



THE VISITOR

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ♦ Schools, students, teachers, and support staff in our surrounding area as they begin the 2023-2024 academic year.
- ♦ Jack & Barb Stover, as Jack recovers from a recent stroke at Rupp Rehab.
- ♦ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger and Kay, as they await results and further treatment recommendations based on updated scans of both her leg and back.
- ♦ Monte Woolace, as his surgery has been delayed until either 9/12 or 9/20 for further treatment of the cancer. He is doing okay from day to day
- ♦ Megan L., following back surgery on 8/10, she is recuperating well and was experiencing relief of pain soon after the surgery .
- ♦ The family of Lois Keith, as Lois entered eternal life on 7/27 at the age of 94.



LOGOS, JYF, and SYF Registration Open!!

Get registered for our Wednesday evening programs by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera below or head to www.stjohnsarchbold.org today!



Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ♦ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ♦ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ♦ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy/NSA) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ♦ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at 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 to Nan Neill)
- ♦ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502
Josephine Short, Room #405
Donna Buehrer, Room #402

Bryan Health & Rehab, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan 43506
Verlene Lovejoy, Room #203B

Genacross, 1032 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
Audrey Smith, Room #403

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
Shirley Wyse, Room #214

Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St, Bryan 43506
Mike Meyer, Room #130

PASTORAL COLUMN

- ♦ Moses was working as a shepherd, tending a flock of sheep, when he was suddenly called by God to lead his people out of Egypt.
- ♦ Saul was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians when he was struck blind and called by the Lord as his chosen instrument to the Gentiles.
- ♦ Noah was found by God to be a righteous man, but he must have been some type of carpenter, for God tabbed him to build the ark, a significant new undertaking.
- ♦ Simon and Andrew were casting a net into the lake, for they were fisherman, when Jesus called them to follow him.
- ♦ Joseph and Mary were living ordinary lives until an angel of the Lord foretold of the special calling the Lord had in store for them – to be the earthly parents of Jesus!

While Exodus 34:6 tells us that God is slow to anger and 2 Peter 3:9 speaks of the Lord's patience, there are plenty of times when the Bible informs us how quickly God can act, such as in the examples above. Not only quickly, but He changes and transforms lives for His purposes.

I believe it is important for us to recall these biblical examples of the change of direction in the lives of people as we move through a time of transition once again as a congregation. Pastor Ryan's resignation came quickly as he responded to a new call from the Lord. After a solid year of learning about the congregation and forming a solid foundation of ministry, I was looking forward to his second program year with us as we had begun planning for music, worship and ministry. Change happens.

I hope you are able to know and understand that God orchestrates such change, in the lives of His people and in the life of the Church. In times of transition, I often find myself turning to the SJCC Church Constitution to read the Faith and Covenant of the congregation:

This church acknowledges as its sole Head, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of all people. It acknowledges as brothers and sisters in Christ all who share in the confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own.

May hope and faith abound as we acknowledge Jesus Christ, look to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and look to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Have faith that God will continue to provide direction through this time of transition.

In faith and trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ERICH". The letters are stylized, with a large "E" and a long, sweeping "H".

Pastor Erich

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & THANK YOU'S

Goodbyes

As Paul journeys toward his own final trials, everything seems to slow down. Luke records the names of each friend that fellowshiped with them along the way: Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timothy, Tychichus, Trophimus, and the elders of Ephesus ([Acts 20:4](#)). This was a time of final goodbyes, and we read that “there was much weeping on the part of all” ([Acts 20:37](#)). Luke records each stopping place: Greece, Macedonia, Troas, Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, and Miletus. He also counts the months and days. Each detail of that final voyage is stretched out.

Upon arriving at Miletus, Paul summons the Ephesian elders to give them his final exhortations and instructions. Paul’s declaration is simple: “I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God” ([Acts 20:24](#)).

In the face of sorrowful and final goodbyes, Paul had set his heart upon Christ alone, and His kingdom. Paul’s hope, his confidence, his purpose, and his joy were fixed in Christ. As he declared in his letter to the Philippians, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (1:21). This too must be our eager hope and expectation. And, as Paul warns, we will face many obstacles. Wolves will come in among us, seeking to harm the flock of God. From our own midst will arise some who will deceive and seek to draw us away. How will we remain alert? **Paul declares: “I commend you to God... remember the words of the Lord Jesus”** ([Acts 20:32, 35](#)).

I now share these parting words with you at St. John’s Christian Church. I claim no wisdom of my own, but I simply pass on the wisdom found in God’s Word. I have loved every moment at SJCC. I love you all. My prayers are continually with you.

Thanks for everything,
Pastor Ryan Volkman

Card Shower for Gretchen Heer

Gretchen Heer will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 13th, 2023! In honor of this blessed milestone in her life, family and friends have asked that we shower her in birthday cards and greetings this month. Gretchen’s address is 21283 County Road H, Stryker, OH 43557.



Branden & Lynne Ries, son-in-law and daughter of David and Crissi Stuckey, were married in the sanctuary on Friday, August 4th surrounded by family and friends. Congratulations to the newlyweds! We pray for many blessed years of marriage ahead!

2023-2024 MINISTRY YEAR: DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

September 10th is Rally Sunday, the day SJCC kicks off a new year of ministry!

Throughout the coming ministry year, we will be intentionally focusing on one of eight quality characteristics used by God to build His church. This is based on results from a recent church assessment of our congregational ministries.

Holistic Small Groups is the quality characteristic of focus for the coming year. It is in such groups that Christians can find community and foster relationship, as well as spiritual interaction and support. Fellowship and discipleship is of utmost importance in the health and vitality of a congregation. We will be intentionally forming small group ministries for people of all ages, utilizing existing ministries within the mix of small group ministries.

“Discipleship and Fellowship” defines the program focus for 2023-2024. Jesus modeled discipleship and fellowship for the twelve disciples, as well as throughout his encounters with people. Discipleship and fellowship are themes of these two key passage of scripture:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”
1 Corinthians 1:9

Holistic Small Groups will include existing ministries, such as Sunday school classes, youth fellowships, weekly and monthly gatherings – all avenues of discipleship and fellowship:

9:15AM Sunday School Ministries

- ◆ Two and Three Year Olds Class
- ◆ Four Year Olds through Kindergarten Class
- ◆ Faith Village - Grades 1-5
- ◆ Middle School Sunday School - Grades 6-8
- ◆ Senior High Sunday School - Grades 9-12
- ◆ B.A.S.I.C. Class (Parlor)
- ◆ Connections Class (Chapel)
- ◆ Women's Class (Fireside Room)

Wednesday Evening Ministries

- ◆ 6:00PM LOGOS - 4 YRS - 5th Grade
- ◆ 6:00PM Confirmation - Grades 6-8
- ◆ 7:00PM JYF - Grades 6-8
- ◆ 7:00PM SYF - Grades 9-12

Further Ministries

- ◆ Couples Small Group
- ◆ Seekers Small Group
- ◆ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ◆ Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- ◆ Third Thursday Senior Luncheons

We plan to launch additional small group ministries and are currently working to recruit and equip leaders. Be on the alert for further information!

MINISTRY CORNER

Worship Greeter Ministry

Greeters engage in Christian ministry as they welcome and offer friendliness to all who enter the church to worship God. Through greeting and welcoming people, our congregation practices the love that Jesus teaches us to share. Greeters welcome people to our Sunday morning worship services and activities in a spirit that makes them feel glad to be here. This is the beginning of fellowship and relationship.

We are looking to create a team of greeters to be in place at two of our main building entrances for each service of worship. Hopefully we can have a team of greeters which can serve once a month or once every two months

Adult Ministries

As part of our “Discipleship and Fellowship” ministries, we are looking to form one or two teams of ministry leaders to coordinate ministries for adults. We could have one team to coordinate ministries for all adults, or we could form two teams – one for ministries for women and one for ministries for men. Hopes for these ministries include coordinating ministries and events like...

- ◆ Small group ministries
- ◆ Meal ministries – progressive meals, monthly gatherings, potlucks
- ◆ Quarterly event – special programs and meals
- ◆ Occasional one day or two day trips (i.e. Creation Museum, Stations of the Cross)
- ◆ Annual one day or two day retreats
- ◆ Annual national conferences (i.e. Women of Faith and Promise Keepers)

We would like to have four to five people per team, working with Pastor Erich and Jocelyn Walker, to launch and oversee these ministry events for the coming year.

Interested? Contact the church office, please!

Christian Education Committee

With guidance of the Spiritual Council and the approval of the Consistory we are creating a new Christian Education Committee. This committee will help ministry leaders coordinate the many aspects of our Christian Education ministries, including Sunday school, Faith Village, Logos, JYF, SYF, Life Planning, Vacation Bible School, Rally Sunday, and the Children’s Christmas Program.

The committee will consist of six people from the congregation plus the leaders of various ministries. The six volunteers will serve three year terms. Anyone interested in learning more about the committee can contact Pastor Erich.

Third Thursday Senior Luncheon

September’s Third Thursday Lunch falls on September 21st beginning at 11:00AM in the chapel. After lunch, there will be a thirty minute program on the topic of Christian Education.

GIF Gals

August’s get together for the GIF Gals started out a bit confusing with a last-minute change of location due to a pesky car show, but the evening turned out just as well with us meeting at Sullivan’s in Wauseon. Thank you to all the Gals for your understanding! I hope the evening was enjoyable. The next get together has been scheduled for September 13th at Jackie Blu’s in Bryan. Meet at the church’s south parking lot around 4:30PM to share rides unless you’d like to drive separately, in which case, meet our group at the restaurant at 5:00PM. There was such a nice large group this last time I do hope we can all meet again. Our group is open to all widows and single women of SJCC and we welcome you to come for a fun evening, a good meal, and make some new friends. Plus the blessings of our Lord! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board!

MINISTRY CORNER (CONT.)

LOGOS

The start of another year of LOGOS is just around the corner! This year, we invite preschool children (4 years by Aug. 1st) through fifth graders to join us on September 20th at 6:00pm for our kickoff night! Check-in begins at 5:50PM in the chapel narthex and children can head directly to the Parish Hall for our group meal after check in. Children with LOGOS shirts from last year are invited to wear them to celebrate the start of another great year together!

Wednesday Evening Programs - Parent Meeting

Parents of children registered for LOGOS, JYF, and/or SYF are strongly encouraged to attend a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. We'll go over some important information for the upcoming ministry year as well as the new check-in/check-out procedure, which will begin at 5:50PM on Wednesday nights for LOGOS and Confirmation and 6:50PM for JYF, SYF, and Life Planning. Children and Youth will be checking in at the iPads on the new front welcome desk in the chapel narthex before heading to their programs. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact the church office via email at office@stjohnsarchbold.org.

Girl's Weekend - October 6-8th

Get excited - we're having a girl's weekend! The weekend is packed with events for women in our congregation of all ages and we hope you'll join us for one or all three events! Registration deadlines for each event are included with the event listings below.

Friday, October 6th @ 7:00PM – The Unknown Tour

"A girl's night out of comedy, worship, music, and speakers focused on the journey through life's unknowns." We're heading to Ogden Church in Adrian, Michigan for this women's ministry event featuring speakers, worship

leaders, and comedians Britni Bryan, Lauren Lucille, and Tracy Willet. Tickets are \$20 after taxes and fees and those attending should meet at the church at 5:30PM to carpool up to Adrian, with doors opening at 6:30PM. Please register by September 17th so that tickets can be ordered.

Saturday, October 7th @ 6:00PM – Mother/Daughter Movie Night

This one's for the littlest ladies in our congregation but we'd love to see daughters, mothers, and grandmothers alike! Come in cozy pajamas with some blankets or a sleeping bag and join us in the chapel at 6:00PM for a family-friendly movie (will either be "Inside Out" or "Miracles from Heaven," depending on the age ranges that sign up). Register for the mother/daughter movie night by September 24th. Popcorn and beverages will be provided but feel free to bring any other snacks you'd like!

Sunday, October 8th @ 2:00PM - Ladies Talk & Tea

The weekend will wrap up with a tea party for girls and women of all ages in our congregation. Dress for the occasion (we hope you have some fun with this!) and join us for tea and lemonade, petite sandwiches, and delicious desserts. We'll be offering a program on our uniqueness as women of faith and you won't want to miss it! The event will be held on the East lawn at 2:00PM with the chapel on reserve in case of inclement weather. Tickets to the Ladies Talk & Tea are \$5 each. Register for this event by September 24th.

Questions? Contact Jocelyn Walker at office@stjohnsarchbold.org or 419-575-4218.

Register at www.stjohnschristian-church.breezechms.com/form/WomensWeekend or on the office bulletin board.

CONSISTORY & COMMITTEES

Pastor of Music and Worship Position

The Consistory has chosen to delay acting upon this now vacant position. The intent is to first complete the search process for the youth and young adult position and then resume discussion of the music and worship position.

The Consistory has approved seeking some assistance with music and worship in a part-time capacity during this time of transition.



Building Committee

The committee submitted their recommendation to the Consistory on Monday, August 21st. Following much discussion, the Consistory approved calling a special congregational meeting for Sunday, September 17th to seek action upon the recommendation by the congregation. We will follow a special schedule on the 17th:

9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

11:10AM Congregational Meeting

While a full informational packet on the recommendation will be available prior to September 10th, here is a summary of the new proposal:

- ♦ Purpose – to act upon a recommendation from the Building Committee to proceed with the \$2,224,346 opinion of probable cost of the proposed renovation project to address restrooms, accessibility and worship.
- ♦ Background – On November 14, 2021, the congregation approved the \$1,617,300 Facility Committee's proposal to address restrooms, accessibility and worship. A Building Committee was formed and began meeting in April of 2022. After interviewing three architectural firms, the committee agreed to contract with Beilharz Architects of Defiance, a different firm than the Facility Committee had worked with in forming the 2021 proposal.
- ♦ New Proposal – after extensive work with Beilharz Architects, they presented a new opinion of probable construction cost totaling \$2,224,346. That is \$607,046 higher than the approved cost of \$1,617,300 in 2021.

♦ Key factors increasing the cost include:

- Inflation
- Discovered issues (asbestos abatement of tile and tile adhesive, undersized and improper electric service)
- Alternatives outside the original scope (new flooring in first floor hallway, finishes expanded to adjoining spaces)
- More detailed information on materials – costs and quantities

♦ Funding of the project

- Invested funds of \$2,107, 105 directed solely for capital improvement projects
- Wise counsel suggests not depleting the entire balance of these invested funds
- Desire is to seek additional donations to the Building Fund over the course of the year



Evangelism Committee

This year's Book Bag Bash resulted in the need to order additional book bags! Over 100 were given out on the day of the event and several more have been passed out since the event. The BBB continues to be a tremendous outreach to the community!



Search Committee for the Director/Minister/Pastor of Youth and Young Adults

The committee consists of the following volunteers: Nici Wyse (Chair and Consistory Rep), Amy Baden, Ryan Christman, Mindy Gruenhagen, Gloria Lauber, Joshua Reeb, Molly Rutledge, David Stuckey, Cayla Swisher and Pastor Erich.

The committee has entered into an agreement with Shepherds Staff, a ministry staffing firm. SJCC has been assigned two search consultants from Shepherds Staff. A Discovery Visit is scheduled for September 29-October 1, a weekend when the two consultants will be in Archbold to meet with several groups of the church.

MISSION CORNER

Mission-A-Month Project: 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. Several times per year, St. John's will share in the TGRM men's chapel services, with members of St. John's preparing a meal with chapel guests for after service. To learn more about TGRM and the many services they provide, visit tgrm.org.



MISSION THANK YOU'S

St. John's,

Thank you so much for your \$1000 gift in June! This summer we staffed a summer mission trip where 277 talked through the gospel with us and 17 gave their lives to Jesus! Thank you for investing in this eternally valuable work!

Vince Ferry

St. John's,

Your faithfulness to Shepherd Circle and your love for others is evident! Thank you for your financial gift and your caring hearts!

Shepherd Circle

St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$535. We cannot express in words how much you mean to this home.

We returned from our mission trip in May of 2023 and brought back the love and appreciation from the kids and staff. We also bring news of the new school! We raised enough money in all three years to build a primary school, which will be completed in October. Our primary school will relieve the overcrowded, understaffed and lack of resources available in the local government school. The school will accommodate 300 students from grades 1st-8th. We have learned that our current kitchen and dining hall are inadequate to provide meals for this many students, so we are asking God to speak to the hearts of our donors to see if we can raise \$175,000 before the end of the year. Please pray about this? We are all volunteers so that 100% of your donation goes to support the needs of children at KCH.

You are an important part of the Kajiado family. Your support makes an incredible impact on these children.

Thank you,

Gaye List, Kajiado Children's Home

Additional Thank You's From...

- ◆ Matt & MaryLynn Pardi, for our gift of \$1000
- ◆ Kyle Chase, for our gift of \$1000
- ◆ Hannah Barnhart, for our gift of \$150
- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, for our gift of \$100
- ◆ Tom & Megan L., for our gift of \$120
- ◆ Tony & Leila Frank, for our gift of \$180
- ◆ The Outback, for our gift of \$1260
- ◆ M.N., for our gift of \$1000
- ◆ Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$160
- ◆ Crossroad, for our gift of \$100
- ◆ Cherry Street and Sparrow's Nest, for our gift of \$1010

SJCC - July 31, 2023 - Mission Finance Report

Undesignated Donations			Beg Balance	Donations	Disbursements	Balance	
1	3101 Mission Funds to Be Allocated		5,060.67	51,437.64	41,683.24	14,815.07	
2	3101 Mission Funds to Be Allocated - 2nd Mile Growth Funds		18,003.48		10,000.00	8,003.48	
3	3101 Mission Funds to Be Allocated - Total		23,064.15	51,437.64	51,683.24	22,818.55	
Designated Donations			Budget				%
4	3103 Incidental Missions			100.00	100.00	-	
5	3105 AltLink (African Inland Missions)	2,500	20.00	1,355.00	1,375.00	-	55%
6	3110 Aroles	6,000	120.00	3,821.00	3,301.00	640.00	55%
7	3115 Back Bay Mission	7,000		3,886.00	3,811.00	75.00	54%
8	3120 Cherry Street	7,500		3,732.75	3,687.75	45.00	49%
9	3125 Christmas Cheer	4,500				-	0%
10	3135 Church World Services	2,000		2,002.68	1,952.68	50.00	98%
11	3145 Community Meal	4,500	176.95	939.29	866.79	249.45	19%
12	3150 Crossroad	5,000		2,490.00	2,415.00	75.00	48%
13	3155 CRU - Robert & Jenni McMahon	2,500		1,800.00	1,800.00	-	72%
14	3156 CRU - Vincent Ferry	2,500		1,500.00	1,500.00	-	60%
15	3157 CRU - Hannah Bamhart	2,500		1,919.58	1,919.58	-	77%
16	3160 CRU - Matt & Paige Waanders	2,500		2,100.00	2,100.00	-	84%
17	3172 Fairlawn Chaplain Ministry	2,000		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	50%
18	3175 Fish Pantry (Min. Balance \$800)	10,000	1,100.00	5,807.30	6,612.30	295.00	66%
19	3180 Growing Hope Globally	3,000		2,423.33	2,368.33	55.00	79%
20	3185 Franks, Tony & Leila (World Team)	13,000		375.00	325.00	50.00	3%
21	3190 Freedom International - Suons	3,000		-	-	-	0%
22	3200 Friendship House	6,000		4,835.76	4,835.76	-	81%
23	3201 Fulton County Christian Music Ministry	500		500.00	500.00	-	100%
24	3220 Habitat for Humanity - Fulton	2,000		2,051.54	2,051.54	-	103%
25	3220 Habitat for Humanity - La Porte	1,500				-	0%
26	3228 InterVarsity - Nicha Pimthong	2,500	5.00	1,500.00	1,505.00	-	60%
27	3229 JJ Safe House	1,000				-	0%
28	3230 Kajjado Childrens Home - Annual	12,000		5,968.00	4,975.00	993.00	41%
29	3230 Kajjado Childrens Home - Donation			59,654.08	59,654.08	-	
30	3235 Kajjado Sponsorships	2,500		5,105.00	5,105.00	-	204%
31	3241 LifeWise Academy	5,000		595.00	595.00	-	12%
32	3245 Operation Christmas Child	3,000		-	-	-	0%
33	3247 Orphanos - Suons			2,985.00	2,985.00	-	
34	3250 Outback	4,000		2,862.19	2,862.19	-	72%
35	3255 Pioneers - Doriot	2,500		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	40%
36	3260 Reach Global - M.N.	5,000		2,500.00	2,500.00	-	50%
37	3266 Reliant - Kyle Chase	5,500		2,800.00	2,800.00	-	51%
38	3267 Reliant - Matt Pardi	5,500		2,800.00	2,800.00	-	51%
39	3278 Shepherd's Circle	2,500		2,304.76	2,304.76	-	92%
40	3279 Sparrow's Nest	4,500		2,982.75	2,937.75	45.00	65%
41	3285 Toledo Gospel	3,500		2,480.00	2,480.00	-	71%
42	3290 Urgent Mission Outreach	4,500		2,650.00	2,250.00	400.00	50%
43	3300 Walk-in Assistance	2,500	7,925.71	5,051.54	5,074.81	7,902.44	203%
44	Totals	156,000	9,347.66	145,877.55	144,350.32	10,874.89	93%
45	Totals Less Kajjado Donation	156,000	9,347.66	86,223.47	84,696.24	10,874.89	54%
46	YTD Percentage Target						58%

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Operating Fund – Income and Expenses as of August 22, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Income (Offerings, Christian Education)	\$230,357	\$215,924
Expenses	\$260,018	\$221,688
Net	\$-29,661	\$-5,764

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 3	Labor Day Weekend Scriptures - Isaiah 43:11-13, Acts 17:24-28 Sermon - What Does God Do?
September 10	Rally Sunday! Scriptures - 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, Acts 2:42-47 Sermon - Discipleship & Fellowship
September 17	Blanket Sunday Special Congregational Meeting Scriptures - Hebrews 13:15-16, Matthew 25:31-46 Sermon - Blanketing People with Love
September 24	Scriptures - Psalm 139:13-16, Titus 3:1-8 Sermon - I Don't Have to Be Me

Special Schedule for Rally Sunday on September 10th:

8:00AM	Service of Worship in the Chapel
9:15AM	Rally Sunday Celebration in the Sanctuary
10:30AM	Service of Worship on the East Lawn
11:30AM	“BBFF” (Burgers, Brats, Fellowship & Fun) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Fellowship Committee will provide the meal ◆ Inflatables, GaGa Ball and other Outdoor Games ◆ And we found the BINGO equipment for this year! ◆ AND maybe there will be a game or two of Blank Slate :)

Special Schedule for September 17th:

9:00AM	Sunday School Hour
10:00AM	Service of Worship in the Sanctuary
11:10AM	Special Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary and Zoom
	Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84722390409?pwd=VTBIMTgydGN3bzBOaUFFZHVpNnY1dz09
	Meeting ID: 847 2239 0409
	Passcode: sjcc917

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: 8a Worship 8:30a Pause for Praise 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	Mission-A-Month: TGRM Elder of the Month: Nici Wyse				1	2
3	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 9:15a Bible Study 7:00p Mission Committee	6	7	8	9 7:40a Men's Prayer Breakfast
10 Rally Sunday! 8:00a Worship 9:15a Rally Celebration 10:30a Worship 12:00a "BBFF"	11 7:00p Praise Team	12 9:15a Bible Study 5:00p Community Meal 7:00p Property Committee	13 4:30p GIF Gals Depart 6:30p Parent Meeting for LOGOS, JYF, & SYF	14	15	16
17 Special Cong. Meeting <i>Blanket Sunday</i> 9:00a SS Hour 10:00a Worship 11:15a Congregational Meeting	18 6:15p Spiritual Council 7:30p Consistory	19 9:15a Bible Study 6:30p Building Committee	20 6:00p LOGOS/Confirmation 7:00p JYF/SYF	21 11:30a Senior Luncheon 6:00p Girl Scouts	22	23
24	25 7:00p Praise Team	26 9:15a Bible Study 7:00p Safety Committee	27 6:00p LOGOS/Confirmation 7:00p JYF/SYF	28	29	30



Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 Karlie Gruenhagen, Buffy Riley
- 2 Krayton Kern
- 3 Brent & Elaine Winzeler (40)
- 5 Kelsey Wyse
- 7 Scott Short, Liam Yoder
- 8 Gloria Lauber, Darlene Sauder, Toby Walker
- 9 Judy Barnhart, Barb Stover
- 10 Avery Roth, Evy Roth
- 12 Bill Barnhart (80)
- 13 Gretchen Heer (100), Audrey Smith
- 14 Bill Bostelman, Maddux Gruenhagen, Linda Hayes, Roger Miller
- 15 Maci Martz, Kevin Neuenschwander, Alice Tedrow, Eric & Sarah Nafziger, Ed & Diane Wyrick

- 16 Angie Neuenschwander
- 17 Gary Salisbury
- 18 Kade Kern, Larry & Kathy Bechstein
- 20 Kelly Ducey, Ethan Warncke
- 21 Kim Kern, Joshua Reeb, Melva Woolace
- 22 Kathy Bostelman
- 24 Jacob Layton, Jesse Meyer
- 25 Kennedy Hurst, Kelli Kuntz, Tara Meyer, Harlee Napier, Keith Wyse
- 26 Roger Merillat, Esther Rupp
- 27 Brad & Aimee Roth
- 29 Ryan & Stanka Volkman
- 30 Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Rod & Joyce Kinsman, Curt & Kay Stamm, Roger & Mary Zimmerman

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

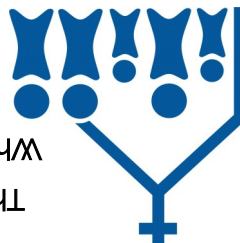
SEPTEMBER DAILY SCRIPTURES

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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1 PRAY FOR EVERYONE-----	1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7	16 SONS, SIN, AND ASSURANCE-----	2 SAMUEL 12:15-31
2 FREE TO WORSHIP-----	1 TIMOTHY 2:8-15	17 BARREN BUT NOT DESOLATE-----	PSALM 63
3 GETTING GOD'S PERSPECTIVE-----	PSALM 61	18 FAMILY LIKENESS-----	2 SAMUEL 13:1-22
4 QUALITIES OF A LEADER-----	1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7	19 I'LL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT-----	2 SAMUEL 13:23-39
5 SERVING WELL-----	1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13	20 WHO IS IN CHARGE?-----	2 SAMUEL 14
6 TRUTH VERSUS FALSEHOOD-----	1 TIMOTHY 3:14 - 4:5	21 MAKING ISRAEL GREAT AGAIN-----	2 SAMUEL 15
7 BEING GODLY-----	1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16	22 LEAVE IT WITH ME-----	2 SAMUEL 16
8 DEALING WITH NEED-----	1 TIMOTHY 5:1-16	23 SOWING CONFUSION-----	2 SAMUEL 17
9 PRACTICAL ADVICE-----	1 TIMOTHY 5:17-25	24 TABLES TURNED-----	PSALM 64
10 MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION-----	PSALM 62	25 LIVING WITH TENSION-----	2 SAMUEL 18
11 MONEY MATTERS-----	1 TIMOTHY 6:1-10	26 POST-WAR HEALING 1-----	2 SAMUEL 19:1-23
12 SUMMING UP-----	1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21	27 POST-WAR HEALING 2-----	2 SAMUEL 19:24-43
13 FROM INDIGNITY TO VICTORY-----	2 SAMUEL 10	28 YESTERDAY'S MAN-----	2 SAMUEL 20
14 FROM VICTORY TO INDIGNITY-----	2 SAMUEL 11	29 A MOTHER'S LOVE-----	2 SAMUEL 21:1-14
15 NOT A LEG TO STAND ON-----	2 SAMUEL 12:1-14	30 A HAUNTING SONG-----	1 SAMUEL 22:1-16

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Holy Communion:
New Year (1/8), Ash Wednesday (2/22), Maundy Thursday (4/6), Pentecost (5/28),
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