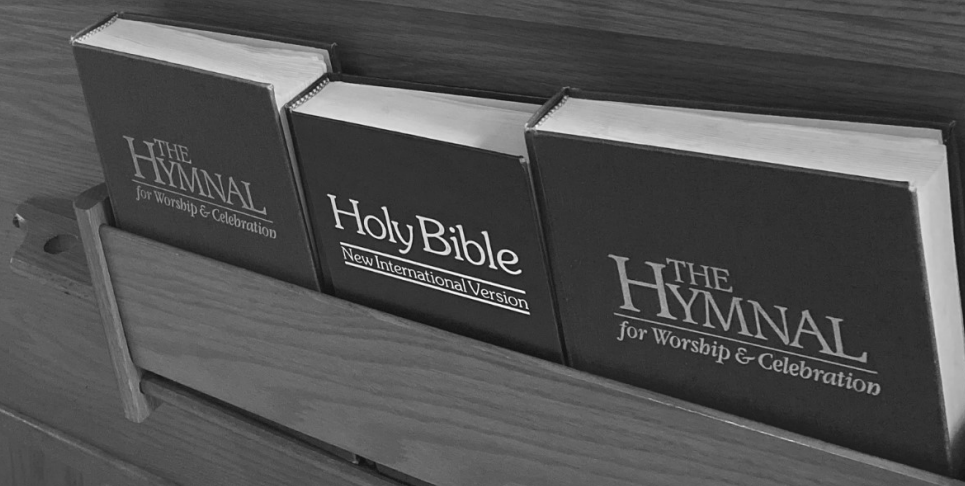




August 17, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

# 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/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the "Fireside Room". 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. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and in the Fireside Room. 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

Matthew 19:14

Prelude

“Hymns of Creation”

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

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 5, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

pg. 6, v. 1, “Glorify Thy Name”

pg. 7, “How Majestic Is Your Name”

pg. 8-9, “Great Is the Lord”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

Special Music

Sarah Kinsman

“I Know A Name”

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Morning Message

Emily Walker

Kajiado Children’s Home

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“He Is Exalted”

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 10, “Are You Washed In the Blood”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 11, v.1, “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 19:14

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " <sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' " <sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

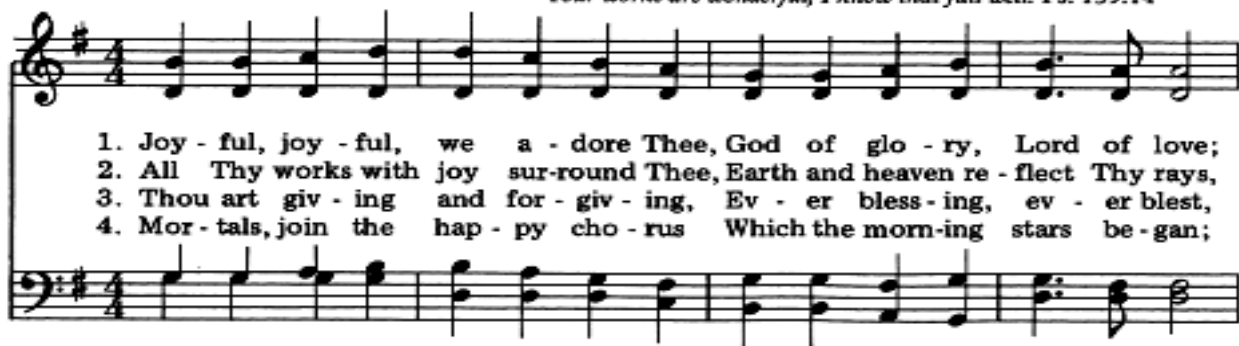
DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

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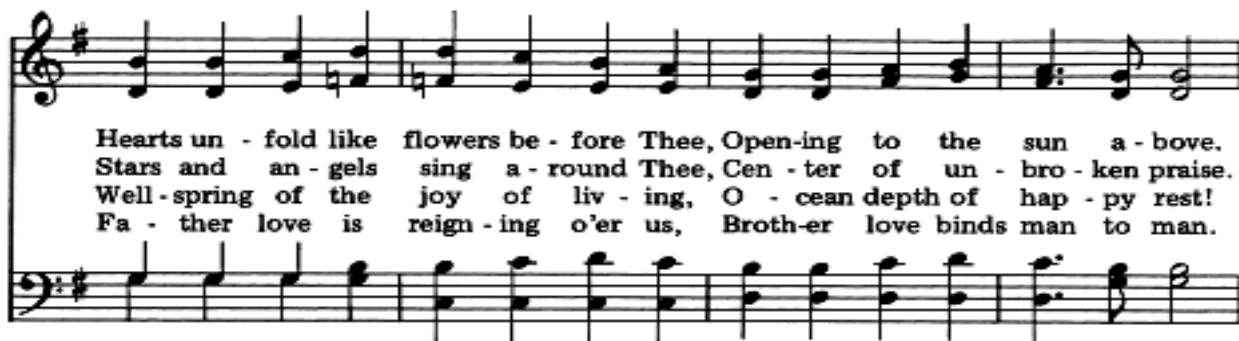
- Aug 17 Loud And Proud ----- Psalm 150
- Aug 18 Waves of Faithlessness ----- Judges 8
- Aug 19 Trust A Woman! ----- Judges 13
- Aug 20 Family Faith Passed On ----- Judges 14
- Aug 21 What Motivates Leaders? ----- Judges 15
- Aug 22 That Famous Haircut ----- Judges 16:1-22
- Aug 23 Set Apart For God ----- Judges 16:23-31

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 1

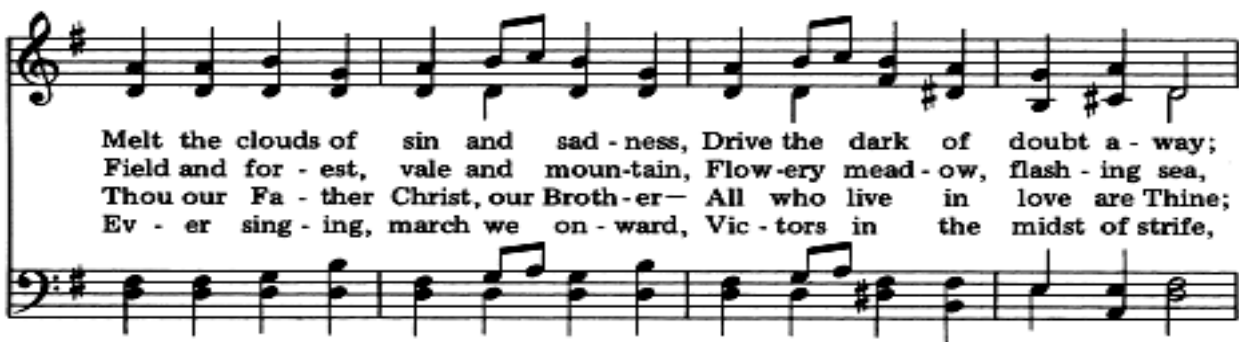
*Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Ps. 139:14*



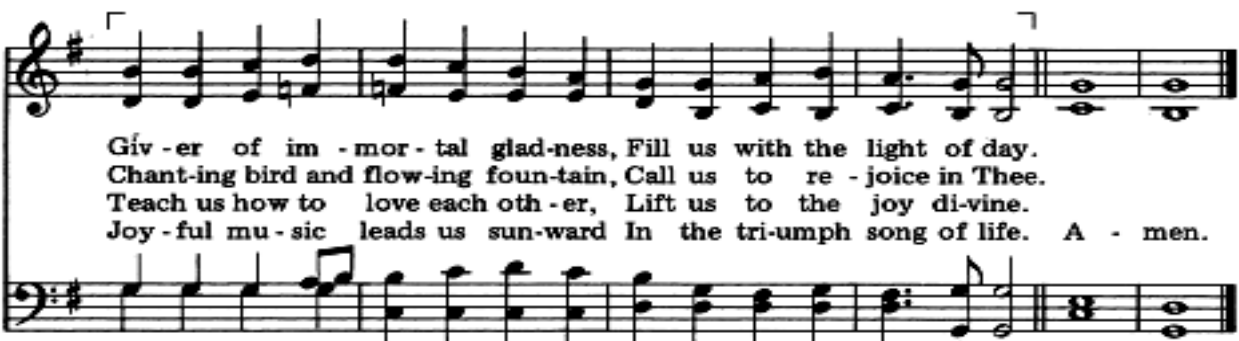
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

# 29 Glorify Thy Name

*Father, glorify Your name! John 12:28*

- 1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff has a melody line with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

# How Majestic Is Your Name 30

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Ps. 8:1*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and includes various musical notations such as treble and bass staves, notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words aligned under specific notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a first and second ending bracketed at the top. The first ending of the fourth system is marked 'D.S.' (Da Capo).

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the  
earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O  
Lord, we mag - ni - fy Your name: Prince of Peace, might-y  
God; O Lord God Al - might - y. O y.

# 31 Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Ps. 145:3

*Unison*

Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just; By His pow-er we trust in His

love. Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true; By His mer-cy He

proves He is love. *Parts optional*  
1, 2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry!  
(D.S.) Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry!

Great is the Lord and wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now  
Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of praise. Great are You, Lord; I

lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the  
lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You,

3rd time to Coda 1 2 D.S. al Coda

Lord! Great is the Lord!  
Lord! Great are You, Lord!

Coda Optional choral ending

Lord! Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

\*Observe fermatas if choral ending is not used.

Great are You, Lord!

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## 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. St. John's has participated in several mission projects in coordination with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi over the years and continues to be one of our larger mission partners. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give to Back Bay Mission by marking Line 2 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Back Bay Mission" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

# 190 Are You Washed in the Blood?

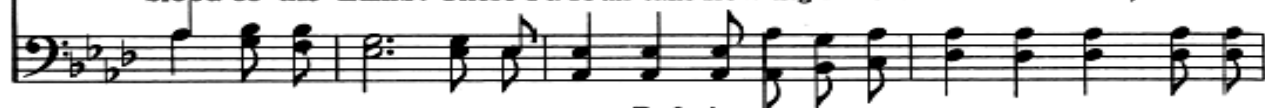
*They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14*



1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans-ing power? Are you washed in the
2. Are you walk-ing dai-ly by the Sav-ior's side? Are you washed in the
3. When the Bride-groom com-eth will your robes be white? Are you washed in the
4. Lay a - side the gar-ments that are stained with sin, And be washed in the



blood of the Lamb? Are you ful - ly trust-ing in His grace this hour? Are you  
blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each mo-moment in the Cru - ci - fied? Are you  
blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be read - y for the man-sions bright, And be  
blood of the Lamb? There's a foun-tain flow-ing for the soul un - clean, O be



## Refrain



washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you washed in the blood,  
Are you washed in the blood,



In the soul - cleans-ing blood of the Lamb? Are your gar - ments  
of the Lamb?



spot-less? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?



# 286 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28*

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A-men.



# **BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF AUGUST 14, 2025**

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## **South Restrooms**

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

## **Mother's Room**

- ◆ Heating and cooling is now operational.

## **Status of Sanctuary:**

- ◆ Waiting on risers to be finished and metal nosing to be installed on the balcony.
- ◆ Update on pew installation, continues to be set for the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ 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 is nearing completion.
- ◆ Torrence Sound Equipment has begun installation work installing TV's and connecting sound equipment.
- ◆ New storage room walls and door should be finished by the end of next week.
- ◆ The modified pulpit and lectern have been returned from Sauder Mfg.
- ◆ Plan is to have the sanctuary ready for occupancy sometime in September.

## **Other areas:**

- ◆ 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 September.
- ◆ Elevator installation is being delayed as some design changes are being addressed with the elevator shaft and fire alarm system.
- ◆ Work continues on installation of HVAC ductwork, air handlers, compressors and electrical.
- ◆ Main hallway ceiling is ready for painting.
- ◆ Painting has started in the upstairs classrooms.
- ◆ Youth room walls have been given a base coat of paint.

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

# BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF AUGUST 6, 2025

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(updates were not available for this week)

## Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$437,965.00
Total Donations	\$218,798.08
Total Expenses	\$227,246.08
Net Operating Balance	(\$8,448.00)

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$173,000.00
Total Donations	\$118,973.97
Total Disbursements	\$109,090.42
Net Mission Balance	\$9,883.55

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$1,307,756.06	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$1,744.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$66,932.62	
Expenses to Date	\$1,302,576.00	
Total	\$2,679,009.18	
<b>Funds Still to be Raised</b>	<b>Currently</b>	<b>\$77,990.82</b>
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 8/6/2025		\$118,772.18

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Pastor Erich** is currently on medical leave until September 8<sup>th</sup> while he recovers from knee replacement surgery. He is, however, available by phone/text for any pastoral concerns. He may be reached at: 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/>. 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.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, 11:30AM in the gym. Come for a wonderful meal, great fellowship, and some exciting special entertainment by our own Nancy Rupp!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - This month we will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Our get together will start with an **11:30AM lunch at Mom's Diner**, followed by a fun paint project across the street at the **Black Swamp Arts Center**. There will be a **\$10 project cost**. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for all those interested.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive** – Ruihley Park Pavilion, **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:00AM-2:00PM and **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. Donors will get a free Red Cross-Peanuts design t-shirt!!
- ◆ **Fall Kickoff Outdoor Bash! - September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00PM** All PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are invited to a night of fun and food as we kick off the program year together! Come get registered for the '25-'26 program year, meet your teachers and advisors, have some dinner, and enjoy the bounce house, s'mores and more!
- ◆ **Fall Night of Faith - September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00PM** Our kickoff events continue with a collaborative night between all PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade programs as we dive into God's Creation Celebration! We'll share in an evening message, activities, and a time of praise and prayer together as one Christian family.

# WEEK OF AUGUST 17TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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)
	2:00PM	Mud Hen's - Faith in the Stadium
Mon	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Gym)
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

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Accompanist	Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	Jocelyn Walker	
(8:00) Lay Reader	Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Children's Message	Madison Bowers	
(10:30) Easy Worship	Tom Hines	
(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	Eric & Anna Yoder	

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ♦ Emily Walker, as she shares with the congregation today.
- ♦ Matt Pardi, as he prepares to share what God is laying on his heart for next week.
- ♦ Pastor Erich, who is home recovering after successful knee surgery on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He will work through physical therapy with plans to return from medical leave on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ Sue Steiner, who is currently in the Rupp Rehab Center at Fairlawn, Room 12. She welcomes cards and visitors.
- ♦ Jace Bernath, son of Ryan & Devin, who had further testing done in Ft. Wayne on Wednesday as he continues to have residual issues from the allergic episodes.
- ♦ Scott Reeb, who is home and healing well after surgery on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ Janet Franks, who will have surgery this Thursday at the ProMedica Breast Cancer Center.
- ♦ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as Greg has started chemo treatments for a cancer that is in several places throughout his body.
- ♦ 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 continues to work through physical therapy in rehabbing both of his knees.
- ♦ Chloe Merillat, who had unexpected surgery on Wednesday to fix a problem that was not related to her cancer. She is expected to remain in the hospital for a week.
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Sue Steiner, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 12, Archbold, 43502
- ♦ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

### 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)
- 16 (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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