



Sunday, July 19, 2026

10:30am

St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together, and we hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way this morning. We invite you to learn a little more about our congregation and fill out a connect card while you're waiting for worship to start. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school. 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 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Hebrews 13:5-8

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

†Hymns of Praise

#26, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

#347, “Be Still, My Soul”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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.

A Time of Passage - Farewell & Welcome Service

Words of Farewell & Gratitude

Time of Passage - Farewell

Symbolic Gift of Closure

Time of Passage -Welcome

Transition Prayer & Symbolic Gift of Welcome

Release of Responsibility

†Sermon Hymn

#292, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:5-9

Sermon

“Never Forgotten or Forsaken”

Service of Holy Communion

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Surrender All”

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song

Norm Fether & Bruce Wooley

Special Music

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#607, “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

A Time of Passage Participants - Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, Laura Johnson, Nancy Rupp, David Stuckey, Jocelyn Walker & Carrie Wooley

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	10:30 EW Tech	Tom Hines
Worship Leader	Brad Roth	10:30 Video Tech	Ollie MacDonald
Head Usher	Richard Spiess		
Ushers	Kelly & Betsy Ducey, Jim McCurdy & Karleen Holland		
Nursery	Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge		

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 13:5-8 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Joshua 1:5-9 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Discovery Daily Devotional: Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

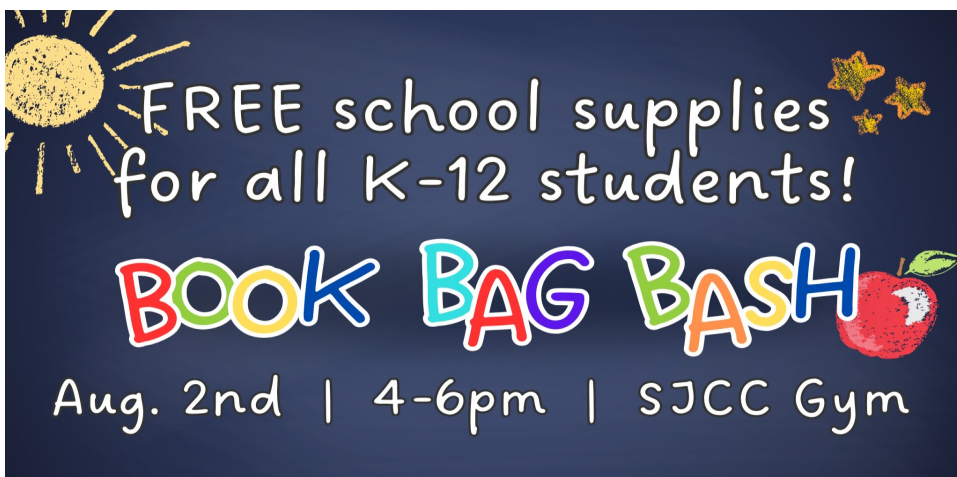
Jul 19 To Come -----	Psalm 47
Jul 20 Awake, Awake! -----	Isaiah 51
Jul 21 Responding to God -----	Romans 12:1-8
Jul 22 What to Do and Not to Do -----	Romans 12:9-21
Jul 23 God’s Public Servants -----	Romans 13:1-7
Jul 24 Action Time -----	Romans 13:8-14
Jul 25 Different Opinions -----	Romans 14:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Time of Pastoral Transition** - The following schedule has been set:
 - ◆ July 19th - Service of "A Time of Passage - Farewell and Welcome"
 - ◆ 9AM Fellowship time with Coffee & Donuts, followed by one service only at 10:30AM.
 - ◆ Service will include a "Symbolic Passing of Leadership."
 - ◆ Elijah will plan and lead his first worship service and preach his first sermon as Pastor of St. John's Christian Church.
 - ◆ Erich will be present as the retiring pastor.
- ◆ **Tom & Megan** - We are blessed to have them visit next Sunday, July 26th, where they will speak at both services, followed by a special gathering during the Sunday School hour at 9:15AM.
- ◆ **The Suon's** - We look forward to a visit on August 2nd, with a gathering during the Sunday School hour.
- ◆ **VBS Registration Deadline** - Registration will remain open through July until VBS kickoff night on July 26th.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** – Before we announce July's outing, we must go back to our June Luncheon at Joel & Annie Foote's home. The weather called for high temps and maybe rain, but 12 Gals braved the elements! Plans were for a garden luncheon, but we were invited inside where it was cool and enjoyed the view of the garden from a large window as we dined and played games. The Gals would like to thank the Foote's for their outstanding hospitality, and for inviting us back next year! Moving on... Ever hear that song, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66?" Well, the Gals are going to dine at Delta Route 109, on July 23rd at 5:30PM. Please remember to sign up & bring a friend.
- ◆ **November 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip** - The trip is November 15th - 21st. Serving with Back Bay Mission (BBM) enables participants to learn the realities of living in poverty and homelessness, as BBM provides a food pantry, soup kitchen and day center as key aspects of their ministry. Each of these ministries enables participants to spend time talking with and learning from staff and clients. In addition, BBM oversees a vital housing rehabilitation program, too. The work projects for the week could be any type of home repair or renovation, with projects matched to the skill level of volunteers. Whatever skills a person has or doesn't have, each participant will find there is a wide variety of work so everyone can share in a teamwork approach to the week. The Consistory has granted special approval for Pastor Erich to lead this final scheduled trip to Biloxi as it falls within the year he is to separate from the congregation. He will assume leadership once in Biloxi, as Betsy Ducey and Kim M. Walker will coordinate arrangements for the trip. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

- ♦ **Book Bag Bash 2026** - The Evangelism Committee will be hosting St. John's Annual Book Bag Bash at the church on Sunday, August 2nd from 3-5PM. Students K-12 who are in need of school supplies for the upcoming school year are invited to come and fill up a backpack of their choosing with all of their school necessities. Please let Emily K. Walker or David Stuckey know if you have interest in helping with this event!



JULY MISSION-A-MONTH: DEFIANCE AREA YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Archbold Area – Lead and Development Director, Eliot Nofziger – YFC is a movement that reaches young people everywhere with the hope of Christ. They work with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ, and commitment to social involvement.

Juvenile Justice Ministry, Kari Gathany – a youth outreach program taking place in a variety of institutions (i.e. detention centers, correctional facilities, group homes, residential treatment centers, emergency shelters, etc.) Their mission is to help young people develop a way of living taught by Jesus Christ; balancing the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of life. They build valued relationships that are sustained through ongoing involvement as they re-enter their communities. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry.

You may give to YFC - Eliot Nofziger, or Kari Gathany by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope, or by going to the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

WEEK OF JULY 12TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Fellowship Committee - Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30AM	Worship and Communion (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Room)
Wed	1:00PM	Bible Study for 4 th - 8 th Graders (Healthy Spot)
Thur	5:30PM	GIF Gals Outing (Route 109, Delta)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
		Tom & Megan Special Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	5:30PM	VBS Kickoff

FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE!



VBS - JULY 26TH - 30TH



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sandy Miller, continues to recover at home from surgery to relieve nerve pain in her head.
- ◆ Ralph and Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is in room 163A at Fairlawn, receiving therapy.
- ◆ Elijah, Shannon, Eli and Jack Layfield, as they continue the process of settling in, and purchasing a home in the village.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who has returned to Deerfield Beach, FL for further physical therapy, which is working, as she is now taking slow steps with the use of a walker! Praise the Lord!
- ◆ An update from the Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA: "About three months ago I received concerning scan results suggesting a possible recurrence of cancer following my battle with that disease in 2021. Following several more scans and tests in recent weeks, it was confirmed a few days ago that I do indeed have cancer once again and will now be on a path of determining what kind of treatment options might be most helpful. Please continue to keep me on your prayer lists as I face this new health battle. Given the circumstances, I also want to share with you that I will be retiring from my role as the National Minister of the Evangelical Association in September. The members of the EA board of directors have been aware of this decision for the last several months and have been planning for the transition so that the EA can continue to function smoothly once I have stepped down."

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, 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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