

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

Ezekiel 37:14

**I WILL PUT MY
SPIRIT IN YOU,
AND YOU WILL
COME TO LIFE.
THEN YOU WILL
KNOW THAT I
AM THE LORD.**



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

Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

W. Bradbury
arr. Mark Weston

*Hymn #183

Christ is Coming! Let Creation

*Call to Worship

L: Leader C: Congregation

Psalm 140:33-34

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**C: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

*Gloria Patri

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Christiana Wagner – Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Shine FM

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message

Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:5

(children please remain in your seats)

Special Music

That's For Me

K. Kaiser
Lynda Temple

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:22-27

Sermon

Dry Bones Dancing

*Hymn #464

We Are Living, We Are Dwelling

*Benediction

Postlude

A New Song of Joy

J. Denton

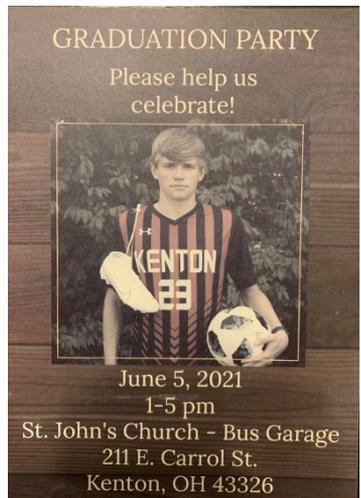
*— Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John's Church!

Gus Forester's Graduation Party

You are all invited to celebrate Gus's graduation on June 5 from 1-5 pm in the church bus barn.



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Ezekiel 37:1-14:

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” ⁴Then He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. ¹⁴And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Romans 8:22-27:

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Join Us for VBS

Music - Missions - Crafts - Snack



June 7-10
5PM-7:15PM
K-5th Grade

Vacation Bible School at St. John's
Evangelical Church

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. During VBS, kids will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

If you plan to attend or volunteer, please Pre-Register online by June 4th at <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=57752> Reservations are very helpful for preparation purposes. Hope to see you all there!!!! 😊

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Sermon Notes

23 May 2021

Scripture: **Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:22-27**

Sermon: **Dry Bones Dancing**

1. What is God calling His Church to say to the Valley of Dry Bones today? What is the message of hope that we can speak to the “dead”? (See **Ezekiel 37; John 5:25; and Ephesians 2:4-5**)
2. How committed are you to praying for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven? When you have not the words to pray, how much do you trust the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in prayer (**Romans 8:26-27**)?
3. How committed are you to preaching to those dead in their sins and who feel hopeless (**Ezekiel 37:11**)? How will you preach and serve until God’s Spirit revives them (**Ezekiel 37:12-14**)?
4. This Wednesday, we are beginning a season of weekly prayer. Please come and pray with us. What petitions and praises would you like to share? How will you commit to pray for a unity of vision, purpose, and ministry here at St. John’s and amongst local Christians? How will you help to build that unity in the local church and the Church universal?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Chrisana Wagner missing since May 12, 2021 from Columbus, OH.

Mission of the Month: Shine FM

Prayer & Praise/Hymn Nights: Please join us for casual night of prayer & song in the sanctuary at 7 pm each night:

Wednesday, May 26 (Praise team)

Thursday, June 3 (Hymns with Linda Ziegler)

Friday, June 11 (Praise team)

Wednesday, June 23 (Hymns with Hope Cauley)

Wednesday, June 30 (Hymns with Hope Cauley)

Wednesday, August 4 (Praise team)

VBS - Concrete & Crates: June 7-10 from 5:00-7:15 pm. The next Volunteer meeting will be June 6 in the fellowship hall following the church service. Please see Michele for more information.

Youth Summer Camp- Camp Cotubic: Camp dates will be July 4-5 (5-7th grade) and June 27-July 2 (8-12th grade) If anyone is interested, please see Michele Sherman.

St. John's Rooster Shirts: Any interest in a reprint of the shirts? Custom Torso had printed shirts for St. John's with a rooster design. We have had a request for a shirt/sweatshirt but need a minimum of 10 for an order. If you have any interest, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm in the church library.

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant.

Women's Bible Study: Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.



Care Team: We have a group of people that make calls to members to try to keep in touch with each other and to just check in. If you would like to participate in any way, please let the church office know or contact Carol Wilcox. If you are not receiving a call and would like one periodically or know of someone who would, please let us know.

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

Week at a Glance

Today, 5/23:	9:00 AM Sunday School (PK- Grade 12) 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Pastoral Relations - Library
Monday, 5/24:	5:00 PM Cub Scouts - Webelos
Tuesday, 5/25:	11:30 AM AA – Chapel 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 5/26:	6:30 PM Bible Study – Chapel 7:00 PM Night of Prayer & Praise - sanctuary
Thursday, 5/27:	11:30 AM AA – Chapel
Saturday, 5/28:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study- Our Place

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (5/16): 92

Envelopes: \$3325

Loose Ones: \$9

Mission: Shine FM: \$420

Ushers:

5/23: Mary Ralston & Jane Donnelly (Liturgist: Rae Maurer)

5/30: LeVern & Nancy Weaver

