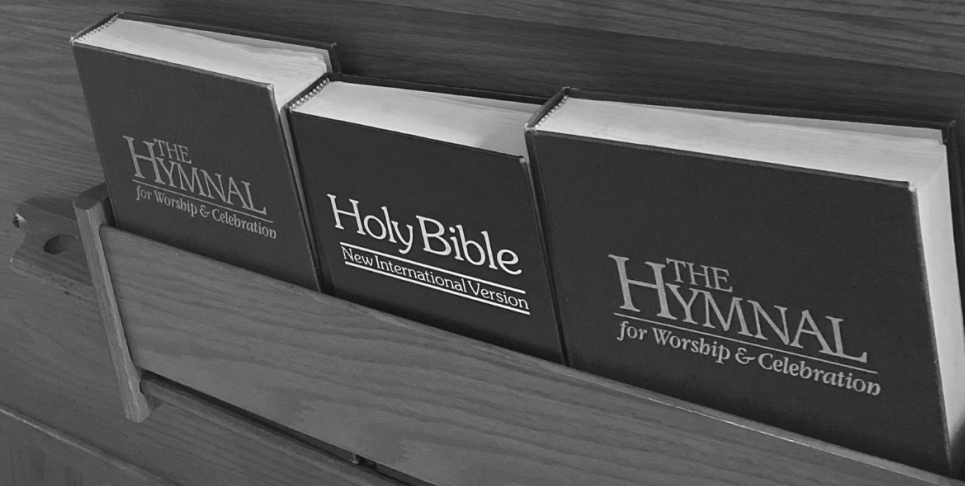




August 31, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

# 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 just off the gym. 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

Scriptural Call to Worship

The Legacy Players

Prelude

“Simple Gifts”

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

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6, “As the Deer”

pg. 7, “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

pg. 8, “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

The Legacy Players

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

Special Music

The Legacy Players

“Let Him be the Love”

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2 and Titus 3:5

Morning Message

The Legacy Players

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Will Celebrate”

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 10-11, “Shine, Jesus Shine”

† Spoken Benediction

The Legacy Players

† Benediction in Song

pg. 9, “He is Exalted”

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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### Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### Titus 3:5

<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

## WELCOME, LEGACY PLAYERS!

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**Legacy Players** is a professional theater company with a passion for bringing captivating stories to life on stage. Our team is dedicated to delivering high-quality performances that leave a lasting impact on our audience. We take pride in our ability to work with any group, using minimal sets, and a large repertoire of plays. Our commitment to excellence sets us apart, and the plays provoke thoughts that resonate with all who attend our shows.

Using only a few chairs and a small table, we are able to do Professional drama in nearly any setting. Our best resource? People's imaginations, which they use to add the details to our sets.

***We will have a freewill exit offering  
for the ministry of the Legacy Players  
after today's service.***



# RALLY SUNDAY

at St. John's Christian Church

## Sept. 7th, 2025

Join us at St. John's Christian Church  
for a morning of worship, music,  
fellowship and delicious food!

Services start at **8:00am & 10:30am**

All are welcome! Fellowship lunch  
to follow at 11:30am



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10:30am service featuring  
**10 TALENTS**



# As The Deer

Words and Music by  
Martin Nystrom

## VERSE

♩ = 74

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A7sus A7 D2sus D



1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my soul long - eth af - ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver. On - ly You can sat - is - fy.



5 A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D D/C#



You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.  
I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
You a - lone are the real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.



## CHORUS

Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F# Em Em7 F#sus F# F#/E



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to You a - lone may my spir - it yield.



14 D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D



You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.





# We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise

Words and Music by  
Kirk Dearman

$\text{♩} = 108$  F Gm11 F/A F7 B $\flat$  F/A Gm7 C7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord;

5 F Gm11 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 B $\flat$  maj7/C C7 F E $\flat$ /F F7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord. And we

9 B $\flat$  Am7 Dm7 Gm7 B $\flat$ /C C7 F Gm7 F/A F7 B $\flat$  Gm7

of - fer up to You the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; And we of - fer up to

14 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 B $\flat$ /C C7 F

You the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

# Lord I Lift Your Name On High

(as published by Maranatha! Music)

Words and Music by  
Rick Founds

## VERSE

♩ = 86

F B $\flat$ /F C/F B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$ /F

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your

C/F B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$ /F C/F B $\flat$ /F F B $\flat$ /F

prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to

## CHORUS

8 C C $\sharp$ us C B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C B $\flat$ /C

save us. You came from heav - en to earth to show the way,

11 F B $\flat$  C B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave,

14 C Dm7 Gm7 C F

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.



# He Is Exalted

Words and Music by  
Twila Paris

## VERSE

F F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C C7

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.

5 F F/A B $\flat$  C/B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C C Dsus

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!

## CHORUS

10 D Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B $\flat$  F/A Gm Dm/F C/E C

He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re -

17 F Am B $\flat$  F/A Gm B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C F

joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!

# Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick

## VERSE

♩ = 112

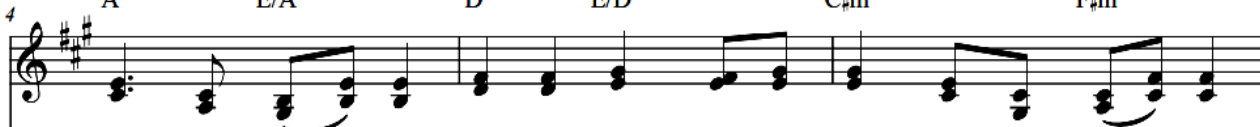
A Asus A E/A A Asus



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -  
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



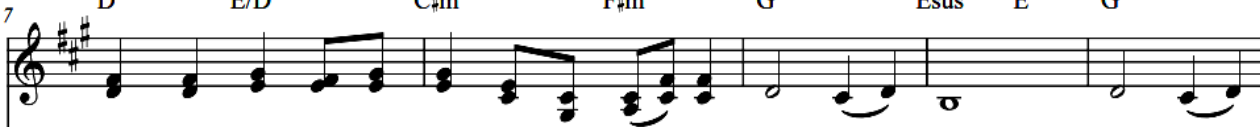
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dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
to Your rad - i - ance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,  
play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



D E/D C#m F#m G Esus E G



set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on  
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on  
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on



# CHORUS

12 Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A Esus E A E/A A D

me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze,  
me.  
me.

18 A/C# Bm Bm/A G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A

set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

# INSTRUMENTAL

24 Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm E7 A D/A E/A D/A

grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

# MISSION-A-MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER - TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

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Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission's (TGRM) has been providing men and women in the Toledo, Ohio area with shelter and resources since 1955. Both the men’s shelter and women’s shelter (Rebekah’s Haven) provide for the spiritual, physical, and material needs for homeless persons through generous support of Northwest Ohio. St. John's has supported them for the last several years prayerfully and financially, and with material donations. Several times per year, St. John's will share in the TGRM men's chapel services, with members of St. John's preparing a meal with chapel guests for after service. To learn more about TGRM and the many services they provide, visit [tgrm.org](http://tgrm.org). This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give to TGRM by marking either line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting “TGRM” in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

## BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF AUGUST 26, 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	\$	131,823.97
Total Disbursements	\$	123,760.42
Net Mission Balance	\$	8,063.55

### 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)	\$	51,668.62
Expenses to Date	\$	1,320,536.00
Total	\$	2,687,495.78

<b>Funds Still to be Raised</b>	<b>Currently</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>69,504.22</b>
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 8/6/2025		\$	127,258.78

# BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF AUGUST 28, 2025

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## South Restrooms:

- ◆ The work of setting walls, door frames, plumbing lines, electrical lines and HVAC lines and ductwork is mostly complete. Walls are ready for drywall and ceiling work will begin soon.

## Status of Sanctuary:

- ◆ Risers are finished and nosing installed on the balcony floor.
- ◆ Pews are installed on the main floor and balcony pews to be set and installed the week of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ Carpet will hopefully be laid in the aisles and chancel area the week of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ The new ceiling finish of the sanctuary narthex will be finished this week and vinyl flooring to follow..
- ◆ Torrence Sound Equipment has begun installation work on TV's and connecting sound equipment.
- ◆ New storage room walls and door are finished.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Railings for the wheel chair ramp are being installed.

## Other areas:

- ◆ 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 has been painted and waiting on light islands to be constructed.
- ◆ Youth room walls have been painted and acoustical panels installed. Waiting on carpet.
- ◆ Painting of upstairs is almost complete.
- ◆ Grid work for ceiling panels is complete in second floor class rooms. Light panels and ductwork diffusers are being installed.
- ◆ Work has begun on converting the new boilers to the existing in-floor radiant heat. The insert & exhaust piping will be installed this week in the existing chimney, which will require a large crane to place 60 ft. of piping.
- ◆ Soon, the ceramic tile in the hallway will be removed for eventual installation of vinyl flooring.
- ◆ Parlor and rooms on the west side need ductwork installed to start that part of the project.

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

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

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Aug 31	The Lord's Anointed	-----	Psalm 2
Sep 01	No Soft Touch	-----	Micah 1:1-2:5
Sep 02	None So Deaf	-----	Micah 2:6-3:12
Sep 03	The Golden Thread	-----	Micah 4
Sep 04	Small People: Big Difference	-----	Micah 5
Sep 05	Walking Partner	-----	Micah 6
Sep 06	Joyful Mercy	-----	Micah 7

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **Pastor Erich** returns from medical leave on September 8<sup>th</sup>. He continues to be available by phone/text for any pastoral concerns. He may be reached at: 419-551-0401.
- ♦ **Rally Sunday CE Hour** - Join us next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the Chapel for an uplifting program hosted by the Christian Education Committee where we'll celebrate God's love! The morning program will give everyone a feel for the faith-based praise, devotions, games, and fellowship that make SJCC's CE programs so special. Donuts, juice & coffee provided!
- ♦ **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, skee ball, axe throwing, s'mores and more!
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30AM in the gym. Come for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Grace in Chaos: A Bible Study for Moms** - Calling all moms of infants thru pre-teens! We'll be starting a Bible study using the resource, "Grace in Chaos: Biblical Hope for the Hard Days of Motherhood." This is a hybrid study that will be held in a private Facebook group and will meet in person several times throughout the fall and winter during the 9:15am Sunday school hour (location TBD). If you would like to join the discussions, please contact Jocelyn in the church office.
- ♦ **Wednesday Evening Registration is Open!** PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> graders can register for Wednesday evening programs, including LOGOS, JYF, and SYF online at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org). Registration links will also be available the evening of September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Kickoff.
- ♦ **Red Cross Blood Drive** – Ruihley Park Pavilion, **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 11AM to 5PM. Donors will get a free Red Cross-Peanuts design t-shirt! Limited quantities.



# WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST 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)

**Mon   Church Office Closed - Labor Day**

Tue    9:15AM    Bible Study (Fireside Room)  
         6:45PM    Mission Committee (Fireside Room)  
Sat    7:40AM    Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)

Sun    RALLY SUNDAY  
         8:00AM    Worship w/Eric Wagler (Chapel)  
         8:30AM    Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)  
         9:15AM    Special Sunday School Hour (Chapel)  
         10:30AM    Worship w/ 10 Talents (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)  
         11:30AM    Fellowship Lunch (Parish Hall)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	David Stuckey
Worship Leader	Kim Walker
Children’s Message	Legacy Players
(10:30) Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
(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...

- ◆ The Legacy Players as they share with the congregation today.
- ◆ Eric Wagler and Ten Talents as they prepare to share what God is laying on their hearts for next week.
- ◆ The family of Sue Steiner, as Sue entered eternal life on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 82. Services were held here at the church this past week.
- ◆ Gloria Beck and family, as her brother, Arlan, entered eternal life on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Services were held at West Clinton Mennonite Church on Thursday.
- ◆ Pastor Erich, who continues to recover well and is on track to return from medical leave on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Linda Hayes, who has been moved from Assisted Living into Special Care, room 401.
- ◆ Jace Bernath, who has been allergic reaction free now for three 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.
- ◆ Allie Walker, daughter of Corey and Jocelyn, who will have a CT scan this upcoming Friday to rule out causes for recent migraines.
- ◆ Janet Franks, who is recovering from surgery on August 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 returned to college this past week and started classes. She is beginning to gain weight again - praise God! Continued prayers for endurance, pain relief, and strength as she begins school again.
- ◆ 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

## And 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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