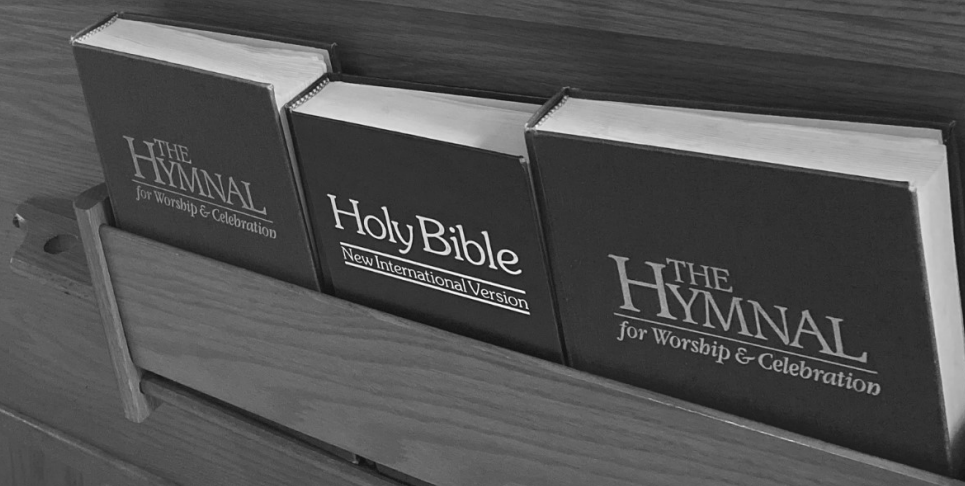




August 24, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

# 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

Romans 11:33-36

Prelude

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

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

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6, "We Have Come into His House"

pg. 7, v. 1, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

pg. 8, v. 1, "He Leadeth Me"

pg. 9, vs. 1,2,4 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Roger Zimmerman

"Shout to the Lord"

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-10

Sermon

Matt Pardi

"The Living Water"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

Second Offering - Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn

pg. 10, "Jesus Saves!"

† Spoken Benediction

Matt Pardi

† Benediction in Song

pg. 11, v. 2, "In His Time"

SCRIPTURE READING

**Romans 11:33-36** Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! <sup>34</sup> "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

**John 4:5-10** <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” (NIV)

TODAY’S SPEAKER: MATT PARDI

Matt and MaryLynn have been married for 25 years and have three children: Dominic, Bella, and Max. Matt has served with Reliant Ministry for 30 years and has been a pastor at H2O Church for 25 years. In 2008, the H2O Network was founded with a vision to plant churches on college campuses. Today, Matt leads and coaches the H2O Network, which has grown to 10 churches.

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

- Aug 24 How To Be Happy ----- Psalm 1
- Aug 25 Gifted For Growth ----- 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
- Aug 26 Organized Spontaneity ----- 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
- Aug 27 Don’t Budge ----- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Aug 28 Death Is Not The End ----- 1Corinthians 15:12-34
- Aug 29 What’s In Store? ----- 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- Aug 30 God’s Curators ----- 1 Corinthians 16

## TEACHING NOTES

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### John 4 - The Living Water

1. Jesus had a divine appointment and is intentional in all He does.
2. Jesus overcomes social norms and stereotypes to start loving relationships.
3. Jesus is the Living Water that gives eternal life.
4. Jesus knows your past and still wants you.

# 588 We Have Come into His House

*They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Matt. 28:9*

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to  
2. Let's for - get a - bout our - selves and mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Him. We have come in - to His house and  
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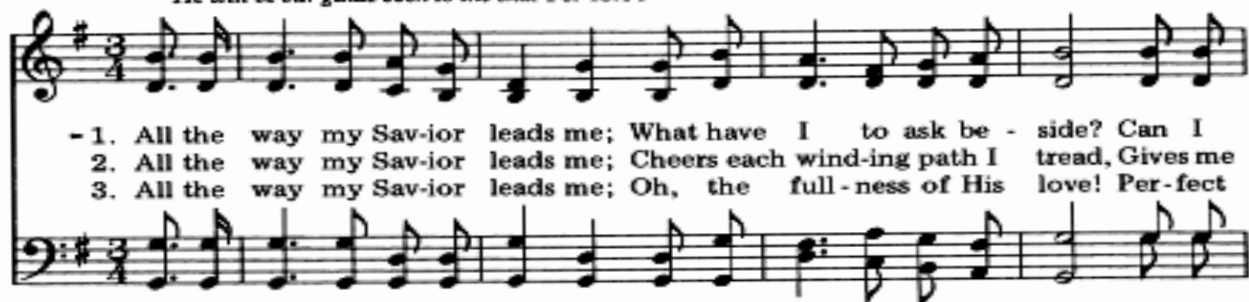
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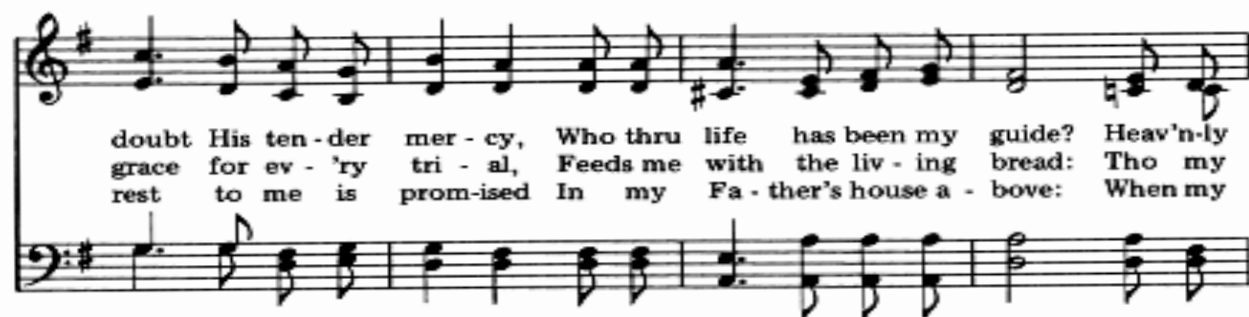
Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.  
Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.

# 460 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

*He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14*



- 1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; What have I to ask be - side? Can I  
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Cheers each wind-ing path I tread, Gives me  
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Oh, the full - ness of His love! Per - fect



doubt His ten - der mer - cy, Who thru life has been my guide? Heav'n-ly  
 grace for ev - 'ry tri - al, Feeds me with the liv - ing bread: Tho my  
 rest to me is prom-ised In my Fa - ther's house a - bove: When my



peace, di - vin - est com - fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I  
 wea - ry steps may fal - ter, And my soul a - thirst may be, Gush-ing  
 spir - it, cloth'd im - mor - tal, Wings its flight to realms of day, This my

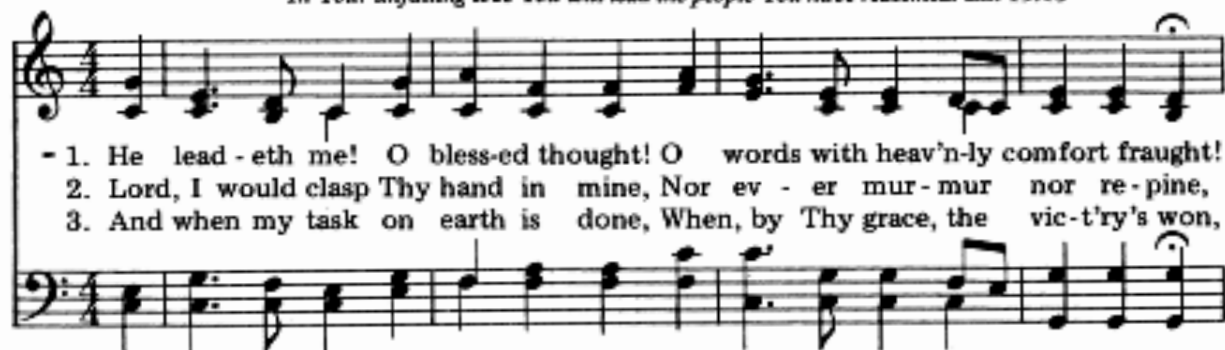


know what-e'er be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well; well.  
 from the Rock be - fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see; see.  
 song thru end-less a - ges: Je - sus led me all the way; way.

not come to "The Goodness of"

# He Leadeth Me 461

*In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. Ex. 15:13*



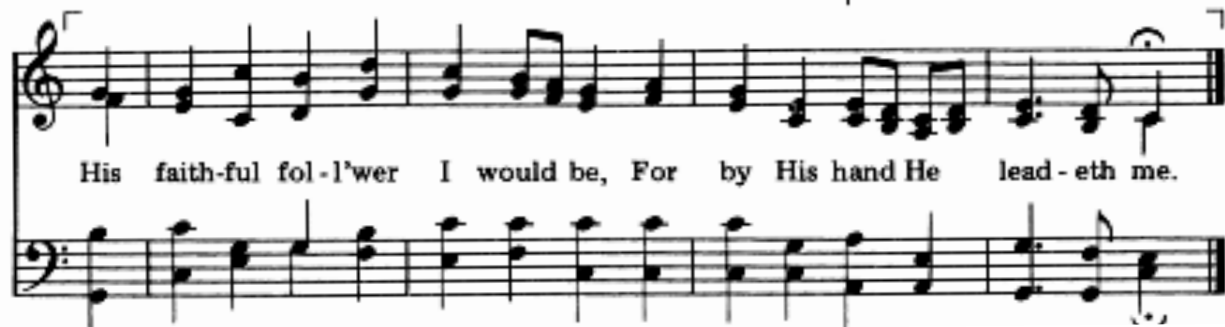
- 1. He lead - eth me! O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly comfort fraught!  
2. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,  
3. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-t'ry's won,



What - e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me!  
Con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me!  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thru Jor - dan lead - eth me!



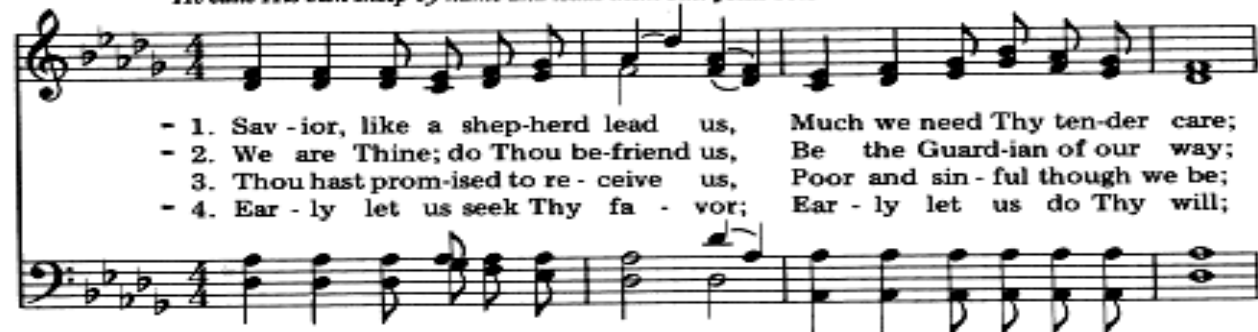
*Refrain*  
He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me:



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

# 462 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3*



- 1. Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us,      Much we need Thy ten - der care;  
 - 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us,      Be the Guard - ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us,      Poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 - 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor;      Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us,      For our use Thy folds pre - pare:  
 Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us,      Seek us when we go a - stray:  
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us,      Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,      With Thy love our bos - oms fill:



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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# 306 Jesus Saves!

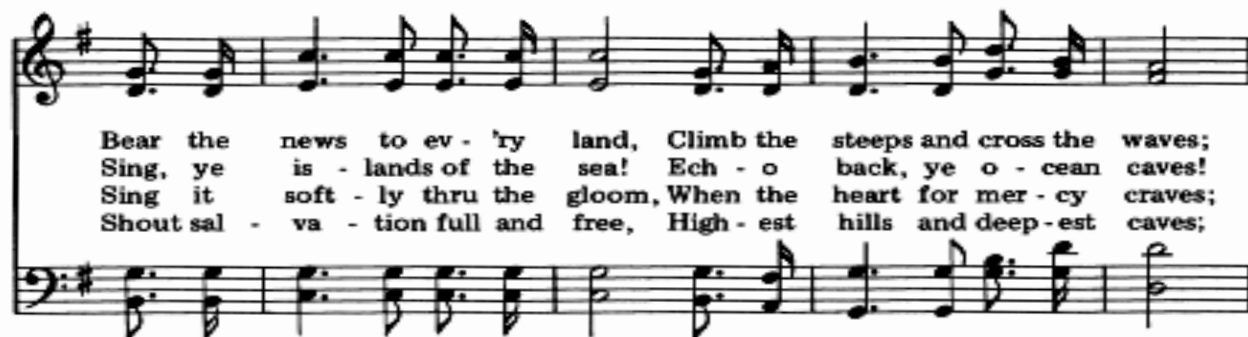
*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15*



1. We have heard the joy - ful sound— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 2. Waft it on the roll - ing tide— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 3. Sing a - bove the bat - tle strife— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 4. Give the winds a might - y voice— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Spread the ti - dings all a - round— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Tell to sin - ners far and wide— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 By His death and end - less life— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Let the na - tions now re - joice— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Bear the news to ev - 'ry land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
 Sing, ye is - lands of the sea! Ech - o back, ye o - cean caves;  
 Sing it soft - ly thru the gloom, When the heart for mer - cy craves;  
 Shout sal - va - tion full and free, High - est hills and deep - est caves;



On - ward! 'tis our Lord's com - mand— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Earth shall keep her ju - bi - lee— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Sing in tri - umph o'er the tomb— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 This our song of vic - to - ry— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

# In His Time 465

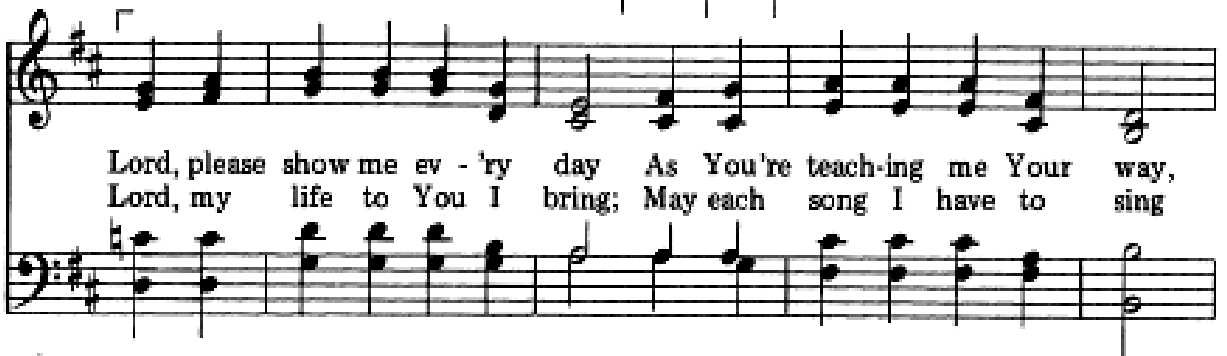
*He has made everything beautiful in its time. Eccl. 3:11*



1. In His time (in His time), in His time (in His time);  
2. In Your time (in Your time), in Your time (in Your time);



He makes all things beau - ti - ful in His time (in His time).  
You make all things beau - ti - ful in Your time (in Your time).



Lord, please show me ev - 'ry day As You're teach-ing me Your way,  
Lord, my life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing



That You do just what You say in Your time (in Your time).  
Be to You a love - ly thing in Your time (in Your time).

# **BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF AUGUST 21, 2025**

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## **South Restrooms:**

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

## **Status of Sanctuary:**

- ◆ Waiting on risers to be finished and metal nosing to be installed on the balcony floor.
- ◆ Pews are being installed on the main floor.
- ◆ Following pew installation, carpet will be installed in the aisles and chancel area.
- ◆ The new ceiling finish of the sanctuary narthex will be finished this week.
- ◆ Torrence Sound Equipment has begun installation work installing TV's and connecting sound equipment.
- ◆ New storage room walls and door should be finished this week.
- ◆ The modified pulpit and lectern have been returned.
- ◆ Plan is to have the sanctuary ready for occupancy sometime in September.
- ◆ AC unit is operational for the balcony and narthex.

## **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 a month or so.
- ◆ 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 has been painted.
- ◆ Youth room walls have been painted and acoustical panels installed.
- ◆ Painting of upstairs is almost complete.
- ◆ Grid work for ceiling panels is complete in second floor class rooms.

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

# BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF AUGUST 17 , 2025

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## Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	228,900.69
Total Expenses	\$	238,663.82
Net Operating Balance	\$	(9,763.13)

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	127,808.97
Total Disbursements	\$	122,230.42
Net Mission Balance	\$	5,578.55

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,313,546.66	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	1,744.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	50,557.62	
Expenses to Date	\$	1,320,536.00	
Total	\$	2,686,384.78	
<b>Funds Still to be Raised</b>	<b>Currently</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,615.22</b>
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 8/6/2025		\$	126,147.78

## MISSION-A-MONTH FOR AUGUST - BACK BAY MISSION

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“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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **Youth/Young Adults - TODAY, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM** join us in the gym for a special Sunday school hour offered by Matt Pardi. Matt serves as the pastor at H2O Church at Bowling Green State University and offers a unique perspective on how to reach the younger generations by meeting them where they are at in their faith journey. Donuts, juice, and coffee will be available!
- ♦ **Address Update:** Marilyn Buehrer, 8883 Browning Drive, #44, Waterville, OH 43566
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **GIF Gals - Note Change!** Because of some scheduling issues, the date, time, and location have changed for this month's get-together. We will be meeting at **5:00PM** at **Sullivan's Restaurant** in Wauseon on **Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. A new signup sheet is on the wandering bulletin board for all those interested.
- ♦ **Red Cross Blood Drive** – Ruihley Park Pavilion, **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 8AM-2PM and **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 11AM to 5PM. Donors will get a free Red Cross-Peanuts design t-shirt! Limited quantities.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Care & Share Gift & Thrift** - We have an immediate opening for a full time (32-35 hrs/wk) Furniture & Store Operations Coordinator. A complete job description and other information is available by contacting our Office Manager at 419-445-1926, x7. We value your continued support and prayers as we look to fill this position. Kathy Nofziger, General Manager

# WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Thur	5:00PM	GIF Gals (Sullivan's Restaurant)
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	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
Children's Message	Jocelyn Walker
(10:30) Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
(8:00) Usher	Linda Heer
(10:30) Head Usher	Brad Roth
(10:30) Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Evy Roth, Avery Roth
Nursery Assistants	Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge

# PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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## Please pray for...

- ♦ Matt Pardi, as he shares with the congregation today.
- ♦ The Legacy Players as they prepare to share what God is laying on their hearts 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 has been moved to Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg.
- ♦ Linda Hayes, who has been moved from Assisted Living into Special Care, room 401.
- ♦ Jace Bernath, who has been allergic reaction free now for two weeks with a new medication. Unfortunately, has since been diagnosed with EILO: Exercise Induced Vocal Cord Dysfunction and has begun seeing a speech therapist in Bryan until he can be seen at Cleveland Clinic in September.
- ♦ Janet Franks, who had surgery on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 is home from the hospital and preparing to return to college as she continues to heal from unexpected surgery unrelated to the tumor. Praising God that her tumor is shrinking!
- ♦ Joshua and Raegan, who are moved into their dorms and getting settled into their new routines away from Archbold. Joshua has connected with the organization Christians on Campus, and Raegan will be exploring options like H2O Church and CRU at BGSU.
- ♦ 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 401, 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

## 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)

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