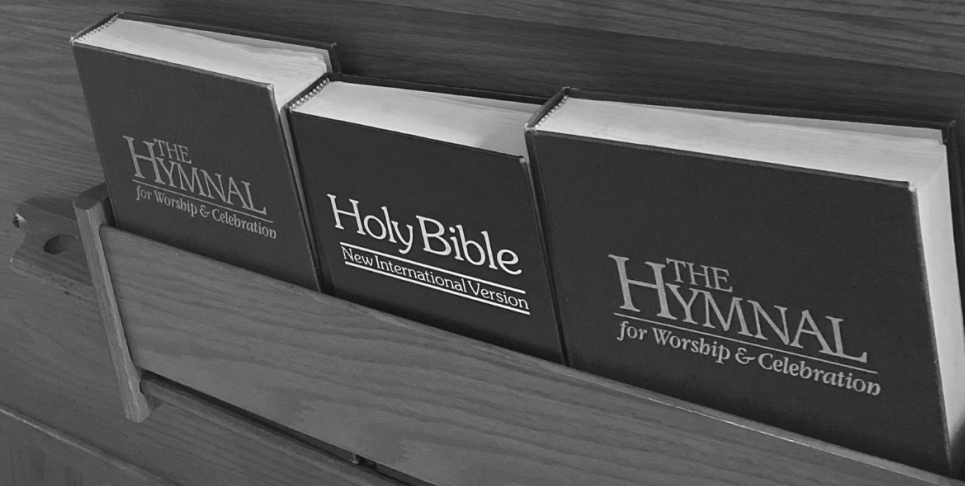




August 3, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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 Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the first floor room down the hall labeled "Parlor." 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 office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and in the Parlor. 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

Prelude

“The King is Coming”

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

† Call to Worship

Psalm 16:8-11

Leader: David, the Psalmist writes, “I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

People: *Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,*

Leader: because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

People: *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”*

All: *Let us praise the Lord!*

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6-7, “They Crucified My Savior”

pg. 10, “Worship Christ the Risen King”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

Special Music

Adam Swisher

“What An Awesome God”

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:42-47, 16:1-6

Sermon

“The God of Miracles: Easter at the Empty Tomb”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“To God Be the Glory”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 8-9, "Because He Lives" **

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 11, v.4, "Were You There?"

***Tammy Nofziger and Carol DeVries both enjoy "Because He Lives" as a favorite hymn of theirs. Tammy has always loved the words to this hymn, especially verse 3, Jesus gives us victory over death. Carol likes the line "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow" as those words helped her through the trials of a custody battle concerning her grandson.*

SCRIPTURE READING

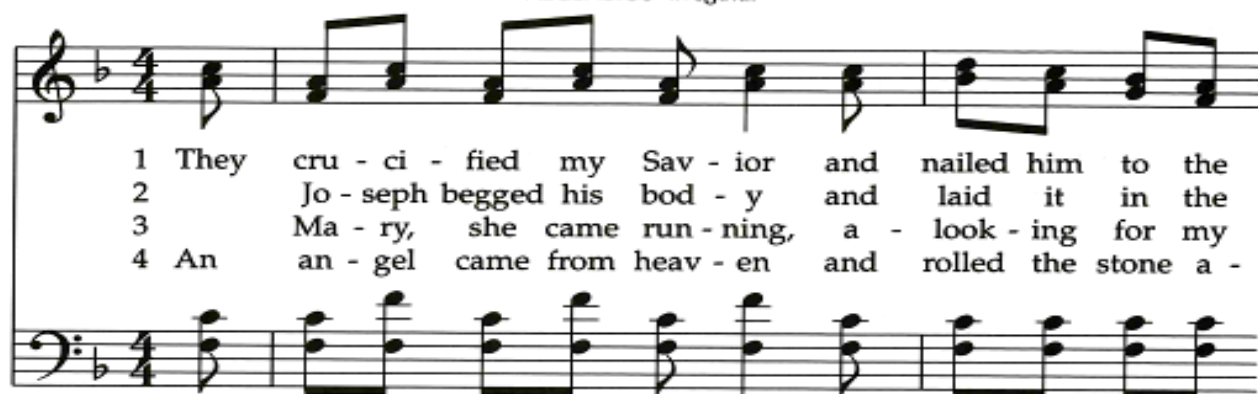
Psalm 16:8-11 I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ¹¹ You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Mark 15:42-47 It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Mark 16:1-6 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."

266 They crucified my Savior

ASCENSUS Irregular



1 They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior and nailed him to the
 2 Jo - seph begged his bod - y and laid it in the
 3 Ma - ry, she came run - ning, a - look - ing for my
 4 An an - gel came from heav - en and rolled the stone a -



cross. They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior and nailed him to the cross.
 tomb. Jo - seph begged his bod - y and laid it in the tomb.
 Lord. Ma - ry, she came run - ning, a - look - ing for my Lord.
 way. An an - gel came from heav - en and rolled the stone a - way.



cross, and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.
 tomb, and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.
 Lord, and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.
 way, and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.

Refrain

He a - rose, He a - rose, he a - rose, he a - rose,

he a - rose from the dead! He a - rose, He a - rose,

he a - rose he a - rose, he a - rose from the dead!

dead, and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.

213 Because He Lives

Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Refrain

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He

lives all fear is gone; Be - cause I know

He holds the fu - ture. And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He

lives. lives. Be - cause He lives

1,2 D.C. 3 Optional repeat of last Refrain

I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives all fear is

gone; Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture.

And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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Worship Christ the Risen King 225

My Lord and my God! John 20:28

1. Rise, O Church, and lift your voi - ces, Christ has con - quered
 2. See the tomb where death had laid Him, Emp - ty now, its
 3. Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble, See the stone re -
 4. Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur, Scof - fers mock and
 5. We ac - claim Your life, O Je - sus, Now we sing Your

death and hell. Sing as all the earth re - joi - ces;
 mouth de - clares; "Death and I could not con - tain Him,
 moved with pow'r; All hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble
 sin - ners jeer; But the truth pro - claims a won - der
 vic - to - ry; Sin or hell may seek to seize us

Re - sur - rec - tion an - thems swell. Come and wor - ship,
 For the Throne of Life He shares." Come and wor - ship,
 But can - not with - stand His hour. He has con - quered,
 Thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer. He is ris - en,
 But Your con - quest keeps us free. Stand in tri - umph,

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the Ris - en King!
 come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the Ris - en King!
 He has con - quered, Christ the Lord, the Ris - en King!
 He is ris - en, Now re - ceive the Ris - en King!
 Stand in tri - umph, Wor - ship Christ, the Ris - en King! A - men.

181 Were You There?

It was the third hour when they crucified Him. Mark 15:25

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
 †opt. 4. Were you there when He rose up from the dead? Were you

†May be omitted, especially for Holy Week services.

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? O!
 there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 there when He rose up from the dead?

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble!
 (4. Some-times I feel like shout-ing glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!)

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when He rose up from the dead?

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JULY 30, 2025

North Restrooms (new)

- ◆ The counters in both restrooms will be replaced – the current counters were manufactured incorrectly according to the architect's plans.

South Restrooms

- ◆ The work of setting walls, door frames, plumbing lines, electrical lines and HVAC lines and ductwork continues.

Status of Sanctuary:

- ◆ The LVT flooring under the pews and in the balcony has been installed.
- ◆ The oak facing of the ramp and front of the chancel area has been completed.
- ◆ Pew installation is set for the week of August 11th.
- ◆ Following pew installation, carpet will be installed in the aisles. Chancel area carpet will be installed once oak trim and ramp railings are in place.
- ◆ The new ceiling finish of the sanctuary narthex was addressed this past week.
- ◆ Torrence Sound Equipment is ready to begin installation work once the asbestos abatement work is finished.

Other areas:

- ◆ Asbestos abatement of the second floor was conducted this past week.
- ◆ The concrete subcontractor has finished the work at the west entrance, the vestry and gym entrances, and the kitchen and Fireside entrances. Work to replace the south porch concrete floor and steps, and construct the new ramp, will begin in a month or so.
- ◆ Elevator installation is being delayed as some design changes are being addressed with the elevator shaft – additional steel columns had to be installed.
- ◆ Work continues on installation of HVAC ductwork, air handlers, compressors and electrical.
- ◆ Toledo Edison was on site Tuesday and Wednesday to remove the overhead service line to the building, as well as rework the power lines to our east neighbors. They will also be removing the utility pole in the center of the east parking lot and the pole outside the Fireside Room.

It remains the intent of the Mel Lanzer Company to complete the entire project by November.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 30, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	213,324.43
Total Expenses	\$	215,039.41
Net Operating Balance	\$	(1,714.98)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	94,673.15
Total Disbursements	\$	73,428.32
Net Mission Balance	\$	21,244.83

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,537,756.06	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	1,744.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	61,220.22	
Expenses to Date	\$	1,076,096.33	
Total	\$	2,676,817.11	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	80,182.89
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 7/19/2025		\$	116,580.11

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Aug 03 Praise Without Limits----- Psalm 148
- Aug 04 The Master Plan ----- Acts 7:1-16
- Aug 05 Called And Chosen ----- Acts 7:17-34
- Aug 06 Ever-Present God ----- Acts 7:35-53
- Aug 07 Calm in the Storm ----- Acts 7:54-8:8
- Aug 08 Changing Sides ----- Acts 8:9-25
- Aug 09 Led By The Lord ----- Acts 8:26-40

WEEK OF AUGUST 3RD AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
	4:00PM	Book Bag Bash (Gym)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Gym)
	7:00PM	Judy Barnhart Group (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Song Leader	David Stuckey
Worship Leader	JoAnn Short	Children's Message	JoAnn Short
(8:00) Lay Reader	Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Lay Reader	Avery Roth
(10:30) Easy Worship	Brian Roth	(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald	(8:00) Usher	Linda Heer
(10:30) Head Usher	Brad Roth		
(10:30) Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Evy Roth, Avery Roth		
Nursery Assistants	Corey & Jocelyn Walker		

MISSION-A-MONTH FOR AUGUST - BACK BAY MISSION

“Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives” (thebackbaymission.org, 2021). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Book Bag Bash, TODAY, 4PM-6PM**, outside by the storage shed, weather permitting. FREE school supplies for all K-12 students! All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help, Jill Nafziger would love to hear from you.
- ♦ **LifeWise Archbold** is growing and is looking for more classroom volunteers! There's no prep and we welcome volunteers of all ages. If you have one hour/week and are looking to be a part of an amazing ministry to students, we'd love to have you join our team! Questions? Feel free to email Racheljones@lifewise.org. Click on "Join the Team" when you sign up at lifewise.org/archboldoh.
- ♦ **Pastor Erich** is scheduled for his knee replacement surgery tomorrow, August 4th. He will be on six weeks of medical leave as he recovers. Throughout his medical leave, he will be available for pastoral concerns. He may be reached by his cell phone: 419-551-0401.
- ♦ **"Youth Merch Now Available:** Calling all SJCC teens! We officially have our own merch shop open featuring a design just for St. John's teens and youth advisors! JYF and SYF are welcome to browse and order from the shop at <https://sjcc-youth-shop.myspreadshop.com/>. The vendor is offering 25% off all orders for the next week and a half, which will put orders in our hands before the program year starts in September. This year's shirt design features a reminder of our call to discipleship: to LOVE like Jesus. SERVE others. & PRAY endlessly. Teens in need of financial assistance for orders should contact Jocelyn in the church office."
- ♦ **Faith in the Stadium with the Mud Hens:** The Toledo Mud Hens will have a "Faith in the Stadium" event at Fifth Third Field on **Sunday, August 17th** after the 2:00PM game. This event will feature hundreds of vocalists from Toledo and surrounding areas coming together as a faith-based choir. If you would like tickets, please contact Jocelyn in the office by tomorrow afternoon. If there's enough interest, tickets will be available at the \$13/ticket group rate; otherwise, tickets will be the standard \$15/ticket rate. Jocelyn can be texted or called at 419-575-4218.
- ♦ **Third Thursday Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! August's luncheon will fall on **August 21st**, beginning at 11:30AM in the gym. Come and enjoy an amazing lunch and great fellowship around the table.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ Scott Reeb was hospitalized this past week due to a stone blocking a duct to the gall bladder. He had a procedure to remove the stone.
- ♦ Janet Franks, preparing for surgery on August 21st at the ProMedica Breast Cancer Center.
- ♦ Greg and Deb Weddeman, as Greg has started chemo treatments for a cancer that is in several places throughout his body.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS CONTINUED:

- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, who is in the Rupp Rehab Center for a time of therapy.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◆ Braden Martinez had knee surgery on May 20th and has begun physical therapy.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, as the past five years have included scans, surgeries, nerve damage, meds, nausea and miracles. Miracles for her lungs, her heart and her legs. So many tiny miracles. Still pray and hope for the big miracle. Pray for healing from her head to her toes; specifically her stomach, back and legs. Pray for her heart to continue to be good. Pray for the infusions. In 2 weeks they will be back for all the scans once again. Pray the infusion and meds are working and that the tumor is gone.
- ◆ 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.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 232, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 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.** – Asking for prayers during July for a homestay – staying with two local families to learn more about the culture and practice language full time. Pray that she will be a light and encouragement to both families and that this will be a great time of learning and that God will deepen her love for the people.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (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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