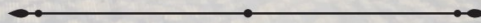




Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00am & 10:30am



# St. John's Christian Church

*"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"*

# 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. We 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 10:30 service for children ages four months through preschool. The Nursery - Preschool room is located on the first floor, in Room #125. Before checking into the nursery for the first time, 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. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the Sanctuary in Room #138 for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in the Mother's Room, the Nursery, and the family restrooms. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

**Children's Busy Bags** are located in the Narthex 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.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available at a table in the narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** in the Sanctuary is available through Bluetooth connection to a person's hearing aids or via use of a hand-held amplifier and headphones. Please see an usher for further assistance.

Let's Connect!



**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome & Announcements

Mission-A-Month Presentation

(8:00) Video from Cherry Street Mission Ministries

(10:30) Ann Ebbert, CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Peter 2:2-10

(8:00) Prelude

“Sing to the King Medley”

(10:30) Prelude of Praise

“Today is the Day”

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#349, “Trust and Obey”

#542, “When We All Get to Heaven”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Forever”

“Living Hope”

Children’s Message

(At this time Junior Church may be dismissed to the Chapel)

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Special Music

Roger Zimmerman

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Sermon

“Trust and Believe”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“You Are My All in All”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#345, “Blessed Assurance”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“Abide”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#350, v. 1, “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus of “Abide”

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**1 Peter 2:2-10** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone-- rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him --<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," <sup>8</sup> and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message-- which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**John 14:1-14** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. <sup>12</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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**Search Committee Monthly Bible Verse** - Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (A reminder that the search is ultimately led by God, not just a committee.)

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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As of April 30, 2026

## Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2026 Operating Budget	\$	473,915.00
Total Donations	\$	132,144.98
Total Expenses	\$	178,300.11
Net Operating Balance	\$	(46,155.13)

The deficit is affected by:

Search Committee expenses YTD	- \$15,500
River Rock Work expenses YTD	- \$14,500
Van Purchase expense YTD	- \$15,000

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2026 Mission Budget	\$	170,000.00
Total Donations	\$	62,697.81
Total Disbursements	\$	55,232.08
Net Mission Balance	\$	7,465.73

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Project Budget	\$	2,757,000.00
Expenses to Date	\$	2,620,470.30
Budget Remaining	\$	136,529.70

Funds on Hand	\$	192,537.31
Balance of Funds on Hand	\$	56,007.61

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Sound	James Grime
8:00 Song Leader	David Stuckey	10:30 Easy Worship	Brian Roth
Worship Leader	David Stuckey	10:30 Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald
8:00 Lay Reader	Molly Rutledge	10:30 Lay Reader	Avery Roth
10:30 Junior Church	Emily Walker		
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	Head Usher	Steve Walker
10:30 Ushers	Adam Swisher, Kim Walker, Adam Walker, Toby Walker		
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Buffy Riley, Corrie Riley, Bruce Wooley		
10:30 Nursery	Krukowski Family		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Annual Community-wide Burger Bash**, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ruidley Park Pavilion from 11AM to 1PM. A free-will donation covers lunch to share beside your neighbors and friends. With the Burger Bash donations over the last two decades, our community has been able to send almost \$785,000 to our mentors and teachers in Third World countries who stand ready to help the agricultural communities there by teaching better agricultural practices.



- ◆ **Middle School Community Lock-in**- All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this year's middle school community lock-in on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, into Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the end of the school year! This year's lock-in will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, with Jake Keil leading. All St. John's JYF youth are encouraged to attend this night of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes! The night will begin with a trip to Combat Ops Laser Tag in Fort Wayne. Please RSVP using the QR code.
- ◆ **Senior High Lock-in** All 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the community senior high lock-in on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, into Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the end of the school year! This year's lock-in will be held here at our church, with Jocelyn Walker leading. All St. John's SYF youth are encouraged to attend this night of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes! The night will begin with a trip to Q-Zar Laser Tag in Toledo. Please RSVP using the QR code.



## May Mission-A-Month: Cherry Street Mission & Sparrow's Nest

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Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio, was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ-centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services. Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer three meals a day, seven days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. For more information, visit [cherrystreetmission.org/](http://cherrystreetmission.org/). This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give to Cherry Street/Sparrow's Nest by marking the appropriate line of your offering envelope or by selecting "Cherry Street" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

## WEEK OF MAY 3RD 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	Member's Orientation (Part Time Staff Room #122)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part Time Staff Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. John's)
Wed	6:00PM	Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room)
	7:00PM	JYF/ SYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40PM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/ Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

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

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May 3	God is Our Refuge -----	Psalm 36
May 4	Unquestionably Unique -----	Hebrews 1:1-4
May 5	Not Just an Angel! -----	Hebrews 1:5-14
May 6	Ignorance - Not Bliss! -----	Hebrews 2:1-9
May 7	Paths of Glory -----	Hebrews 2:10-18
May 8	Focused and Faithful -----	Hebrews 3:1-6
May 9	A Mandate to be Good-----	Hebrews 3:7-19

FOR PRESCHOOL - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!  
**VBS - JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>**



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ Ralph Grieser, who fell and broke his knee cap, limiting his ability to put any weight on it, so not getting around very well.
- ◆ Kenny Nafziger fell and broke a hip and he is now in eight weeks of rehab; prayers and cards would be a blessing: Kenny Nafziger, c/o The Club at Lake Gibson, 855 Carpenters Way, Lakeland FL 33809
- ◆ Tara Meyer, going through further testing related to medical issues stemming from a car accident a year ago.
- ◆ John Graber, at Rupp Rehab as he recovers from a partial hip replacement.
- ◆ Susie Enderle, recovering at home following a gall stone procedure performed on 4/20 and then a second procedure on 4/22 to remove her gall bladder.
- ◆ Connie Bostelman, who is at Rupp Rehab for a period of therapy.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, who has gone through a battery of tests and awaits word on surgery.
- ◆ The Pastor Search Process, praying for the Search Committee, Shepherd Staff, and the congregation, praying for the Lord's wisdom and guidance in the entire process.
- ◆ Members of our church family who are navigating various mental and emotional health challenges, as we pray that they can feel God's goodness and love surrounding them.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has been diagnosed with heart failure and is going through twelve weeks of cardio rehab.
- ◆ Eric and Anna Yoder, who are foster parenting infant twin boys.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda continues to recover from a recent surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as monthly injections continue, and in therapy for bursitis below her left knee.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, continues with physical therapy, now having movement in both legs and will be starting a specialized therapy in Florida this summer.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, having scans and infusion treatments every six months.

### 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, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 180, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 135, 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)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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