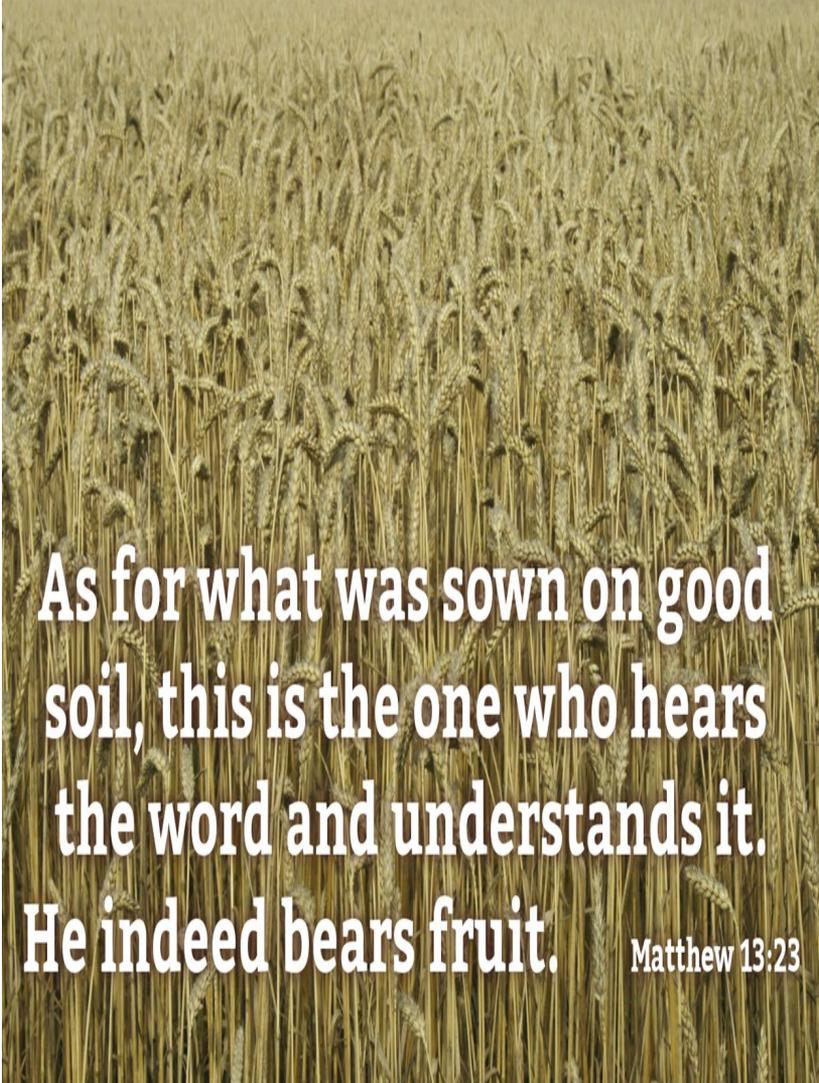


**St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



**As for what was sown on good
soil, this is the one who hears
the word and understands it.
He indeed bears fruit.** Matthew 13:23

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH
211 EAST CARROL STREET
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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2020

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for children 0-4 years of age.

Contemporary Worship Service

8:30 AM

Welcome

Praise

Prayer

Offering – **Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads**

Children's Message

Kendra Dilts

Scripture

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-23

(The scripture can be found in the bulletin.)

Sermon

Generosity and Sharing

Praise

Benediction

Children through grade 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School following the children's sermon.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

L. Wolfe

Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads

*The Doxology

Scripture

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-23

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Sermon

Generosity and Sharing

Chancel Choir

In You, We Are One

Althouse

*Hymn # 72

My Jesus, I Love Thee

*Benediction

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Crosby

Postlude

*— Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John's Church!

Congratulations to Parry Rall, grandfather, and Janice Rall, great grandmother, as they proudly announce the birth of a son, Eddie Dean III, to Isabelle Rose (Rall) and Eddie D. Scott Jr. on January 2, 2020. A cradle cross had been placed on the altar in honor of Eddie.

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Romans 8:1-11:

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-23:

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as He sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain,

some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ And He answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

““You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Sermon Notes
02 February 2020

Scripture: **Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-23**

Sermon: **Generosity and Sharing**

1. In **Romans 8:5-11**, how would you contrast life in the flesh v life in the Spirit? What does it mean to have your mind set on the Spirit? How does the Spirit quicken you for service?
2. When you hear the Parable of the Sower in **Matthew 13**, where is your focus? Do you see yourself as the good soil, the sower or something else? Do you pray for those who are the “poor” soils? Do you seek to bear fruit?
3. How many people are in Hardin County? _____,000
How many do not know Jesus? _____,000
What do those numbers make you want to do? One action item is to learn more about Revive Ohio (ReviveOH.com) while praying for how we can be part of Revive Hardin County.
4. How does this parable impact the manner in which you approach evangelism? How will you share the Word and spread the seed in the days ahead?

Week at a Glance:

- Today 2/2: 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:50 AM – 11:30 AM Jr. Church
5:30- 8 PM HCC Youth Super Bowl Party –
CMA Church
7:30 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
- Monday, 2/3: 1:15 PM Staff Meeting
4:00 PM Girl Scouts
- Tuesday, 2/4: 12:00 PM Prayer
12:00 PM AA – Chapel
2:00 PM Vancrest Bible Study – Ada
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
6:45 PM Bells
7:15 Myers Life Group- FH
- Wednesday, 2/5: 5:15-7:15 PM Disciple Me
6:15-7:45 PM MS & HS Youth
6:45 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Thursday, 2/6: 12:00 PM AA Meeting – Chapel
- Friday, 2/7: 11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends
Salsa's- Kenton
12:00 PM Prayer
5:00 PM NA – Chapel
- Saturday, 2/8: 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast-
McDonalds
12:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

**Children's/Youth Ministry
Volunteer of the Week:
Nancy Weaver**



Announcements and Upcoming Events

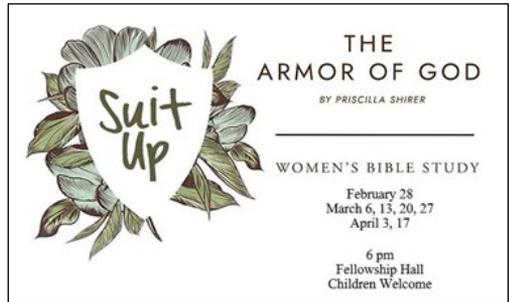
Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Nichole Abbot missing since October 31, 2019 from Portsmouth, OH.

Mission of the Month: Jamie & Susan Ramge

Substitute Bell Ringers Needed: Substitute bell ringers needed in January, February and March. Practices are Tuesdays at 6:45 pm. See Jane Baker with any questions.

HCC Youth Super Bowl Party: Tonight at the CMA Church from 5:30-8 PM.

**Women's Bible Study Group-
The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer:** Starting February 28 – Fridays at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A cunning, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you – your emotions,



your mind, your family, your future. But...when the enemy meets a woman dressed for the occasion, he fails miserably. Join us in a 7 session Bible study that will challenge you to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in your life. Will meet the following dates: February 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3 & 17. If interested, please contact Michele at 567-674-7902 and she will get you signed up and order material. Cost is \$15. **Deadline to sign up is February 12.** Light refreshments provided and children welcome.

Ash Wednesday Service: February 26 at 7 pm. Several community pastors plan to participate. More information to follow.

Passion Play Practice & Performance Schedule: A brief informational meeting is Sunday, February 16 at 1 pm in the sanctuary. If you cannot attend, please let them know you will participate. Practices will begin the following week from 1 –3 pm each week. The schedule is as follows:

2/23: Practice 1– 3pm—Entire Cast

3/1: Practice 1 –3 pm—Half Cast (scenes 1-3)

3/8: Practice 1-3 pm—Half Cast (scenes 4-6)

3/15: Practice 1-3 pm—Entire Cast

3/22: Practice 1-3 pm—Entire Cast

3/29: Practice 1-3 pm—Entire Cast

4/5: Practice 1-3 pm—Entire Cast

4/7: Dress Rehearsal—8 pm (arrive by 7:30)

4/9: Performance 1—8 pm (arrive by 7:30)

4/10: Performance 2— 8 pm (arrive by 7:30)

A sign-up sheet is in the back on the credenza. If you have questions, please contact Julie Strous (419-673-1587), Miranda Strous (567-674-1256), Kendra Dilts (419-674-1336) or the church office (419-673-7278).

Rummage Sale & Food

Truck Event: April 4
from 9 am – 2 pm.

Reservations are being taken for an approx. 9 ft. space which includes a table if wanted for \$10/space. Space will be in the fellowship hall and other inside areas if

needed. **Please pay for your space to hold your reservation. Each rented space is responsible for their item set up, sales, and clean up and removal of items.** Deadline to pay for your reserved space is Sunday, March 28. Please see Jane Donnelly if you would like to reserve a space or two or contact the church office at 419-673-7278. Food trucks will be outside but there will be room for eating inside as well. A free community car wash will also take place in the east parking lot from 1-3 pm that day.

Free Community Car Wash: April 4 from 1-3 pm in East parking lot. Volunteers will pass out upcoming event information while washing cars.

Youth Sunday: April 5 we will have ONE service with TBD. The children & youth of our church will run the morning worship service. Plan to attend to support our youth!

Community Palm Sunday Service: April 5 at 6:30 pm including the Kenton Chorale performing.

Passion Play: April 9 & 10 at 8 pm

Community Breakfast & Egg Hunt: April 18 from 9:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship hall.

Spring Serve Day: April 26 – One service at 8:30 am followed by service projects and lunch.

End of Year Wed. Night Party (K-5th grade): May 2, 5-7 pm in Bus barn



RUMMAGE SALE

Food Trucks

Free Car Wash 1-3 pm

Saturday, April 4
9 am - 2 pm
St. John's Church
211 E. Carrol St. Kenton, OH
Tables available for \$10 each

SALE

The graphic features the words 'RUMMAGE SALE' in large, colorful, bubbly letters. To the left, 'Food Trucks' is written in a curved font. To the right, 'Free Car Wash 1-3 pm' is written in a curved font. Below the main text, there is a 'SALE' sign with colorful arrows. The background of the graphic shows various household items like a lamp, a bicycle, and a vacuum cleaner.



St. John's Evangelical Church
Presents their annual portrayal of
The Passion of the Christ
at 211 E. Carrol St. Kenton, OH
Thursday, April 9 @ 8:00 PM
Friday, April 10 @ 8:00 PM

The Passion of the Christ is a reenactment of the last week of Christ's life on Earth. It brings to light the emotions of betrayal and abandonment that Christ experienced and the agony of suffering that Christ endured at the time of His death.

The graphic features a silhouette of a wooden cross against a dramatic, orange and yellow sunset sky. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Crafting Fundraiser: May 3 from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your mom, grandma and friends! Celebrate Mother's Day with them and help a great cause! Refreshments will be available. There are a few sign options. It's \$40 per person. Let Steph know if you want to sign up today. Register directly with Simple Treasures by Steph on Facebook or by calling 419-302-0336, or contact the church office. Facebook.com link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2347979822199242/>

Children's/Youth Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: May 23 at 6 pm

VBS- Concrete & Cranes- Building on the Love of Jesus:

June 8-11 from 5:45 – 8 pm for preschool (potty trained) - grade 5. This summer we will build on the love of Jesus. So, grab your hard hat and tool belt! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will discover that skyscrapers aren't the only things that need a rock-solid foundation. If you plan to attend or volunteer, please Pre-Register online by June 5 at <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=54591>. Reservations are very helpful for preparation purposes. Volunteers can complete a form located on the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary.



VBS Donation Request: any construction type things for decorating. May include: safety glasses, safety vests, hard hats. plastic fencing, plastic blueprints, safety signs etc. Please place your donations in the tote beside the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary. See Trish Wilcox or Michele Sherman with any questions.

Scioto Valley Cook out: July 11 from 1-3 pm

Forest Court Cook out: August 1 from 1-3 pm

Mystery Party (K-5th grade): August 9 from 3-5 pm

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 9:00 AM.

Welcome to our porch
SIT long
TALK much
LAUGH often

Simple Treasures By Steph
Crafting Fundraiser for
Missions Trip
Sunday May 3rd
1-3pm
St. John's Fellowship Hall
211 E. Carrol St., Kenton
Pick your sign, and make it!
Refreshments available.
Bring your friends and family!

HOME
sweet
HOME

FAMILY
with the blessing of love - never ending

GRANDKIDS
with the blessing of love - never ending

Home Sweet Home

Contact Stephanie Myers
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