

AUGUST 21, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

A black and white photograph of various school supplies scattered on a desk, including pencils, pens, paper clips, a calculator, and a pair of scissors. A white sticky note is placed in the center of the image.

God bless our
students and
teachers!

COME HEAR THE REAISON 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.

Guests and Visitors

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 new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by scanning the QR code, by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc, or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at one of the literature racks.



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young children. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed. We are striving to restart our 10:30am Nursery Care ministry, which has been affected by sporadic need for care and difficulty in scheduling volunteers. People interested in helping are asked to contact the church office.

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 and Children's 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.



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.

Ringling 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 and Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

"As the Deer"

(10:30) Call to Worship

"Marvelous Things"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Revelation 15:3-4

†(8:00) Opening Hymn

#439, "Cleanse Me"

†(10:30) Opening Song

"Holy Spirit Come"

Unison Prayer of Confession— *Thank you, Lord, for your constant presence with us, individually and as a church body. I'm not sure why, but sometimes I continue to neglect or deny your steadfastness in my life, and in the life of the church. Forgive me. I confess, O God, to be too hesitant and too timid. I ask that you engage me, and us all, in a full use of the teachings from your Word, that each of our lives would be a greater light and witness of your grace and salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

†(8:00) Responsive Hymn

#339, "Since I Have Been Redeemed"

†(10:30) Responsive Song

"Not Be Shaken"

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#292, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

†(10:30) Sermon Song

"The Sound of the Saints"

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:19-30

Sermon

"Biblical Leadership: Barnabas"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Take Time to Be Holy"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#281, v. 1, "The Bond of Love"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

(8:00) #281, v. 2, "The Bond of Love"

(10:30) "Build Your Kingdom Here" (Refrain)

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 15:3-4 - ³And [they] sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. ⁴Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

Acts 11:19-30 - ¹⁹Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. ²⁰Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So, for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. ²⁷During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the gift of my community and my church. Help me to be a person, like Barnabas, who offers encouragement to those around me and sets aside my personal wants for the best interest of others. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

AUGUST MISSION-A-MONTH: BACK BAY MISSION

Offerings to Back Bay Mission can be designated on line item two of your offering envelopes or by selecting "Back Bay Mission" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

SERMON NOTES - "BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP: BARNABAS"

Barnabas

- ◆ Acts 4:36-37 "Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet."
- ◆ Acts 11:24 "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith,..."
- ◆ A co-worker and supporter of Paul
- ◆ Generous - enabled God's grace to be active amongst people
- ◆ Bridged the gap between the Jewish and Greek worlds
- ◆ Seen as someone who stayed in the background, not an "out front" type of person

Application

- ◆ Many people decry the state of the nation - people turning from God, violence and hatred abounding, disunity is real, a focus on "me" is prevalent, a loss of freedom is occurring
- ◆ In the times of the early Church, persecution was rampant, for hatred towards the followers of Christ was widespread
- ◆ Christian servants, leaders, empowered by God, believed, preached and encouraged

The Challenge

- ◆ Faithfulness
- ◆ Remain true
- ◆ Encouragement
- ◆ Be open to the Holy Spirit

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Camryn Stuckey
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Ryan Christman	
10:30 Ushers	Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman, Bruce & Carrie Wooley	

WEEK OF AUGUST 21ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	2:00PM	BINGO at Fairlawn
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC (Parish Hall)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Church Safety and Security** - The Consistory is in the process of establishing a safety and security plan for all aspects of our ministries, including areas such as risk assessment and management, building security, an emergency response plan, financial security protection, and safety training. To begin the process, church leaders are seeking interested people to help with this plan, especially those with experience in this area. Please contact the church office if you or someone in the community are available resources to begin.
- ◆ **Installation Service: Pastor Ryan Volkman** - We will celebrate Pastor Ryan's presence as the Pastor of Music and Worship during the 10:30AM service of worship on September 18th, including the Service of Installation through blessing and the laying on of hands.
- ◆ **TGRM Speaker and Truck** - The Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) is our Mission-A-Month during September. TGRM's executive director, Rev. Kelly Llanas will be at SJCC on B.L.A.S.T. Sunday, September 11th to share information about TGRM. Rev. Llanas will be bringing a panel truck or large van, as TGRM has done once before, to receive items for their ministry. *What items?* They typically receive items like what people would take to Care and Share or Good Will or such items that people might offer at garage sales. So if you have any items you would like to donate to TGRM, you could bring them on the 11th. Or if you want to bring them earlier than the 11th, please be in touch with the church office about where to drop them off (depending upon the day, it could be the gym or the storage building). Thanks!
- ◆ **Vacation** - Pastor Erich will be on vacation Tuesday through Friday this week. He will respond to pastoral concerns as they arise.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Aug 21 Keep It in Perspective ----- Psalm 9
Aug 22 Love and Live God's Way - 1 Corinthians 7:12-24
Aug 23 Don't Waver ----- 1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Aug 24 Be Ready to Give Up! ----- 1 Corinthians 8
Aug 25 God Understands Me ----- 1 Samuel 1
Aug 26 God Acts Justly ----- 1 Samuel 2:1-11
Aug 27 God Knows Everything ----- 1 Samuel 2:12-36

CHURCH CONSTITUTION SPOTLIGHT

A church constitution is a legal document that gives the church direction in ministry and administrative structure. The constitution documents what a church is, what it does and why it does it. Parts of a constitution include: purpose statement, doctrinal statement, membership requirements, leadership roles and responsibilities, and procedural and legal issues. Church leaders are looking to highlight specific areas of the constitution as part of the annual nomination and election process, so here is the first Constitution Spotlight:

SECTION I - NAME AND OBJECT

Article 1.

The name of this congregation shall be St. John's Christian Church of Archbold, Ohio.

Article 2.

The object of this congregation shall be to provide its members with the stated preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Sacraments, the facilities for public worship, and the exercise of Christian discipline; and to adopt and to carry out from time to time such measures as are in harmony with the spirit, teachings and customs of the Christian faith that shall promote the general interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Bob Kuntz, who continues in hospice care at Fulton Manor.
- ◆ Margaret Beck, a Tuesday Bible study participant, as she is in hospice care.
- ◆ Barbara Chapman, who fell and broke her hip on Wednesday and had surgery on Thursday.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as the new chemo medication is getting the best of her. Chloe is scheduled to leave for college in one week so big prayers are needed to help her feel well.
- ◆ Nan Neil, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 8/2.
- ◆ Rod & Joyce Kinsman, as Rod will have surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on August 25th to remove a tumor from his abdomen.
- ◆ Judy Sears, as she recovers from shoulder surgery on 7/15.
- ◆ Leah, Eric, Sarah and Emma, as Leah continues to have weekly treatments in Toledo and twice a month appointments in Ann Arbor.
- ◆ Tracey & Sodie Warren, as they await Tracey's second foot surgery, while still dealing with another disease.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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