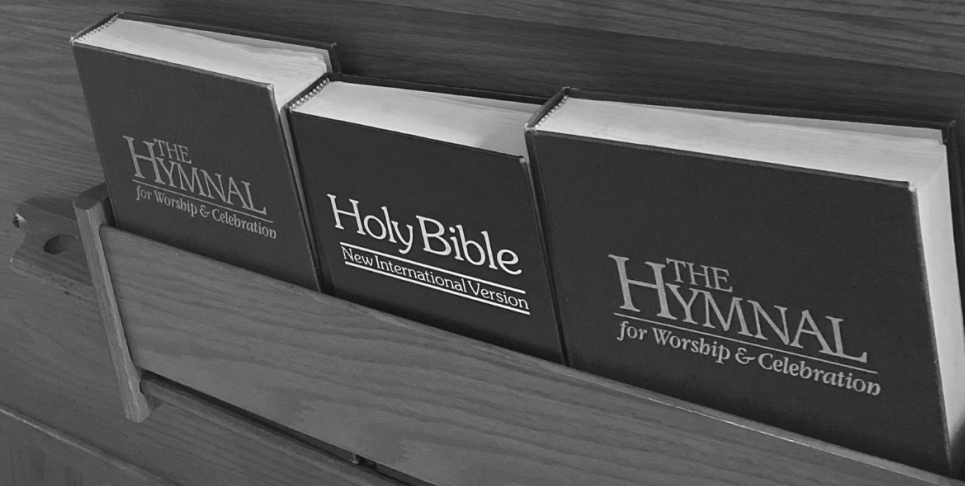




May 18, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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 labeled "Artisan's Tent." Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery](http://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!

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

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

Ringling 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 Litany Reading (North & **South**)

Psalm 95:1-7

North: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**South: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

North: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**South: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

North: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**South: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

North: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

**All: The Word of the Lord. Amen.**

†(8:00) Prelude

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

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

† (10:30) Opening Praise

"Risen King"

Prayer of Invocation

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

pg. 8-9, "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

pg. 7, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"I Will Follow"

"Echo Holy"

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:15-17, 4:2-6

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

pg. 9, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

† (10:30) Sermon Song

"Christ is Enough"

Sermon

"Holy Living"

(10:30) Rite of Confirmation

Invitation, Opening Sentences and Charge to the Confirmands

Scripture Reading and The Apostles' Creed

Promises and Vows of the Confirmands

Memory Verses and the Laying on of Hands in Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charge to Parents

Response of Parents: ***We praise God for your step of faith in your decision to be confirmed into the church of Jesus Christ this morning. Let us strive to stand firm in faithfulness to the Lord. We promise to continue to encourage you in your faith, doing our part to help you remember your confession and vows of faith. May God bless you with wisdom and courage as you continue to deepen your faith and serve the Lord with gladness.***

Address to the Confirmands

Unison Welcome by Congregation: ***We are filled with joy for you as you have confessed your faith in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.***

Greetings of Christian Love, Conferring of Certificates, and Benediction

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O Church Arise"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

pg. 10, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

†(10:30) Closing Praise

"My Lighthouse"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

pg. 11, vs 1 & 2, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, "Christ is Enough"

Confirmands:

- ◆ Tucker Johnston, son of Ben & Tiffany Johnston
- ◆ Ethan Krukowski, son of Bo & Bri Krukowski
- ◆ Jude Rutledge, son of Jeff & Stacy Rutledge
- ◆ Elijah Verhoff, son of Josh & Shanda Verhoff

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Psalms 95:1-7** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; <sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

**Colossians 3:15-17** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Colossians 4:2-6** Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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

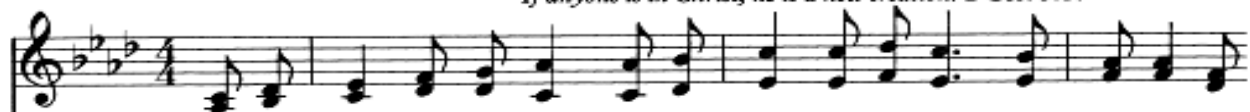
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Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio, was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ-centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and 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/](http://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.



# Since Jesus Came into My Heart 515

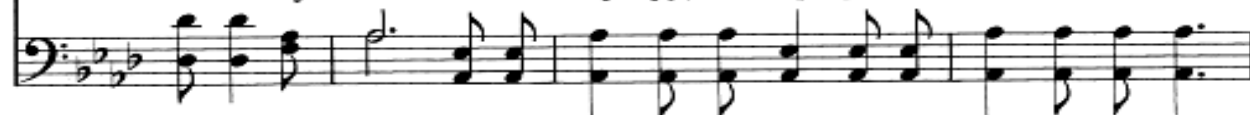
*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17*



1. What a won - der - ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came
2. I have ceased from my wan - d'ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came
3. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y, I know, Since Je - sus came



in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,  
in - to my heart! And my sins, which were man - y, are all washed a - way,  
in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py, as on - ward I go,



*Refrain*

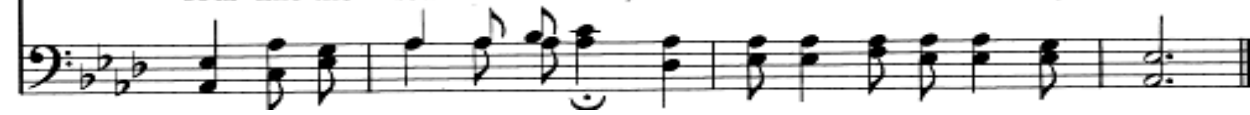
Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my



heart, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart, Floods of joy o'er my



soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.



# 228 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Phil. 4:4*

*Descant - last stanza*

4. Re-joyce, our Lord shall come a-gain.

1. Re - joi-ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
 4. Re - joi-ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come

And take His ser - vants to their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joi-ce, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 When He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:  
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
 And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, Re -

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -





# Take the Name of Jesus with You 116

*Whatever you do . . . do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Col. 3:17*



1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe;
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros - trate at His feet,



It will joy and com - fort give you—Take it, then, wher - e'er you go.  
If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.  
When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us And His songs our tongues em - ploy!  
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour - ney is com - plete.



## *Refrain*



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.



# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 376

*Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26*



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed  
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,  
 3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,  
 4. Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now



- to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
 the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, No turn - ing  
 I still will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, I still will fol - low,  
 to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus?



- back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.
- ♦ **ATTENTION! If you are under the age of 150**, this is for you! LIFT (Living In Faith Together) This is a unique Summer Sunday School experience! It is an INTERGENERATIONAL Class. If you are not already committed to a Sunday School Class, come be a part of this one. The growth of Christ-centered relationships are so important. When generations mutually invest in one another this will allow Christ-centered relationships to grow more. Each generation has so much to offer with wisdom, insight, knowledge and even encouragement to have some fun! Each session encourages a time to break bread, study God's Word, pray, and even play! The first session begins **June 1 and runs until July 13<sup>th</sup>** (with a week off on July 6). This session focuses on Jesus' Parables. It will begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings and may be in the gym. This cannot work without you! We need all generations involved! We can't wait to see you.
- ♦ **True North VBS** is heading to St. John's on **June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** for all preschool (4yrs) through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs).
- ♦ **VBS Donations** - We are once again seeking donations of supplies and groceries for the week of VBS. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**. The group will meet at the church at 7AM Monday morning and 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 on the number of participants. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

# BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF MAY 16, 2025

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- ◆ New Restrooms, Custodian Room, Elevator Shaft, Preschool Room
  - ◇ Steel columns and beams have been set into the attic, just below the roof trusses.
  - ◇ The work of laying wall tile in the two bathrooms has been well started this 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
  - ◇ Painting of the sanctuary walls continued this past week, as well as stairwell and hallways.
  - ◇ Floor joists and plywood were laid in what will be a new worship storage space, with work being done to lay wood in the choir loft area to match up with the level of the chancel floor.
  - ◇ Further conduit and wiring were run in the sanctuary.
  - ◇ TV mounts were installed in the sanctuary.
- ◆ Adjusted Schedule of Work
  - ◇ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◇ The original boiler is scheduled to be removed on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

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May 18 High on Love-----	Psalm 138
May 19 Let Battle Commence-----	Exodus 5:22-6:12
May 20 Snakes Alive-----	Exodus 6:28-7:13
May 21 Water Pollution-----	Exodus 7:14-24
May 22 Shallow Repentance-----	Exodus 9
May 23 Worship Prioritized-----	Exodus 10
May 24 Egypt Cries Out-----	Exodus 11

# BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF MAY 16, 2025

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## Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	150,748.99
Total Expenses	\$	150,665.28
Net Operating Balance	\$	83.71

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	66,385.18
Total Disbursements	\$	53,153.97
Net Mission Balance	\$	13,231.21

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,874,367.99	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	3,743.75	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	97,689.96	
Expenses to Date	\$	669,491.30	
Total	\$	2,645,293.00	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	111,707.00
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change to Date		\$	85,056.00

## TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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- (Both) Accompanist - Buffy Riley

(8:00) Song Leader - Andrew Rohrs

(10:30) Sound - James Grime

(8:00) Usher - Linda Heer

(10:30) Ushers: Carly Grime, Jan Martinez, Cayla Swisher, Ella Yoder

(10:30) Nursery Attendants: Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines

(10:30) Praise Team: Keira Christman, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley
- (Both) Worship Leader - Brad Roth

(10:30) Easy Worship - Kelly Ducey

(10:30) Live Stream - Ollie MacDonald

(10:30) Head Usher - Matt Hines

# WEEK OF MAY 18TH AT ST. JOHN’S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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
	12:00PM    Parish Hall Reserved
Mon	6:15PM    Spiritual Council
	7:15PM    Consistory
Tue	9:15AM    Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM    Community Meal (Girl Scouts) at St. Martins Lutheran Church
Wed	6:00PM    VBS Trailblazer Training (Chapel)
	6:30PM    Adult Choir Year End Dinner (Gym)
	7:30PM    Adult Choir Rehearsal (Gym)
Sat	Parish Hall Reserved
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)

## WORSHIP TECHS AND LEADERS BEING SOUGHT

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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.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Corey & Jocelyn Walker welcomed their son, Maxwell Collin Walker, on May 9<sup>th</sup>, weighing 8 lbs. 6oz. and was 20.75" long. He was also welcomed by big sisters Allie & Evy.
- ◆ Betsy Redd had hip replacement surgery on April 28<sup>th</sup> 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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