Participant For Hire Fundraiser

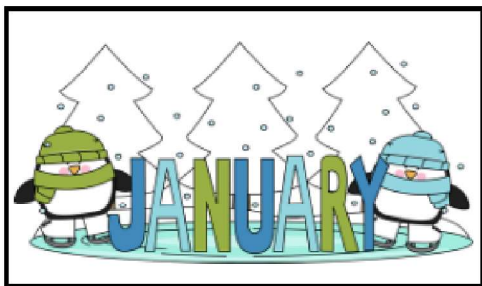
The 17 participants for the Dominican Republic mission trip are looking for odd jobs to do for you to raise funds for their trip. Need a babysitter for a night? Need help with a project around your house? Our trip participants might be able to help. There's an unverified rumor that Mark Nofziger wants to help with your house cleaning. But he might be in high demand because of the rumor. If we can't get him scheduled to serve at your house, we should be able to find another participant who is willing to help! Contact Ryan Christman (419-551-2124) if you'd like to "hire" one of our participants for their service in exchange for your donation to the DR mission trip. Thank you!



## Stephen Ministry

A bit belated Happy New Year from your Stephen Ministers and Leaders at St. John's! Whether you've already made your New Year's resolutions or are still thinking about how to make this year a little better than the last, here's one resolution you might include on your list: **Embrace opportunities to care for people who are hurting.**

We probably all know someone who is facing challenging times—illness, grief, job loss, or some other life difficulty. By reaching out and being a caring presence, we can make a big difference in the lives of those who are hurting. Make a difference. Choose care, compassion, consideration, kind-heartedness, love, tenderness, presence and patience in dealing with others. We must love those He loves, serve those He serves and refuse to relent in doing the good Jesus did. You are God's chosen... and God's chosen are on the move!



## preschool corner

Registration for next fall has begun! We still have space in a couple of classes, so if you know anyone who has a child who will turn 3 by Aug. 1, 2020, let them know about our program!

We hope you have been enjoying our artwork in the hallways! After we returned from Christmas Break, we started learning about the season of “Winter” and “Arctic Animals”. We learned a lot of interesting facts about animals that live where it is COLD. We learned a few facts about the following animals: caribou, walrus, seal, arctic fox, penguin, snowshoe rabbit, and snowy owl. The younger children made penguins with paint and glitter, while the older children constructed walruses from paper plates, brown puffy paint and plastic forks (for tusks!)

All classes participated in an interactive story, *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett. We made a larger-than-life mitten in the gym, and ALL of the children fit in it!



*We loved skating in our “pretend” skating rink and drinking hot chocolate!*

During the third week of the month, we brought a little warmth into the classroom as we talked about “Ocean Animals” and the “Beach”. This is always a favorite among the children. We focused on the story of “Jonah and the Whale”, learning about how we should obey God and trust in him. The older children made a game to take home, with a whale (blue plastic cup) attached with a string to a white balloon filled with flour (Jonah). The whale had to “catch” Jonah. It was a challenge for some, but a fun activity for all! The younger children made a smaller Jonah activity with a clothespin and craft foam. We also had sand in the Sensory Table.



*Painting our arms to make giraffes was fun!*

The last week of the month centered around “Zoo Animals” and “Noah’s Ark”. We had a pretend Zoo Vet in our Dramatic Play area with stuffed animals and “doctor” supplies. The younger children played Zoo Animal Lotto, did a cut and glue activity sorting animals, and painted pictures of Noah’s Ark. The older children played a “Jenga-type” game with wooden elephants, completed a zoo animal maze and made a book about rainbows to take home.







## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— FISH Food Pantry Elder of the Month— Brad Roth					1
2 Super Bowl Subs 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	3 11:00AM Staff Meeting	4 7:15AM YFC Bible Study@AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM SYF Leader's Mtg. 7:00PM Christian Preschool Board	5 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF	6 7:00PM Mission Com.	7	8 Back Bay 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Back Bay Mission Trip						
9:15AM DR Trip Meeting (No SHSS)	11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision.	7:15AM YFC Bible Study@AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Property Committee	8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Sty. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM Facility Committee	10:00AM Preschool Valentine's Party (M,W, F) 2:00PM Preschool Valentine's Party (M,W, F) 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry	10:00AM Preschool Valentine's Party (T, TH) 2:00PM Preschool Valentine's Party (M,W, F)	
16 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	17 President's Day 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	18 7:15AM YFC Bible Study@AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM CE Team	19 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 6:00PM Facility Comm. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	20 11:30AM Third Thursday Luncheon		22
Pastor Erich & Lynne on Vacation						
23	24 11:00AM Staff Meeting	25 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Comm. Meal	26 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Sty. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	27 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry	28	29
Pastor Erich & Lynne on Vacation						



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Mary Beck
- 2 Bruce Wooley
- 4 Riley Kleck, Nancy Lightner, Karen Rice, Shirley Wyse
- 5 Kaenan Layton, Dave Miller, Brittany Yaichner
- 6 Rollin Nafziger
- 9 Karen Walker
- 10 Jason Pursel
- 11 Mindy Gruenhagen, Jen Lindsay
- 14 Sue Buehrer, Tucker Johnston, Keith & Kelli Kuntz
- 15 Teresa Mann
- 16 Hannah Grieser, Ryan Kinsman
- 17 Donna Buehrer, Rod Wyse

- 18 Jilian Kuntz, Jared Kuntz, Andrew Wyse
- 19 Erin Grieser, John Kauffman, Sue Kinsman, Judy Overmier, Ella Yoder
- 21 Blake Grime
- 22 Alex Young
- 24 Joe Short
- 28 Amy Christman

✻ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

# worship

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## February Worship Schedule

February 2nd	Scriptures – Psalm 130, Luke 18:9-14 Sermon – “Forgiveness – Forgiving Yourself” 10:30am – Chancel Choir – “Think About His Love”
February 9th	Scripture – Psalm 130, Genesis 50:15-21 Sermon – “Forgiveness – Forgiving Others” 10:30am – Special Music
February 16th	Scriptures – Psalm 130, Matthew 5:21-26 Sermon – “Forgiveness – I Am Sorry” 10:30am – Logos Hand Chime and Hand Bell Choirs
February 23rd	Scriptures – Psalm 130, Luke 15:17-24 Sermon – “Forgiveness – The Father’s Forgiveness” 10:30am – Special Music
February 26th	Ash Wednesday Scriptures – Ephesians 4:15-16, Hebrews 7:11-28 Sermon – “It’s Your Move” Special Music – Todd Nafziger



### March 1st Gospel Concert

The Mark Trammel Gospel Quartet will perform at SJCC on Sunday, March 1st at 6:00pm. If you see the posters, containing a picture of five men – the quartet is joined by their key board player in the photo (to answer a question asked by several!)

For over forty years Mark Trammell has been blessed to sing Gospel Music and has been a member of four of Gospel Music’s most acclaimed groups – The Kingsmen, The Cathedrals, Greater Vision and Gold City. Mark has stepped into a fresh mission that focuses on evangelism through the seamless integration of Gospel Music and preaching – The Mark Trammell Quartet.

If surrounding yourself with the right people is one of the keys of success, then Mark Trammell might be considered a ‘master locksmith’. Since he was 15 years old, Mark has literally been surrounded by and sung with some of the most respected men in Southern Gospel Music including Ray Shelton, Eldridge Fox, Jim Hamill, Squire Parsons, Ray Reece, Tim Riley, Glen Payne, and George Younce.

Mark states that the major reason for turning this trio into a quartet is the fact that he desires to help perpetuate the craft that he has given his life to, and to present every aspect of pure gospel quartet music to the best of their ability. In April 2012 MTQ celebrated 10 years of watching God take the unlikely and do the abnormal with only two ingredients involved in its success. Man’s obedience to the call of God, and God’s supernatural power to do the impossible through those who are stubborn enough to simply believe He can.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 each and can be purchased in the church office during the week.



# consistory/committees

## Church Treasurer

The Personnel Committee and the Consistory are pleased to announce that the church treasurer position has been filled by Mary Zimmerman. Mary is a CPA and recently retired from being the chief financial officer for a very large automotive group in Cleveland. Mary, and her husband, Roger, live at 116 S. Defiance Street, having spent a few years remodeling the home in which Roger grew up. Mary and Roger will soon be joining the membership of St. John's!

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Highlights of the Congregational Annual Meeting held on January 19th:

1. A quorum was established by having 105 members present, with an additional 15 members arriving after the count.
2. 2019 Financial Reports were approved.
3. 2020 Proposed budgets for the Operating Fund, Mission Fund and Capital Improvement Fund were approved.
4. Action was taken on the proposal from the Facility Committee – Jeff Rutledge moved that St. John's Christian Church engage with G5 Architecture per the October 18, 2019 "Scope of Services and Fee Proposal" to obtain preliminary drawings and cost estimate to improve the restrooms, worship experience, and overall physical accessibility of the church. Funds to cover this expense will come from donations contributed to the Building Fund that is associated with the Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign. Linda Rutledge seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
5. Results of the election of officers: President: Gary Frasier; Congregational Secretary: Missy Warncke; Elders: Ryan Christman and Robert DeVries; Deacon/Deaconess: Jim Grieser, Jan Lindsay and Crissi Stuckey.

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# February Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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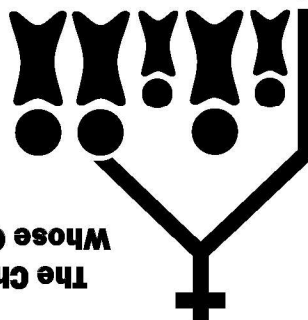
1 Looking Grace-Fully -----Luke 6:37-42	16 Firm Ground----- Psalm 40
2 Sin is Serious-----Psalm 38	17 Question Time-----Luke 9:18-27
3 Fruits and Foundations----- Luke 6:43-49	18 Cloudy and Sleepy -----Luke 9:28-36
4 A Journey of Faith ----- Luke 7:1-10	19 Down in the Valley-----Luke 9:37-45
5 Crowds United -----Luke 7:11-17	20 Small is Beautiful-----Luke 9:46-50
6 More Than... -----Luke 7:18-35	21 A Purpose-Driven Life-----Luke 9:51-56
7 An Uninvited Guest -----Luke 7:36-50	22 Sitting Comfortably?-----Luke 9:57-62
8 Perseverance Pays ----- Luke 8:1-15	23 Merciful God-----Psalm 41
9 Pursuing Hope ----- Psalm 39	24 Go, I am Sending You Out-----Luke 10:1-24
10 More Listening-----Luke 8:16-21	25 Big Questions-----Luke 10:25-37
11 Fear and Amazement ----- Luke 8:22-25	26 Only One Thing is Needed-----Luke 10:38-42
12 Life-Changing Power ----- Luke 8:26-39	27 Teach us How You Pray-----Luke 11:1-13
13 Just Believe----- Luke 8:40-56	28 Clash of Kingdoms ----- Luke 14-28
14 Don't Look Back ----- Luke 9:1-9	29 Sign of the Times -----Luke 11:29-36
15 Reasons to be Thankful-----Luke 9:10-17	

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