


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

I am the *Vine,*

you are the branches.

He who abides in **ME,**
and I in him, bears much
fruit; 
for without Me
you can do nothing.


[John 15:5]

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

***Hymn #28** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 22:25-26

L: From You comes my praise in the great congregation;

C: my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

L: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!

C: May your hearts live forever!

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Kenyehn Height – Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Child Evangelism Fellowship

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

Children's Message **Branch on a Tree or Stick in the Mud?**

John 15:5

Special Music

Vila Dolorosa

Sprague/Borop

Lynda Zaring

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

I John 2:7-11

John 15:1-11

Sermon

Abide in Me

***Hymn #417** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Song of Triumph

D. E. Wio

*— Those who are able, please stand



Proceeds to Benefit Pastor Randall Forester's Cancer
Journey for Travel Expenses and Necessities

Sunday, March 26, 2023

11:00–1:30

**St John's Evangelical Church
211 East Carrol St, Kenton, Ohio**

Menu

**Spaghetti, Garlic Bread,
Salad,**

Dessert, Drink

\$10 Suggested Donation

Carry Out Available

Scripture Readings (ESV):

I John 2:7-11:

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says He is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in Him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

John 15:1-11:

¹ “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Sermon Notes

26 March 2023

Scripture: **I John 2:7-11; John 15:1-11**

Sermon: **Abide in Me**

1. To this point in the sermon series, what weight have you felt upon you? What changes or challenges have burdened you as you think about how those relate to your Christian walk?

2. How well do you love your brothers and sisters as you abide in the light (see **I John 2:7-11**)? Are you still challenged to love some (see verse **9**)? How can you find that light of Christ to love them?

3. How does your thinking about Christ's Words and His commands change when you learn He most of all wants us to abide/dwell/remain in Him (**John 15:1-9**)? What helps you to accomplish abiding in Him? Share your ideas with a few others and listen to their responses prayerfully.

4. How much more does your thinking change when you hear that Christ's goal for us is to possess His joy and to possess it completely (**John 15:11**)? What helps you to pursue that joy? How do you envision that joy transforming and enriching you as you grow in faith and live for Christ?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Kenyehn Height missing from Columbus, OH.

Pastor Randall Spaghetti Benefit Dinner: TODAY from 11 am – 1:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Menu: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert & drink. \$10 suggested donation. Take outs available.

HCC Youth Meeting: April 2 from 4-6 pm at St. John's. Easter Escape Room with Pizza.

Maundy Thursday Meal & Informal Service: April 6 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship we will share a soup and bread meal followed by an informal service with communion. All are welcome and food is provided.



Community Sunrise Service: April 9 at 7 am at the small pavilion at Boy Scout Lake. You may want to bring your own chair. We will try to Facebook Live the service that morning.

Easter Festival Service: Traditional Festival Service on April 9 at 10 am. The younger kids will have an Egg Hunt at 9:30 am and Jr. Church after the children's sermon.

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/BxSY59hvCfpdEM2J6>. A copy of the application can also be found on the church website at www.stjohnskenton.org. Deadline to apply is April 28 (Must complete All 3 steps).

HCC Youth Texas Roadhouse Peanut Fundraiser: The youth are selling Texas Roadhouse peanuts. They are \$5/bag plus a coupon for a free appetizer (with purchase of a meal). The proceeds will help with the cost of food each month and activities with include bowling, movies, swimming, camp etc.

Operation Christmas Child: A decorated box is located in the skylight room to place any items for this year's OCC shoeboxes. See Toni Pfister with any questions.

Jr. Church Volunteers: Everything is prepared for you. Please see Michele with questions and to volunteer.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30-10:30 & 12:30 – 2:30. Hours will change if a delay/closing. Please call if any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

*Please join us for the First Annual Blessing of
Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church
and God's Thunder.*



May 21, 2023

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Donuts served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

*Open invitation to all to attend worship
service beginning at 10am.*

Sponsored by:

*St. John's Evangelical Church
and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder*



The Chosen Bible Study: We are gaging interest in starting a Bible Study in the fall on The Chosen Series. We have received permission to view the episodes at church. There are study guides available on Angel Studio's website on each season. We are looking at Saturday mornings from 8:30-10. It takes approx. an hour to watch an episode and 30 minutes for discussion. If you would be interested in this Bible Study, please contact Anna LaWarre or the church office.

Week at a Glance

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| Today, 3/26: | 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 11 AM – 1:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel |
| Tuesday, 3/28: | 6:00 PM Women's Ministry 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel |
| Wednesday, 3/29: | 5-7 PM Kid's Night 5-7 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Bible Study – Chapel |
| Friday, 3/31: | 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel |
| Saturday, 4/1: | 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel |

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/19): 81
Envelopes: \$ 2260
Loose Ones: \$
Mission (CEF): \$40

Ushers:

3/26: Virginia Tice & Nancy Rickenbacher
4/2: Barb Scott & Peggy Cahill



Maundy Thursday April 6 - 6:30 pm

Soup & Bread Meal followed by an
informal service in the fellowship hall



easter SUNDAY

Christ Is Risen!

April 9 - 10 am

**Egg Hunt 9:30 with
Jr. Church after the
children's sermon**