

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Happy 5th
Birthday,
Karlle! (9/1)

Happy 18th
Birthday,
Krayton!
(9/2)

Scott Short,
celebrating his
60th Birthday!
(9/7)

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.

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

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 95:1-2

Prelude

"Creation"

†Opening Hymn

"Earth and All Stars" (insert)

†Responsive Reading

#674, "Dedicated Service"

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Pastor Ryan Volkman

"I Will Rise"

†Sermon Hymn

#379, "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Sermon

"Laboring and Toiling"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord, Let Me Serve"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" (insert)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#604, "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 95:1-2 - ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 - ⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." ¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. ¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Gracious God, on this Labor Day weekend, we remember the gift of work. In Your perfect world, You gave Adam the command to work in the Garden of Eden and take care of Your creation. Work is a blessing from You. As You walked with Adam in the garden, walk with me, Lord, in my callings and responsibilities of work each week. Equip me with the right skills to take up my tasks. Connect me with others who can guide and lead me. Move my heart to humbly serve You and others, giving You the glory. Let my work – including all difficulties and struggles related to it – be a witness to You. Amen.

SERMON NOTES - "LABORING AND TOILING"

2 Thessalonians – written circa A.D. 75-90; 3:6-15 – addressing the reality of idleness

(NIV) 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother **who is idle** and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

(NKJV) 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother **who walks disorderly** and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

- ◆ Invoking the name of the Lord Jesus Christ speaks to the urgency of the command
- ◆ Idle or Disorderly – loafing, remiss in daily work and conduct – which is contrary to Paul’s earlier teaching – 1 Thessalonians 4:11, 12, 5:14
- ◆ No excuse is sufficient
- ◆ Withdrawing, keeping away – is a disciplinary action

2 Thessalonians 3:10 – For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

- ◆ Denying food to the lazy was a traditional form of punishment

2 Thessalonians 3:11 – We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

- ◆ The problem of idleness is a recurring problem, even after receiving earlier correction in the first letter to the Thessalonians
- ◆ Instead of working, people were interfering in other people’s lives

2 Thessalonians 3:13-15 – And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. ¹⁵ Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

- ◆ Continue to do what is right – set the example, be generous to those in need
- ◆ Ensuing disciplinary action – separation – to be ashamed of their behavior
- ◆ Separation, not expulsion, communication lines remained open

1 Thessalonians 1:6 – "You became imitators of us and of the Lord..."

2 Thessalonians 3:9 – "...in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Nursery Volunteers Needed** - Anna Yoder is coordinating the upcoming ministry year schedule for 10:30AM service Nursery care. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times per year each individual/family will be scheduled to help. If you're interested in fellowshiping and laughing with the youngest members of our church family during our time of worship, please contact the church office.
- ◆ **Help Needed with BLAST Sunday** - In addition to the Fellowship Committee and CE Team helping with various activities on BLAST Sunday, we could use additional help with: setting up tables and chairs outside (people will be able to eat in the gym or outside); setting up canopies; watching over the inflatables, GaGa Ball, etc.; and calling the games of Bingo. Anyone willing can contact the church office! Thank you.
- ◆ **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. Following the 10:30AM service that morning, we are planning a potluck meal in recognition of Pastor Ryan's installation! Please come and enjoy a time of food and fellowship.
- ◆ **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 you know of in the community are available resources to begin.
- ◆ **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!

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:

Sept 4 God Offers Refuge ----- Psalm 11
Sept 5 God Permits Choice ----- 1 Samuel 8
Sept 6 Future Tense ----- 1 Samuel 9:1-10:8
Sept 7 Keeping Quiet ----- 1 Samuel 10:9-27
Sept 8 Great Expectations ----- 1 Samuel 11
Sept 9 And Finally... ----- 1 Samuel 12:1-15
Sept 10 Do Not Be Afraid ----- 1 Samuel 12:16-25

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Parent Meeting** - Parents of children and youth in LOGOS/JYF/SYF are highly encouraged to attend a parent meeting on the evening of Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30PM here at the church. The meeting will be a focused discussion on restarting our ministries the following week.
- ◆ **Registration Forms** - LOGOS and JYF registration forms can now be found online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org. If you have any questions about the online forms, please contact Jocelyn in the church office.

SEPTEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission's (TGRM) has been providing men and women in the Toledo, Ohio area with shelter and resources since 1955. Both the men's shelter and women's shelter (Rebekah's Haven) provide for the spiritual, physical, and material needs for homeless persons through generous support of Northwest Ohio. St. John's has supported them for the last several years prayerfully and financially, and with material donations. Four times per year, St. John's will share in the TGRM men's chapel services, with members of St. John's preparing a meal for chapel guests for after the service. Our next chapel service and meal is scheduled for September 11th. To learn more about TGRM and the many services they provide, visit tgrm.org. Please note "TGRM" on Line 11 of your offering envelope to give to this mission.

WEEK OF AUGUST 28TH 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	Labor Day - Church Office Closed	
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	South Property Task Force (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	6:30PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Education Hour & Committee Fair
	10:30AM	Worship (East Lawn*)
	11:30AM	Chicken BBQ Lunch, Activities & Games!
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel

**Don't forget your lawn chairs or blankets!*

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) David Stuckey	(10:30) Avery Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Courtney Stuckey	(10:30) Ella Yoder
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Steve Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Adam Walker, Emily S. Walker, Kim S. Walker, Keira Christman	



St. John's Christian Church

BLAST SUNDAY!

Join us as we BLAST (Believe, Learn, And Seek Truth) off into our new ministry year together.



**Sunday, September 11 | 8a & 10:30a Worship
Outdoor Worship, Chicken BBQ & Games!**

Hebrews 10:19-25 "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

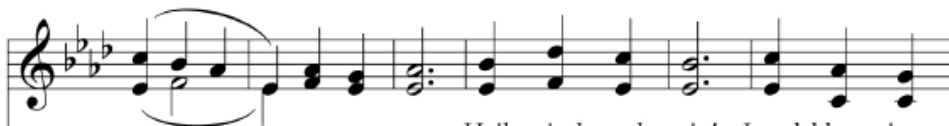
BLAST Sunday Schedule of Events:

- 8:00AM Worship Service in the Chapel (this service will be live streamed)
- 9:15AM Education Hour Activities
 - Adult Gathering in the Sanctuary
 - Youth Gathering in the Youth Room
 - Children's Gathering in the Chapel
 - Preschool Gathering in the Preschool Room
 - Education Fair - Church Committees
- 10:30AM Outdoor Worship on the east lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket)
- 11:30AM Chicken BBQ Meal
- 12:00PM Fellowship Activities featuring inflatables; GaGa Ball; BINGO; Yard Games; and more!

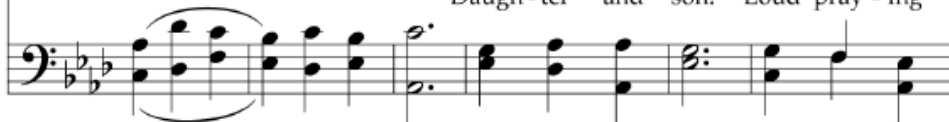
Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



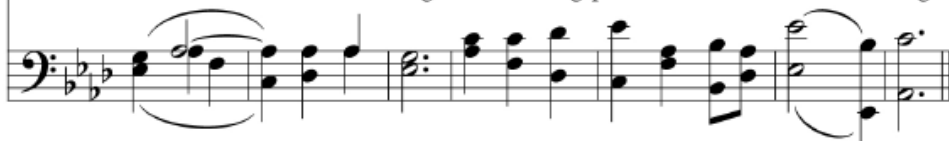
Lord a new song!
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing



snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!



mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!



How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,

when once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 your yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 in hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 to - geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines or

to your Word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name
 ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,

that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on— all you en - deav - ored done.

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1 Co 7:17; 2 Ti 1:9; 2 Co 1:8-10; Heb 11; Col 3:23,24; Heb 12:1-3

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Tom & Megan L., and family, as they returned to Clove Island this past week following their time of furlough, and as their daughter starts boarding school in Kenya.
- ◆ Lynne & Pastor Erich, as Lynne has been diagnosed with breast cancer, with sixteen weeks of chemo treatment starting on September 12th.
- ◆ Leonard and Barbara Chapman, parents of Crissi Stuckey, who are recovering from lingering COVID symptoms while Barbara recovers from hip surgery due to a fall.
- ◆ Judy Sears, as she continues physical therapy to gain strength in her shoulder.
- ◆ Margaret Beck, a Tuesday Bible study participant, as she is in hospice care.
- ◆ Nan Neil, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 8/2.
- ◆ Rod & Joyce Kinsman, as Rod is recovering well from surgery on 8/25 to remove a tumor from his abdomen.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she is off to college and managing the side effects of chemo medications.
- ◆ Leah, Eric, Sarah and Emma, as Leah continues to have weekly treatments in Toledo and twice a month appointments in Ann Arbor.

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, South Korea (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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