

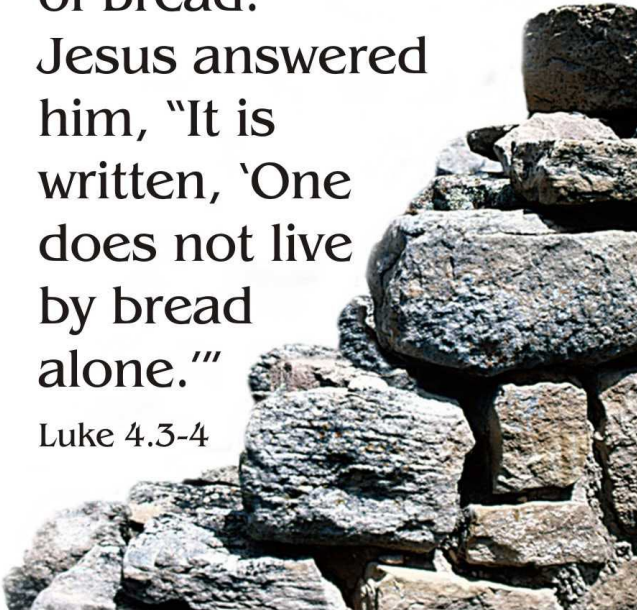
St. John's: Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ



"If you are the son of
God, command this
stone to become a loaf
of bread."

Jesus answered
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Luke 4.3-4



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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Delight in the Lord

G. Sewell

***Hymn #48**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:9-10

L: The fear of the Lord is clean,

C: enduring forever;

L: the rules of the Lord are true,

C: and righteous altogether.

L: More to be desired are they than gold,

C: even much fine gold;

L: sweeter also than honey

C: and drippings of the honeycomb.

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Jayden Chappell – Maple Heights, OH

Mission of the Month: Gideons

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

Special Music

What Wondrous Love Is This

Lynda Zaring Temple

Children's Message - Blessing of the Backpacks

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:1-8

Luke 4:1-15

Sermon

Ways and Means

***Hymn #37**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Benediction**

Postlude

Faithfulness

W. Runyan

*— Those who are able, please stand



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Nehemiah 8:1-8:

¹ And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

Luke 4:1-15:

¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. ³ The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to Him, “To

You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

““You shall worship the Lord your God,
and Him only shall you serve.””

⁹ And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

““He will command His angels concerning You,
to guard You,’

¹¹ and

““On their hands they will bear You up,
lest You strike Your foot against a stone.””

¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about Him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.



Sermon Notes

13 August 2023

Scripture: **Nehemiah 8:1-8; Luke 4:1-15**

Sermon: **Ways and Means**

1. How does worship in the sanctuary, and the sermons in particular, help you to understand the Word of God? What does in-person worship provide you spiritually?

2. Are you surprised by the statistics concerning worship attendance and the number of people who have stopped attending church? How would you address these issues?

3. How did Jesus combat Satan when He was tempted? How do you study, memorize, and utilize scripture to protect against the wiles of the Devil?

4. What is your commitment level to the church and to growing your faith? How can you encourage others to prioritize their faith and make it more central in their lives?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Jayden Chappell missing from Maple Heights, OH.

Back to School Bash: TODAY from 4-6 pm at Boy Scout Lake. St. John's will once again work with area churches in Hardin County to host a fun family event with bounce houses and food and to distribute school supplies.

VBS: August 14-17 from 5-7:30 pm. Transportation and meal provided. To register, please email Michele at michelesjyouth@gmail.com or call the church office at 419-673-7278.

Ride to Church Needed: If you are able to help transport someone to church, please contact the church office or talk to Pastor Randall.

Women's Celebration: November 16 at 6:30 pm

Texas Roadhouse Peanut Fundraiser: Hardin County Collective Youth are selling Texas Roadhouse Peanuts again. \$5/bag plus a coupon for a free appetizer (with purchase of meal). The proceeds will help with the cost of food each month and activities which include, bowling, movies, swimming, camp etc. Please contact Michele to purchase them.

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: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm until August 21 when Simon Kenton resumes classes. Please call ahead if you have any questions. Thank you!

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

Week at a Glance

Today, 8/13:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service Backpack Blessings 4-6 PM Back to School Bash – Boy Scout Lake 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Monday, 8/14:	5-7:30 PM VBS - FH
Tuesday, 8/15:	5-7:30 PM VBS - FH 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 8/16:	5-7:30 PM VBS - FH
Thursday, 8/17:	5-7:30 PM VBS - FH
Friday, 8/18:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Tilton Hilton- Indian Lake 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 8/19:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (8/6): 74

Envelopes: \$2455

Loose Ones: \$11

Mission (school supplies): \$150

Ushers:

8/13: Terry & Susan Hord

8/20: Greg & Sharon Martin

