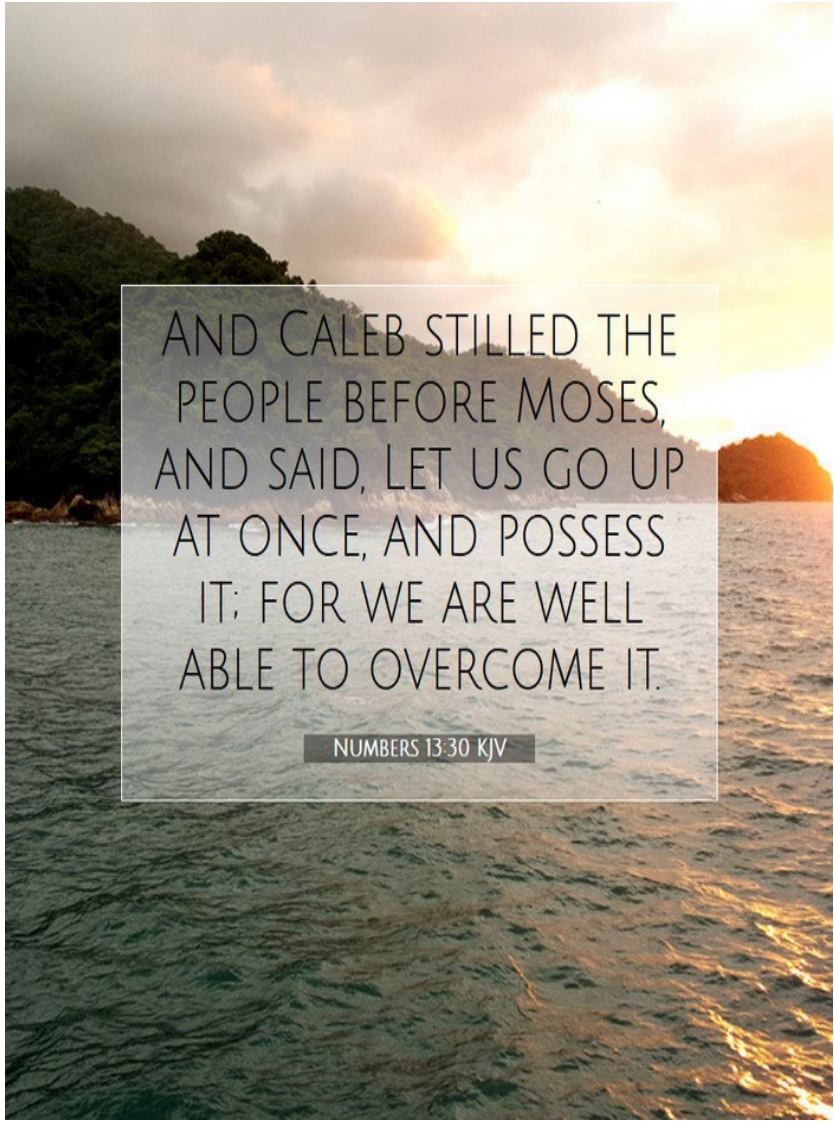


**17 September 2023**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

# **St. John's:**

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



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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**

#### **Opening Prayer**

##### **\*Praise**

#### **Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Jason Denton – Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Not By Choice

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

#### **Children's Message**

#### **But I Want Cupcakes**

Steve Merold

Matthew 11:16-19

#### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

#### **Scripture**

**Numbers 13:25-33**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Reading the Times**

##### **\*Praise**

##### **\*Benediction**

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\*— Those who are able, please stand

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

### **Numbers 13:25-33:**

<sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. <sup>26</sup> And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

<sup>30</sup> But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” <sup>31</sup> Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” <sup>32</sup> So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. <sup>33</sup> And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

### **Matthew 11:16-19:**

<sup>16</sup> “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’”

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Sermon Notes  
**17 September 2023**

Scripture: **Numbers 13:25-33; Matthew 11:16-19**

Sermon: **Reading the Times**

1. How do you see Jesus' teaching of people "playing at life" (**Matthew 11**) applying to 1) our culture, 2) our church, and 3) ourselves?
2. How did Caleb and the other spies reach such different conclusions about what they observed in the Promised Land? How do people today do the same? How can we in the church overcome this?
3. Do you think Caleb saw greater value in the blessings (**Numbers 13:27**) than the obstacles (**v 28-29, 31-33**)? Did the spies do the opposite? Did Caleb place a higher value on the abilities of the Israelites (**v 30**)? Is there more to Caleb's faith in the outcome if the people went forward?
4. What "giants" prevent the church from ministering in our community? What different responses to what we all observe might divide people? How do we overcome that and move forward as God calls us to do?

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Jason Denton missing from Columbus, OH.

**Sewing Fellowship Day:** September 19 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, we will be making pillowcases to put in the Christmas boxes. You do not have to be a “seamstress” to participate. Come out and have fun or stop by and have lunch with us and spend time with each other. Items to bring: scissors, rotary cutter, cutting mat, cutting ruler, pins, sewing clips, thread, sewing machines or sergers, seam ripper. Each case will use a yard of fabric. We will have some fabric, but if you would like to donate, please do. Keep in mind, they are for children ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. Bring a sack lunch. Even if you cannot sew, come anyways, there will be other jobs to do. Any question, please see Toni P. or Teresa B.



**NEW Prayer Meeting:** Wednesdays at 6 pm in the back of the sanctuary. Will conclude before 7 pm.

**Kenton Trick or Treat:** October 28 from 3-5 pm.

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

**The Chosen Bible Study:** Saturdays starting October 28, 9-10:30 am. It takes approx. an hour to watch an episode and 30 minutes for discussion. Study guides are available for each season on Angel Studios site but not required. All are welcome to attend!

**Seeking part-time Family Minister/Associate Pastor:** Job title, responsibilities, and compensation will be partially determined by the education, experience, and training of the candidate. Please contact the church office with questions or interest.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Boxes and supplies are in the back of the sanctuary for people to use. Deadline will be early November with exact date announced later.

**Rides Available:** If you need a ride to church, contact the church office.

**Office Hours:** 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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

## You are Invited to Join - The Chosen Bible Study

**Saturdays starting  
October 28 from  
9-10:30 am.**

**All are Welcome!**

**The  
CHOSEN  
Bible Study**



Do you know about Jesus? Would you like to know who He is, or learn more about Him and don't know where to start? Come join us as we follow the life of Jesus as we watch The Chosen series by Angel Studios. We will begin meeting weekly on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 am starting October 28. It takes approximately an hour to watch an episode and 30 minutes for discussion. There are study guides available on Angel Studios' website on each season but are not required. The Chosen Series has 3 seasons with a total of 22 Episodes. If you would be interested in participating or have any questions, please contact the office at St. John's Evangelical Church by calling 419-673-7278, email [stjohnskenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnskenton@gmail.com), or just come to the church Fellowship Hall on Saturday mornings. **All are Welcome!**



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# SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



## "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



## TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

## ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



## DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



## "Through your prayers

and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Be sure to make your shoebox gift unique and include a letter and photo—those personal touches can mean so much to a child."

—Franklin Graham,  
President, Samaritan's Purse



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## Week at a Glance

Today, 9/17: 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Monday, 9/18: 6-8 PM CEF Meeting – Chapel

Tuesday, 9/19: 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM Sewing Fellowship Day  
5:00 PM Children's Choir  
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel

Wednesday, 9/20: 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting – back of Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Bible Study

Friday, 9/22: 12:00 PM Prayer – Sanctuary  
7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Saturday, 9/23: 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

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### Week at a Glance:

Attendance (9/10): 37

Envelopes: \$

Loose Ones: \$

Mission (Gideons): \$

Ushers:

9/17: Mary Ralston & Lynda Zaring

9/24: Janie Risner & Jane Donnelley



## BLANCHARD PLACE

### ASSISTED LIVING

FREE SPAGHETTI DRIVE THRU LUNCH



SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 11AM-12PM

825 RICHARD LANE

KENTON ,OHIO

SPAGHETTI, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD AND WATER