

May 11, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

Children's Busy Bags are located in the gym for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child (ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the chapel narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)

Ring of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Ephesians 1:15-19

Prelude (10:30) Raegan Rutledge

"Be Still My Soul"

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

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6, “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
pg. 8-9, “To God Be the Glory” *

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(8:00) Mother’s Day Tribute

Joshua Reeb & Harrison Rohrs

(10:30) Mother’s Day Tribute

Evynn Roth & Avery Roth

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

(10:30) Special Music

Molly Rutledge

“Goodness of God”

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-45

† Sermon Hymn

pg. 7, “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sermon

“Believing God”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord I Believe in You"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 10-11, “Blessed Assurance”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 11, “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

**This hymn is a favorite of Dean Buckenmeyer. While attending a Promise Keepers event, he was overcome with emotion and spiritual awareness as his venue of 60,000 plus men joined via video another venue in Wisconsin with 40,000 plus men all singing this hymn in praise to God.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-19 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Luke 1:39-45 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

MISSION-A-MONTH - CHERRY STREET MISSION/SPARROW'S NEST

Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio, was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ-centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services. Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer three meals a day, seven days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. For more information, visit cherrystreetmission.org/. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give to Cherry Street/Sparrow's Nest by marking the appropriate line of your offering envelope or by selecting "Cherry Street" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

SERMON NOTES “BELIEVING GOD”

- ◆ Drawing from a devotional from the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission by Pastor Bonnie Fry-Mahnke.
- ◆ Reading and learning from the accounts surrounding the birth of Jesus should not be limited to just during the season of Advent.
- ◆ Getting caught up between who the world says that we are, and who our God says that we are.
- ◆ Cleaning cobwebs from ceilings...

The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:26-38):

- ◇ Telling Mary she was highly favored, the Lord was with her.
- ◇ Telling Mary she would be with child, the Son of the Most High.
- ◇ Telling Mary the Holy Spirit would come upon her.
- ◇ Telling Mary that her relative, Elizabeth, would be with child, too.
- ◇ The impossible would be accomplished.

Mary visited Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45):

- ◇ Upon hearing Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s baby leaped in her womb.
- ◇ Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ◇ Elizabeth blessed and encouraged Mary.
- ◇ The impossible would be accomplished.

Elizabeth exhorted Mary – “Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” (Luke 1:45)

Have you experienced a word from God or a calling that he has placed upon you, only for your thoughts to be overtaken by doubt, disbelief and negligence? Instead of letting the world guide her, Mary believed God and found favor in his sight.

Believing – do we “Believe IN God” or are we “Believing God”.

Following their exodus from Egypt, when God rescued them in miraculous ways, Psalm 106:12-13 describes how the “dirt” crept in – “Then they believed his promises and sang his praise. ¹³ But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for his counsel.”

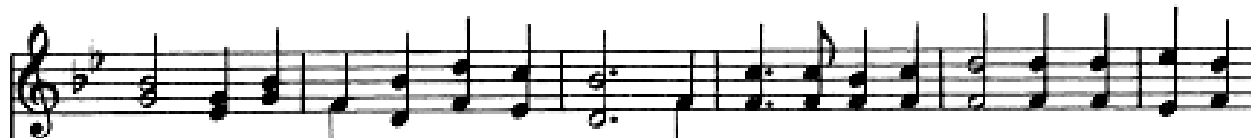
Remember the glory of God, how God has rescued us from the “dirt” of the world, the “dirt” of our sin – know the power of transformation through the glory of the Lord.

477 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

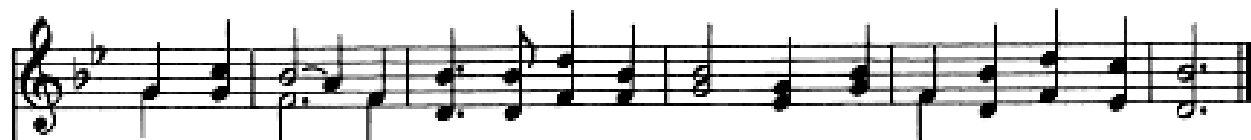
Stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. 1 Cor. 16:13



- 1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross, Lift high His roy - al
- 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey; Forth to the might - y
- 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a - lone; The arm of flesh will
- 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long; This day the noise of



ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss; From vic - tory un - to vic - tory His ar - my
con - flict In this His glo - rious day, Ye that are men, now serve Him A - gainst un -
fail you - Ye dare not trust your own; Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, Each piece put
bat - tle, The next, the vic - tor's song; To him who o - ver - com - eth A crown of



shall He lead, Till ev - ery foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
num - bered foes; Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength oppose.
on with prayer; Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
life shall be; He with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.



433 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer. Acts 3:1



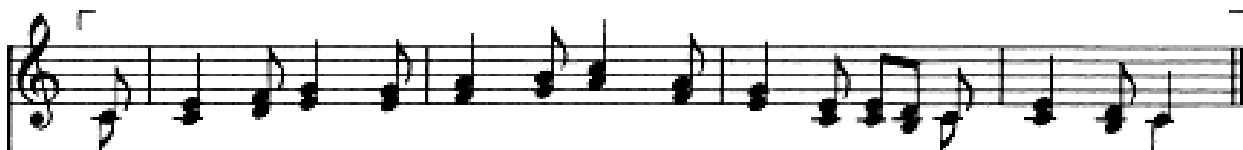
1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish-es known:
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief,
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word, and trust His grace,

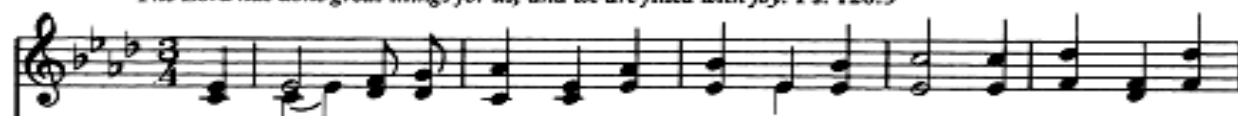


And oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare By thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

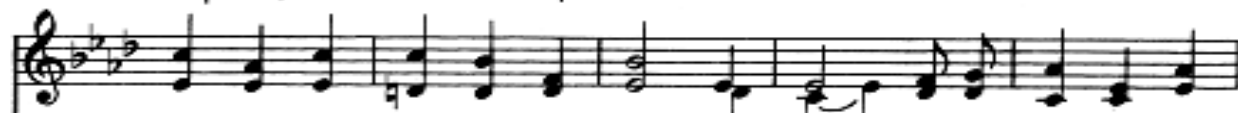
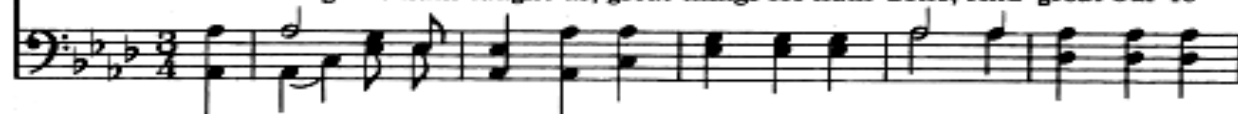


66 To God Be the Glory

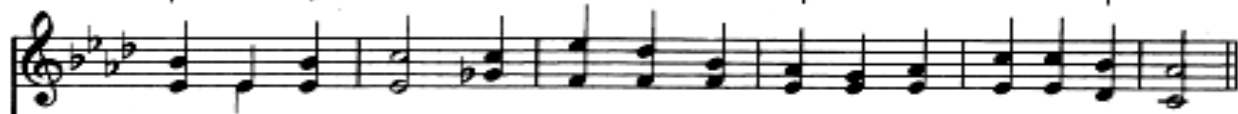
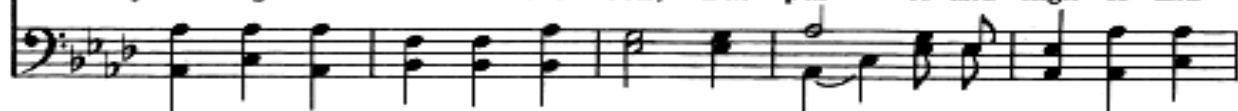
The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Ps. 126:3



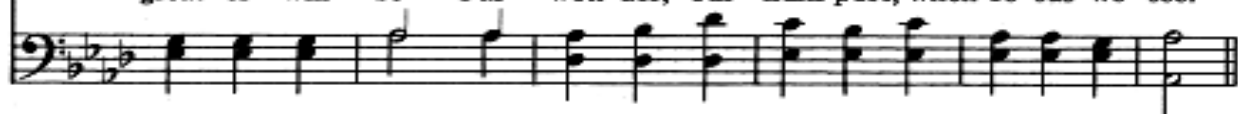
1. To God be the glo - ry—great things He hath done! So loved He the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -



world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fen - der who
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; But pur - er and high - er and



tone - ment for sin And o - pened the Life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.



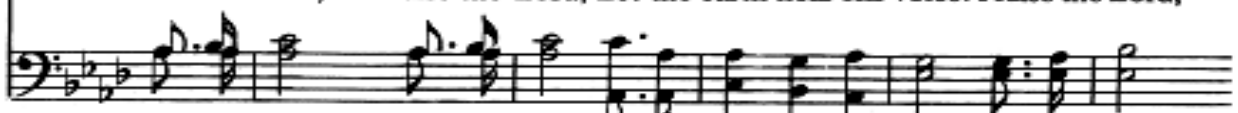
Descant

Praise the Lord, hear His voice! Praise the

Refrain



Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,



Lord, Let the peo-ple re-joice! Come to the Fa-ther thru

Praise the Lord, Let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je-sus the Son, And give Him the glo-ry—great things He hath done!

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WORSHIP TECHS AND LEADERS BEING SOUGHT

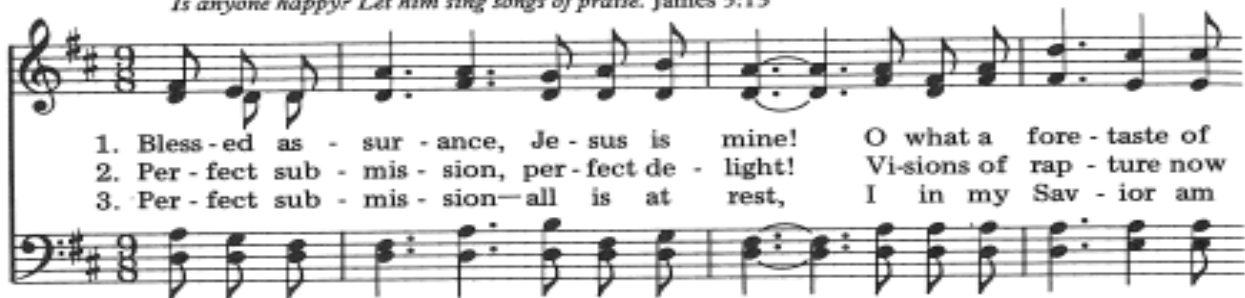
As the renovation work in the sanctuary begins, it is a good time to seek additional volunteers to enhance our worship of the Lord. Would you be willing to serve in one of these roles? Know someone who might be interested?

- ◆ Sound Tech - staffing the sound board at 8AM, 10:30AM, or either.
- ◆ Easy Worship Tech - staffing the projection board at 8AM and 10:30AM on a scheduled Sunday.
- ◆ Live Stream Tech - staffing the live stream camera and laptop at 10:30AM services.
- ◆ Worship Leader - leading welcome and announcements, scripture reading, and similar parts of the service, serving on a schedule for both the 8AM and 10:30AM services.
- ◆ Lay Reader - reading the scriptures during a service - at either the 8AM or 10:30AM services.
- ◆ Children's Moment Leader - sharing a lesson based on the scripture and sermon, once a month or every other month, at 8AM, 10:30AM, or both.

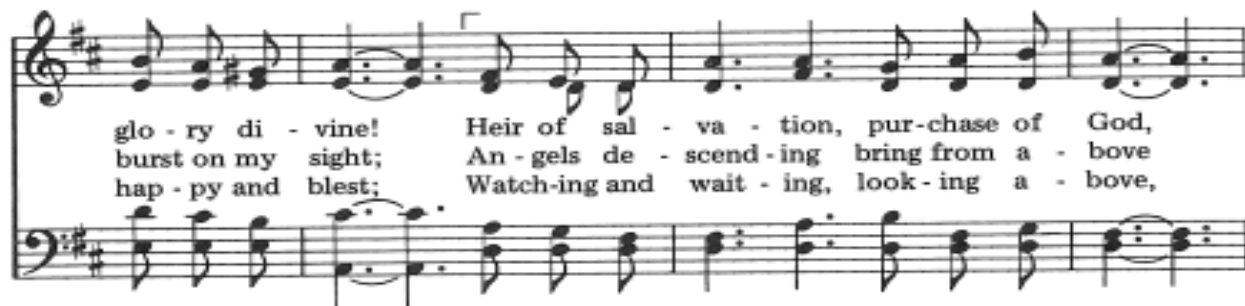
If intrigued, please contact Pastor Erich.

345 Blessed Assurance

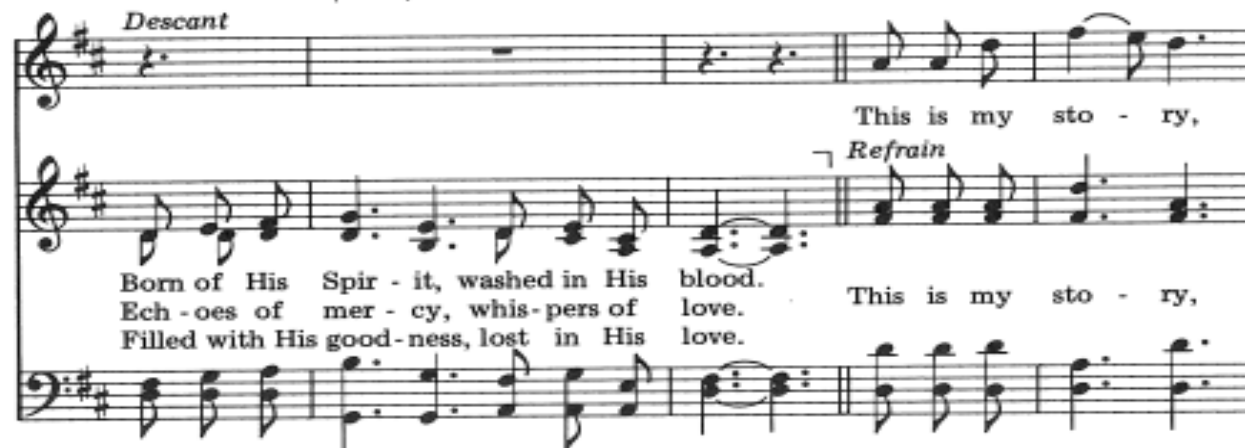
Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. James 5:13



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am



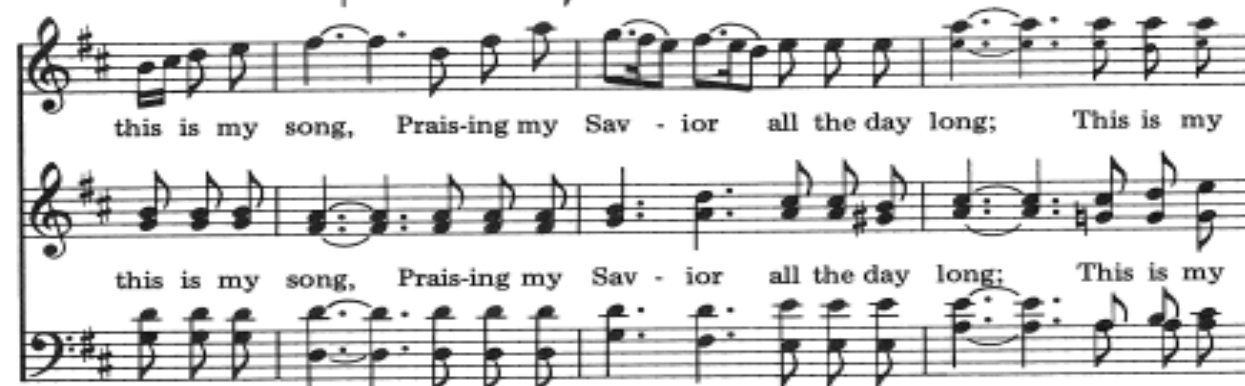
glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



Descant

This is my sto - ry,
Refrain

Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
 Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.



this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my
 this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

112 Jesus, Name Above All Names

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you. 2 Thess. 1:12

Unison

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau-ti - ful Sav - ior,

glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is

with us, bless-ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! May's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **May 15th**, beginning at 11:30AM in the chapel. After enjoying lunch and fellowship around the table, a sneak peak into this summer's True North Vacation Bible School Adventure will be shared.
- ♦ **Shalom Ministries Golf Scramble Benefit** SAVE THE DATE!! Golfers - it's that time of year again! Please plan to attend the Shalom Ministries Golf Scramble Benefit at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH, Saturday morning, **May 17th**, 2025. To register your team, sponsor a hole, or make a donation contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or e-mail LRipke@shalomworks.org. Hurry as we are once again limited on the number of teams we can register.
- ♦ **Hello GIF Gal's** - Hope you are enjoying the rollercoaster weather of May. Soon enough we will be complaining about the heat. Last month we went back to school and learned the joys of fellowship and delicious food. In May as the old song goes "Let us all gather at the TABLE", The Table restaurant in Wauseon that is. It's uptown across from Sullivan's. We will do our gathering there on **May 22nd**, at **11AM**. So find your napkins and a friend and join us at The Table. A sign up sheet is on the wandering bulletin board.
- ♦ **True North VBS** is heading to St. John's on **June 8th – 12th** for all preschool (4yrs) through 5th graders! True North's overall theme is learning how to trust Jesus in this wild world. You can register your child at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs.
- ♦ **VBS Donations** - We are once again seeking donations of supplies and groceries for the week of VBS. We continue to be blessed year-after-year by the congregation's generosity in making this week possible. You directly contribute to their faith and church memories, and for that, we are beyond thankful! Please visit the VBS board outside of the chapel to pick up a donation star or visit our Amazon Registry at <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/19UGM0EM6SGYM>. Donations can be dropped off to the church office by May 30th. You are also able to make a general financial donation by writing "VBS" on line 11 of your offering envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!
- ♦ **The annual summer mission trip** to LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity in northern Indiana is set for **June 16th-20th**. The group will meet at the church at 7AM Monday morning and after four and a half days of home construction work, will return to Archbold late Friday afternoon. There is always work for people of various skill levels, with plenty of opportunity to learn how to use power tools! Lodging will be at a local rental home or possibly a church camp. Cost of the week, to cover transportation, lodging and meal costs, will be \$100 to \$125, depending upon number of participants. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF MAY 8,2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	145,260.38
Total Expenses	\$	138,592.51
Net Operating Balance	\$	6,667.87

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	64,853.07
Total Disbursements	\$	52,914.92
Net Mission Balance	\$	11,938.15

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,974,367.99	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	3,743.75	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	13,603.96	
Expenses to Date	\$	652,699.27	
Total	\$	2,644,414.97	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	112,585.03
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change to Date		\$	84,177.97

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- May 11 There We Sat; There We Wept-----Psalm 137
- May 12 Holy Disobedience-----Exodus 1
- May 13 Israel Cries Out-----Exodus 2
- May 14 What’s In a Name?-----Exodus 3
- May 15 Reluctant Hero-----Exodus 4:1-17
- May 16 Hard Heart, Hard Questions-----Exodus 4:18-31
- May 17 Gotta Serve Somebody-----Exodus 5:1-21

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF MAY 8, 2025

- ◆ **New Restrooms, Custodian Room, Elevator Shaft, Preschool Room**
 - ◇ Steel posts and beams are being installed for the elevator shaft, from the floor of the first floor up into the attic. Due to the weight and length of the steel columns, they have been cut in sections in order to get them inside the building and set in place, then welded back together.
 - ◇ Once the steel is all in place for the elevator, walls around the elevator will be constructed, which will also be the walls for the custodian room, and then the new bathroom for the preschool room can be constructed.
 - ◇ The drywall in the two restrooms has been painted, and tile work may begin this next week.
- ◆ **New Electric Service**
 - ◇ A different circuit breaker had to be ordered for one of the main circuits coming into the boiler room, so no further work can be performed until that breaker arrives.
- ◆ **Sanctuary**
 - ◇ Demolition work in the sanctuary and narthex removed the organ screen, cut a door opening into the former organ chamber room, removed the top level of the choir loft floor, and removed the ceiling of the narthex.
 - ◇ Painting of the sanctuary walls began this past week, and the base of a railing extension for the front of the balcony was installed.
 - ◇ Electricians installed rails for new spotlights for the chancel and altar areas, and began the process of mapping out locations of new conduit runs and receptacles. . Overhead light fixtures are being removed and electrical boxes opened up in preparation for pulling new wiring.
 - ◇ A meeting between SJCC reps, Torrence Sound, Wyse Electric and Mel Lanzer took place on Thursday to coordinate cabling for the new cameras, TV monitors and system components.
- ◆ **Adjusted Schedule of Work**
 - ◇ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28th.
 - ◇ The original boiler is scheduled to be removed on May 19th.

WEEK OF MAY 11TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Gym)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-Time Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal at St. Martins Lutheran Church
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	Confirmation Practice & Pictures (Gym)
	6:30PM	Life Planning (Scout Cabin)
	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir (Gym)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Fireside)
Sun	Confirmation Sunday	
	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	10:30AM	Rite of Confirmation

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
Easy Worship	(10:30) Mark Nofziger
Sound Tech	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald
8AM Usher	Jim Grieser
Head Usher	Matt Hines
Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker
Ushers	(10:30) Jude Rutledge, Elijah Verhoff, Jack Weber

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Dean & Darlene Sauder and family upon the death of Dean's mother, Donna, who entered eternal life on May 8th at the age of 95. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 13th, from 9AM-11AM, with a funeral service at 11AM, at Archbold Evangelical Church.
- ◆ Jocelyn Walker, Director of Youth and Young Adults, began her maternity leave on Thursday, May 8th. Pray for her, Corey, Allie and Evy as they await their new joy!
- ◆ Betsy Redd had hip replacement surgery on April 28th and all went well. She is at home recovering.
- ◆ Marilyn Baron is now a resident at Fulton Manor, in rehab for now, but most likely will be a long term resident.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, started her new medicine earlier than originally planned in the first week of May with hopes that it begins to shrink the cancer in her back; and she continues to struggle with weight gain, which is needed.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, the stem cell transplant went well. Todd is home, and his health is very good.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 232, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene Lafontaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – Praise God for 3 months here! Pray that I may be able to understand and communicate clearly with a friend. Pray for my long term visa, that I would receive it in a timely manner and without complications. Pray for an upcoming trip into a village outside the city. Pray that it would be a restful time. Pray for a teachers training that I am helping to put on along with another colleague. Pray the teachers would feel encouraged and equipped.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – Pray for the 113 students who have come to new faith in Jesus since July 1, 2024 – pray they may grow in faith and connect with a church.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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