

23 April 2023

Second Sunday after Easter

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



Then Simon  
Peter  
answered  
him, Lord,  
to whom  
shall we go?  
thou hast  
the words of  
eternal life.

- John 6:68 (KJV) -

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## **“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”**

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*Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.*

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

G. Young

**\*Hymn #457**

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 95:7-8**

L: For He is our God,

**C: and we are the people of His pasture,  
and the sheep of His hand.**

L: Today, if you hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

**C: as on the day at Massah in the wilderness...**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Neveah Farr – Dayton, OH

Mission of the Month: SOUP

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

**Children's Message**

**No Turning Back**

John 6:68-68

**Hymn #451**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**Special Music**

*I Am*

Michael W. Smith

Jane Baker

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

### \*Doxology

Scripture

Hebrews 3:7-19

John 6:60-71

Sermon

**Places to Turn**

\*Hymn #456

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Ye Soldiers of the Cross*

G. J. Webb

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\*— Those who are able, please stand



## **Scripture Readings (ESV):**

### **Hebrews 3:7-19:**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear His voice,

<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
on the day of testing in the wilderness,

<sup>9</sup> where your fathers put Me to the test  
and saw My works for forty years.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I was provoked with that generation,  
and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart;  
they have not known My ways.’

<sup>11</sup> As I swore in My wrath,  
‘They shall not enter My rest.’”

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup> As it is said,

“Today, if you hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

<sup>16</sup> For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup> And with whom was He provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

### **John 6:60-71:**

<sup>60</sup> When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you

are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) <sup>65</sup> And He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup> After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.” <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” <sup>71</sup> He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

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*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**



## Sermon Notes

**23 April 2023**

Scripture: **Hebrews 3:7-19; John 6:60-71**

### Sermon: **Places to Turn**

1. Why is it so easy to forget the power of the Gospel in our lives? How do we find it so easy to fall into the world and its ways?
2. How can you encourage others in the church to avoid sin's deceitfulness and to remember that they are partakers of Christ, and so should remain steadfast to the end (**Hebrews 3:13-14**)?
3. Did it surprise you to know Jesus "lost" so many followers in His ministry (**John 6:66**)? How does Jesus model of focusing on the faithful remnant encourage you? How does His willingness to minister to His betrayer Judas encourage you to encourage others to avoid sin and deceitfulness (**John 6:70-71**)?
4. Who will you seek out to encourage you to avoid sin? Who will you encourage to do likewise? How will you do this to impact the whole church and not just your circle within the congregation?

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Neveah Farr missing from Dayton, OH.

**Church Fellowship Luncheon:** Today following worship. Please plan to stay for a luncheon following worship for a time of food and fellowship. Food is provided. All are welcome!

**Women of Faith: Embrace Your Breakthrough (virtual event):** April 25-26 from 2-5 pm each day. For any Christian woman seeking to experience a deeper relationship with Jesus. Please visit [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) for more information or to register.

**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](http://www.stjohnskenton.org). Deadline to apply is April 28 (Must complete All 3 steps).

**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.

**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.

## Week at a Glance

Today, 4/23:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Church Family Luncheon - FH 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 4/25:	6:00 PM Women's Ministry 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 4/26:	5-7 PM Kid's Night 5-7 PM Youth Group 7:15 PM Bible Study – Chapel
Friday, 4/28:	12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 4/29:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

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### Week at a Glance:

Attendance (4/16): 64

Envelopes: \$1628

Loose Ones:

Mission (SOUP): \$200

Ushers:

4/23: Greg & Sharon Martin

4/30: Mark & Michele Sherman

