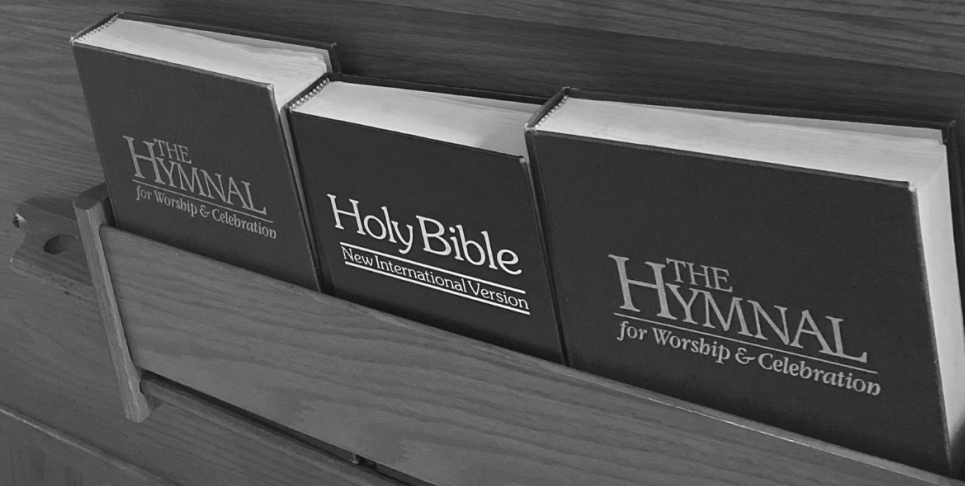




May 25, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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/Diaper Changing Station



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 or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. Diaper changing stations are located in 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)

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

Psalm 96:7-9

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations,

People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name

People: Bring an offering and come into his courts

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

All: The Word of the Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

"How Great Is Our God"

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

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 5, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

pg. 6, "Love Lifted Me"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Children's Message

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"Go Ye Into All the World"

† Sermon Hymn

pg. 7, "I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Morning Message

"Jesus: Eyeball to Eyeball"

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"My Country, Tis of Thee"

Second Offering for our Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Roger Zimmerman

† Closing Hymn

pg. 8-9, "The Love of God"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 9, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**This hymn is a favorite of a member within our congregation.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 96:7-9 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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, 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.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 463

I am the Lord . . . who takes hold of your right hand. Isa. 41:13

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand— I am
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near— When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me
 life is al - most gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light— Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand lest I fall— Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey

MUSIC: George N. Allen; adapted by Thomas A. Dorsey

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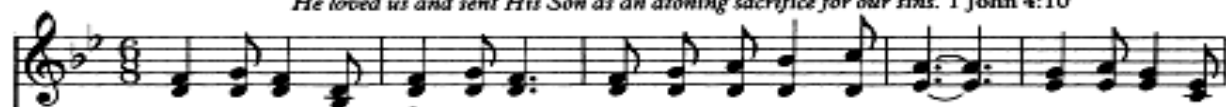
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DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

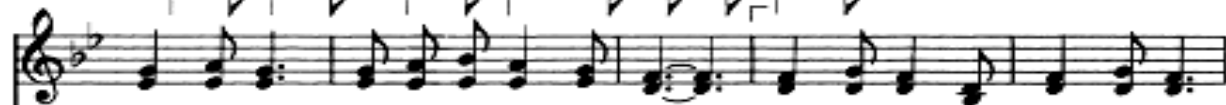
May 25 The Wonder Of...-----Psalm 139
 May 26 Wisdom's Beauty-----Proverbs 1:1-19
 May 27 Why Won't They Listen?-----Proverbs 1:20-33
 May 28 A Gift Worth Seeking-----Proverbs 2
 May 29 Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise?-----Proverbs 3
 May 30 Have You Got It Yet?-----Proverbs 4:1-9
 May 31 Watch Your Step!-----Proverbs 4:10-27

Love Lifted Me 505

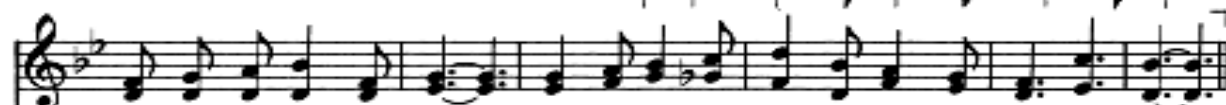
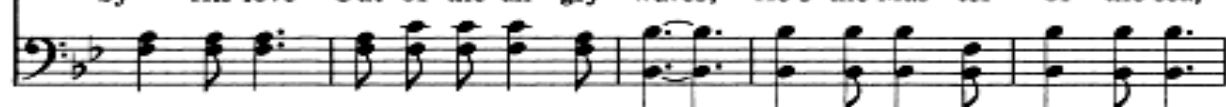
He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10



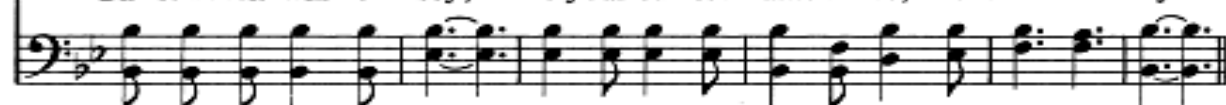
1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you



stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea
pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing; Love so might-y and so true,
by His love Out of the an-gry waves; He's the Mas-ter of the sea,



Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me, Now safe am I.
Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice, too, To Him be-longs.
Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be, Be saved to-day.



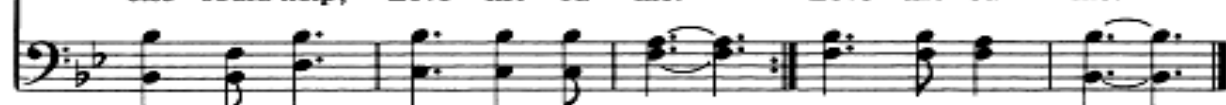
Refrain



Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me! When noth-ing
e-ven me! e-ven me!



else could help, Love lift-ed me. Love lift-ed me.



I Know Whom I Have Believed 409

I know whom I have believed. 2 Tim. 1:12

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace To me He hath made known,
2. I know not how this sav - ing faith To me He did im - part,
3. I know not how the Spir - it moves, Con - vinc - ing men of sin,
4. I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noon-day fair,

Nor why, un-wor - thy, Christ in love Re - deemed me for His own.
Nor how be - liev - ing in His Word Wrought peace with-in my heart.
Re - veal - ing Je - sus through the Word, Cre - at - ing faith in Him.
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, Or "meet Him in the air."

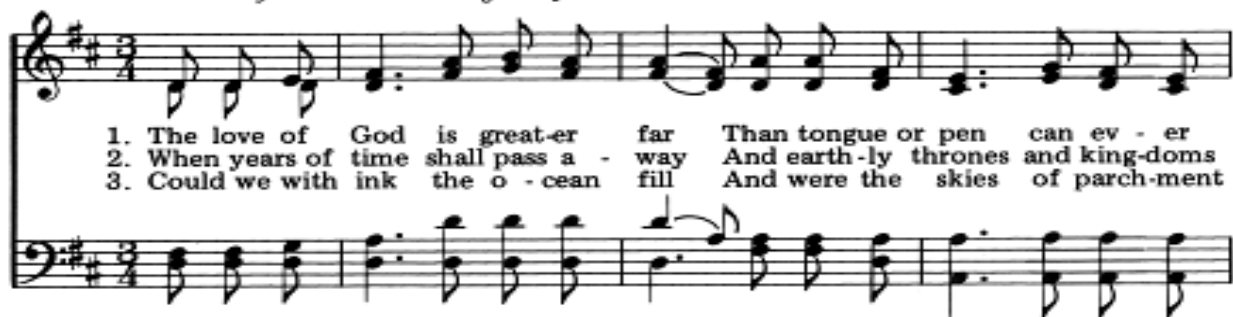
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But "I know whom I have be - liev - ed, And am per - suad - ed that He is

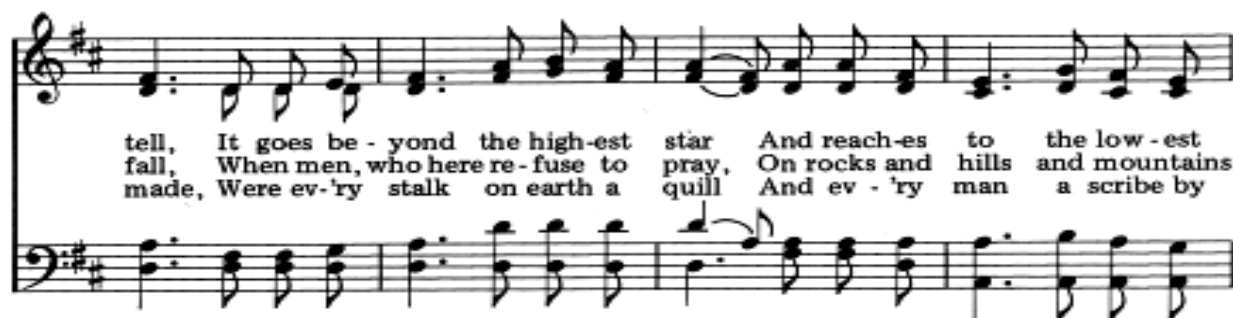
a - ble To keep that which I've com-mit - ted Un-to Him a-against that day."

67 The Love of God

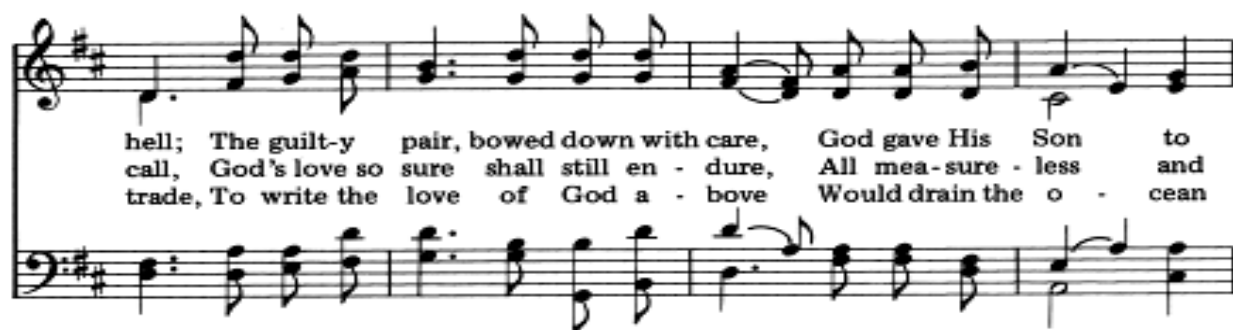
I have loved you with an everlasting love, Jer. 31:3



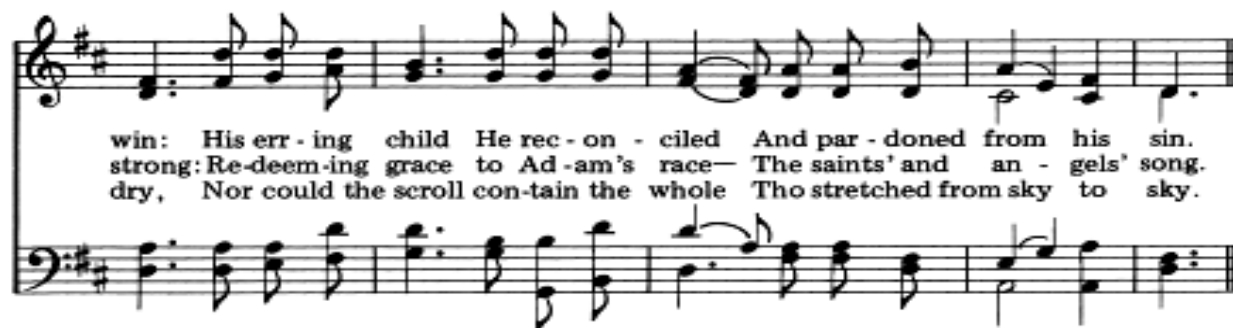
1. The love of God is great-er far Than tongue or pen can ev - er
2. When years of time shall pass a - way And earth-ly thrones and king-doms
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill And were the skies of parch-ment



tell, It goes be - yond the high-est star And reach-es to the low-est
fall, When men, who here re-fuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains
made, Were ev-'ry stalk on earth a quill And ev - 'ry man a scribe by



hell; The guilt-y pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to
call, God's love so sure shall still en - dure, All mea - sure - less and
trade, To write the love of God a - bove Would drain the o - cean



win: His err - ing child He rec - on - ciled And par - doned from his sin.
strong: Re-deem-ing grace to Ad-am's race— The saints' and an - gels' song.
dry, Nor could the scroll con-tain the whole Tho stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea-sure - less and strong!

It shall for - ev - er-more en - dure— The saints' and an - gels' song.

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 335

We . . . reflect the Lord's glory, . . . being transformed into His likeness. 2 Cor. 3:18

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, Look full in His won-der-ful face,
won-der-ful face,

And the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **ATTENTION! If you are under the age of 150, this is for you!** LIFT (Living In Faith Together) It's an INTERGENERATIONAL Sunday School Class. If you are not already committed to a Sunday School Class, please come and be a part of this one. When generations mutually invest in one another Christ-centered relationships will grow. 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 13th (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 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.
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! June's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **June 19th**, beginning at 11:30AM in the chapel. After enjoying lunch and fellowship around the table, a short program arranged by Pastor Erich will follow.
- ♦ **Worship Techs and Leaders Being Sought** - Would you be interested in serving as a Sound, Easy Worship or Live Stream Tech for our Sunday morning services? What about serving as a worship leader, lay reader, or providing a Children's Moment? If intrigued, please contact Pastor Erich.

WEEK OF MAY 25TH 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)
Mon	Memorial Day - Church Offices Closed	
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Gym)
Wed	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal (Gym)
Fri	7:00PM	Junior High Late Night Lock-in at The Outback
	8:00PM	Senior High Lock-in at St. Martin's
Sat	Parish Hall Reserved	
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Worship Leader	Kim S. Walker
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
(10:30) Children's Message	Matt Hines
Morning Message	Nancy Rupp
(10:30) Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
Nursery Assistants	Karen Walker & Emily Walker
(8:00) Usher	Linda Heer
(10:30) Head Usher	Matt Hines
(10:30) Ushers	Jude Rutledge, Elijah Verhoff, Jack Weber

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Braden Martinez had surgery on Tuesday at FCHC to repair damage to the patellar tendons and the lateral and medial ligaments in each knee. He will be non-weight for at least six weeks.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, endured some rough weeks due to switching meds, but progress has recently been realized. She was able to finish the school year on campus. Pray for the issues of medications, infusions, blood pressure and a dilated artery.
- ◆ Pastor Erich's eyelid and eye nerve repair surgery went well on Thursday. Due to swelling and bruising, he is recovering at home through at least Monday.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, 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...

- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders – Next up, our family heads to Chicago to lead the Cru Summer Mission there from May 24th- July 2nd. Please also be praying for our students and staff as we seek to grow and do ministry in Chicago this summer!
- ◆ 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.

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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