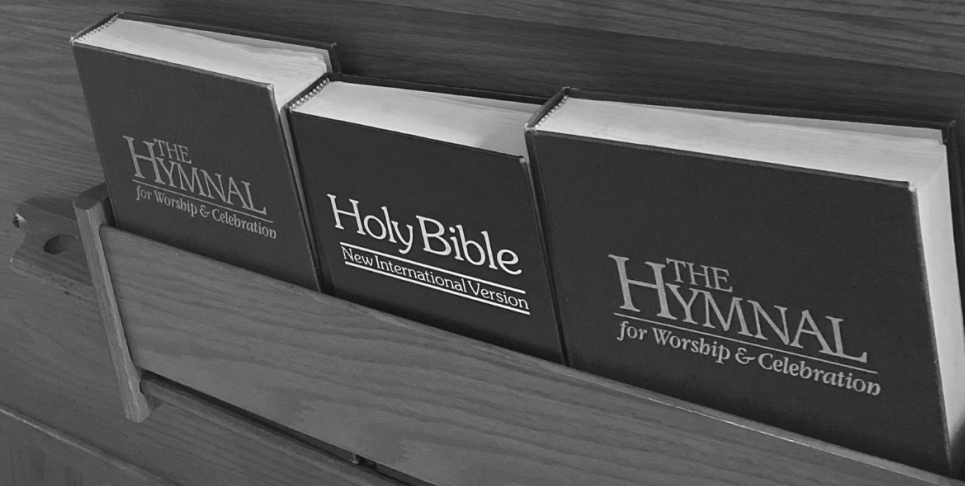




September 21, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

# 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)*

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 and Prayer of Invocation

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Prelude

“Hymns of Praise”

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

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

pg. 5, “Heavenly Sunlight”

pg. 6, “Ready”

† (10:30) Hymns of Praise

“Here I Am to Worship”

“Echo Holy”

Children’s Message

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

Special Music

Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer

“People Need the Lord”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-10

† Sermon Hymn

pg. 7, “Follow the Path of Jesus”\*

Sermon

“Ready, Set, Go – Part II”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Blanket Sunday - Special Offering

Offertory

“Step by Step”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 8-9, “Here I Am, Lord”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

chorus, “Here I Am, Lord”

\*This hymn is a favorite of Sharon VonDeylen’s as she remembers singing this song as a youth during Vacation Bible School.


SCRIPTURE READINGS

**2 Corinthians 1:3-7** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. <sup>5</sup> For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. <sup>6</sup> If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. <sup>7</sup> And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.



**Isaiah 6:1-10** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" <sup>9</sup> He said, "Go and tell this people: "'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.'" <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

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



- Sept 21 Waiting Expectantly... ----- Psalm 5
- Sept 22 Being Connected ----- Ruth 4:13-22
- Sept 23 Why Be Thankful? ----- Philippians 1:1-6
- Sept 24 Praying With Paul ----- Philippians 1:7-11
- Sept 25 In Chains For Christ ----- Philippians 1:12-26
- Sept 26 Stand United in Suffering ----- Philippians 1:27-30
- Sept 27 Life Together ----- Philippians 2:1-4




1. Walk-ing in sun-light, all of my jour-ney; O - ver the moun-tains,  
 2. Shad-ows a - round me, shad-ows a - bove me, Nev-er con-veal my  
 3. In the bright sun-light, ev - er re - joic-ing, Press-ing my way to

thro' the deep vale; Je - sus has said "I'll nev - er for-sake thee,"  
 Sav - iour and Guide; He is the light, in Him is no dark-ness;  
 man-sions a - bove; Sing-ing His prais - es glad-ly I'm walk-ing,

Prom-ise di - vine that nev - er can fail.  
 Ev - er I'm walk-ing close to His side. Heav-en - ly sun-light,  
 Walk-ing in sun-light, sun-light of love.




heav-en - ly sun-light, Flood-ing my soul with glo - ry di - vine: Hal-le-




lu - jah, I am re-joic-ing, Sing-ing His prais-es, Je - sus is mine.



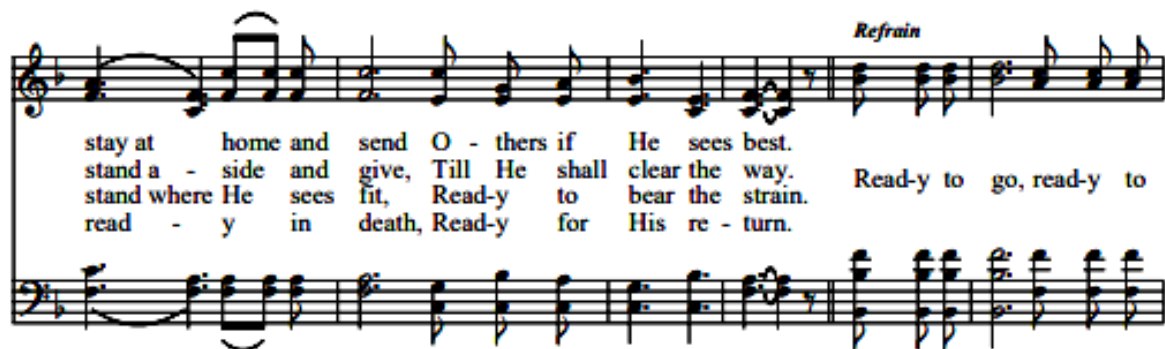
# Ready (Tillman)

Attributed to A. C. Palmer (1845-1882)

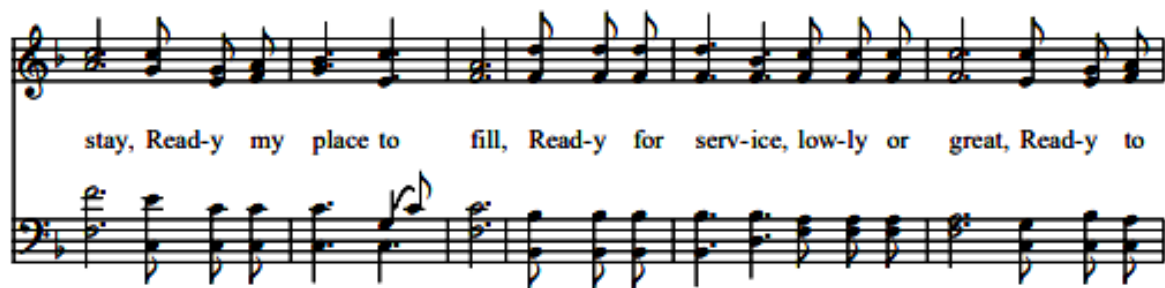
Charles Davis Tillman, 1903



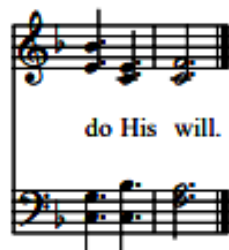
1. Read-y to suffer grief or pain, Read-y to stand the test, Read - y to  
2. Read-y to go, ready to bear, Read-y to watch and pray, Read - y to  
3. Read-y to speak, ready to think, Read-y with heart and brain, Read - y to  
4. Read-y to speak, ready to warn, Read-y o'er souls to yearn, Ready in life,



*Refrain*  
stay at home and send O - thers if He sees best.  
stand a - side and give, Till He shall clear the way. Read-y to go, read-y to  
stand where He sees fit, Read-y to bear the strain.  
read - y in death, Read-y for His re - turn.



stay, Read-y my place to fill, Read-y for serv-ice, low-ly or great, Read-y to



do His will.

# Follow the Path of Jesus

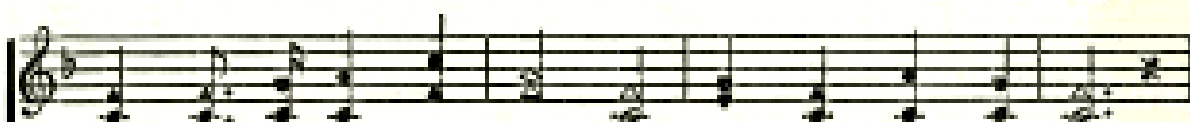
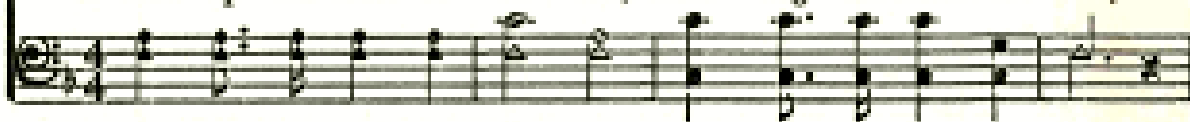
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From "Hymns and Tunes"



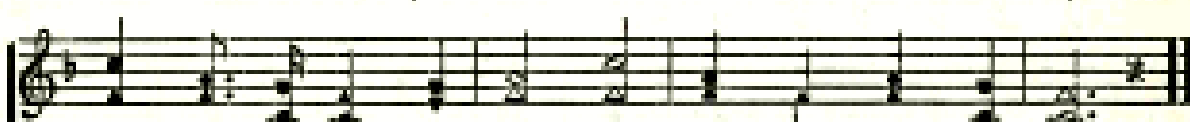
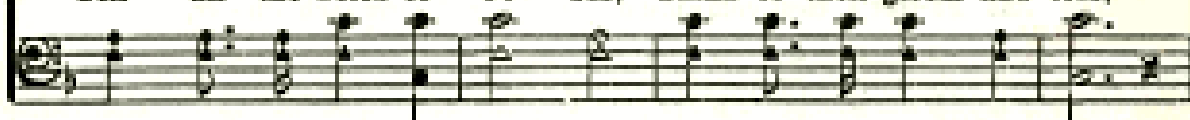
1. Fol - low the path of Je - sus, Walk where His foot - steps lead,
2. Cling to the hand of Je - sus, All through the day and night,
3. Take up the cross of Je - sus, Shar - ing the shame He bore;



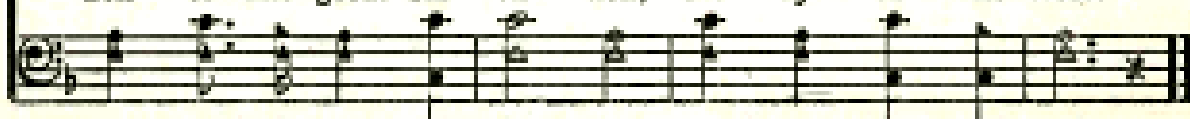
Keep in His beam - ing pres - ence, Ev - 'ry coun - sel heed;  
Dark though the way and drear - y, He will guide you right;  
Self and the world de - ny - ing, Love the Sav - ior more;



Watch, while the hours are fly - ing. Read - y some good to do;  
Live for the good of oth - ers, Help - less, op - pressed and wrong;  
Tell all the world of Je - sus, Think of their gloom and loss,



Quick, while His voice is call - ing, Yield o - be - dience true!  
Lift them from depths of sor - row, In His strength be strong!  
Tell of His great sal - va - tion, Glo - ry in His cross.



## Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

G C/G G C/G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call the

G D G Em Am7 C Am Am/G

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -  
 poor by name. I will set a feast for them. My hand will

D/F# D/C G/B D/A G C/G G

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make the dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

Am7 C Am G/B C D

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain D G G sus G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?



I have heard you call-ing in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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

During the month of September the church will have the opportunity to participate personally in missions through TGRM. They provide housing, meals and assistance to the homeless in the Toledo area. You can give financially or by collecting items they need. The list includes:

- ◆ gently used blankets and sheets - particularly twin sheets
- ◆ towels and wash cloths
- ◆ personal sized body care items (hotel size)
- ◆ cleaning supplies - liquids and sponges
- ◆ gently used winter coats for men, women, and children
- ◆ clothing for infants and toddlers

Items can go in the wooden bin between the chapel and gym. Or you can bring your items on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, when someone from the mission will be here to share about the difference our contribution will make, and then take the items we collected back to Toledo. 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 financially 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.

# **BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

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## **Building Access**

- ◆ As of Thursday:
  - ◇ The railings for the exterior concrete steps, landings and the ramp were delivered to the site.
  - ◇ The work of replacing the concrete floor and steps of the south porch, as well as the installation of the new ramp, should begin on September 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
- ◆ Primary access to the building will be through the two east entrances and the Fireside Room entrance.

## **South Restrooms**

- ◆ Progress continues as walls were being primed on Thursday as all rough wiring, plumbing and HVAC work has been roughed in.

## **Sanctuary**

- ◆ The plan is that we will return to the sanctuary for 10:30AM worship on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - ◇ Carpet installation was held off as the color choice of transition strips between carpet and laminate was being finalized.
  - ◇ Torrence Sound Equipment is on schedule to finish their installation once chancel carpet has been laid and laminate flooring has been laid in the new worship storage room. Their engineer will take one to two days to set-up the system, and then training of techs will occur.
  - ◇ A final cleaning of the sanctuary and associated rooms will need to be accomplished.
- ◆ Once the sanctuary is ready for use, we will move from the gym to the sanctuary, but there will still be final touches accomplished over the next several weeks, such as new chancel décor and replacement of paraments.
- ◆ While the narthex is ready for installation of vinyl flooring to begin, there are two more ceiling lights to install and final painting to be done.

## **Other areas:**

- ◆ Elevator – The elevator contractor gave final approval to all facets of the elevator shaft, after a second requirement of additional structural steel was met. The contractor has scheduled October 6<sup>th</sup> for installation of the elevator. Now that the elevator shaft is finished, final framing of the walls around the shaft, custodian rooms and second floor bathroom can be finished, making way for final rough-in work and drywall.

# BUILDING PROJECT STATUS CONTINUED:

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- ♦ HVAC – Many final connections need to be run, but the task of the past week has been running all new thermostat wire to the numerous rooms throughout the building.
- ♦ Second Floor Classrooms – Carpet contractor glued down carpet in four rooms and then began to install carpet base along the walls in those rooms.

It remains the intent of the Mel Lanzer Company to complete the entire project by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

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### Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	252,610.65
Total Expenses	\$	275,623.98
Net Operating Balance	\$	(23,013.33)

### Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	112,557.15
Total Disbursements	\$	94,028.68
Net Mission Balance	\$	18,528.47

### Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	968,993.13	
Buehrer Fund Cur-	\$	1,744.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	83,231.63	
Expenses to Date	\$	1,647,095.12	
Total	\$	2,701,064.38	

Funds Still to be	Currently	\$	55,935.62
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 9/18/2025		\$	140,827.38

# CWS BLANKETS

*Blanket the World in Love*

Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times.

Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket and kit serves as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares.



**Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need:**

- \$10** Provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need.
- \$25** Provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies.
- \$60** Family Bundle! Provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family, ensuring that they have what they need during challenging times.



*Be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.  
**Donate to CWS Blankets today!** Scan this QR code to get started*



*Scan Me!*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **GIF Gals** - I have nice news and sad news. I'll give you the sad news first. Summer is nearly over and it's time to start getting the long sleeve tops and socks out for the cooler evenings. The good news is that the GIF Gal's are car pooling to Bryan on **September 25<sup>th</sup> for supper at Jackie Blu's**. We want to try to arrive by 5:15PM. Please ***sign up by September 22<sup>nd</sup>*** so reservations can be made. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to come with you. Until we meet again, I pray you will be blessed by the Lord each day.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Organ Recital at St. Martin's** - St. Martin's Lutheran Church opens its 2025–26 Concert Series with Of Spirit, Strife, and Serenity, an organ recital by Matthew Wachtman on Sunday, **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3PM** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). Matthew serves as Director of Music and Worship at St. Martin's and was recently appointed Lecturer of Organ at the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Performing Arts. He is a prize-winning organist, active composer, and published scholar, recognized for his engaging recitals across the country. The program brings together music of Diemer, Rorem, Locklair, Price, Langlais, Franck, and Wachtman himself—works that embody the concert's expressive themes. Admission is free, and all are invited to help us begin a new season of inspiring music at St. Martin's.
- ♦ **Community Meals** are scheduled to begin again starting **Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00PM.
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30AM in the gym. Come for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.

# WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST 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	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	12:00PM	Kitchen Reserved
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Farm Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:30PM	Fall Night of Faith, PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades (Gym)
Thur	5:15PM	GIF Gals (Jackie Blu's in Bryan)
Fri	7:00AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restoration Spa)
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)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
(10:30) Easy Worship	Tom Hines
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
(8:00) Usher	Shawn Stuckey
(10:30) Head Usher	Richard Spiess
(10:30) Ushers	Ryan & Devin Bernath, Peg Ehrman, Shirley Sullivan
Nursery Assistants	Bri Krukowski & Emma Krukowski

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ The children and youth at St. John's and the community who participate in Wednesday ministries here during the school year, as they kicked off programming this past week. Prayers are requested for a safe, fun, and faith-filled year of ministry as these young hearts grow in faith together each week.
- ◆ Jace Bernath had a scope done at Cleveland Clinic and was referred to a Sports Cardiologist and will be seen at the end of the month. He has officially been diagnosed with asthma and has seen a tremendous improvement on pulmonary testing this week by using a daily inhaler. He has begun a new medication for chest pain and discomfort and we are hopeful for improvements within the next few weeks.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as the latest PET scan showed improvement, and Greg has started another chemo treatment this week.
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine, 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.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who is back at Taylor University and shared that she has gained over 20 pounds since having the surgery unrelated to her cancer. While praising God for continued improvement, extra prayers are needed this week as additional scans will be taking place. Asking for healing and peace.
- ◆ 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 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

*Prayer Joys, Concerns, and Requests continued on back page*

## **PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS CONTINUED:**

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### **Missions/Missionaries**

- ◆ Dan & Amanda Garipey – A team coming in early October from Ohio—pray for final logistics and that the hearts of those who will hear their ministry will be open and ready; we have important ministry decisions to make this fall—pray for wisdom and clarity from the Lord; Dan will be doing devotionals at schools in September, pray for continued impact there.
- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders – For students on campus to be open to having a conversation about Christ with a friend, or to checking out a small group Bible study or one of our weekly Real Life worship gatherings; for students who do not currently know Christ to place their faith in Him this fall; for incoming Christian students to root themselves in Christian community and join in the mission of inviting their peers to know Jesus.

### **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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