

22 October 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
211 EAST CARROL STREET  
KENTON, OH 43326

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

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**October 22, 2023**

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

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### **Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)**

**Prelude**

*Prayer of the Morning*

G. Peterson

**\*Hymn #96**

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

**\*Call to Worship**

#### **Psalm 123:1-2**

L: To You I lift up my eyes,

**C: O You who are enthroned in the heavens!**

L: Behold, as the eyes of servants

**C: look to the hand of their master,**

L: as the eyes of a maidservant

**C: to the hand of her mistress,**

L: so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

**C: till He has mercy upon us**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Javien Collins – Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Safe Haven of Hardin County

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

**Children's Message**

**Sending A Friend**

Becky Rish

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

**\*Doxology**

**Scripture**

**Joshua 14:6-15**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**Sermon**

**The Faithfulness of God**

**\*Hymn #37**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Ever in Joyful Song*

F. G. Crosby

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\*— Those who are able, please stand

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

### **Joshua 14:6-15:**

<sup>6</sup> Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. <sup>8</sup> But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. <sup>9</sup> And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’ <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as He said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. <sup>12</sup> So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. <sup>14</sup> Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

### **Matthew 25:14-30:**

<sup>14</sup> “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and

hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"



**Trunk or Treat**  
**OCTOBER 28**  
**3-5 PM**  
**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
**SOUTH PARKING LOT**

Come Join us for a  
night of fun and  
treats!



The poster features a light blue background with a subtle cloud pattern. On the left side, there are several orange pumpkins of different sizes, black plastic spiders, and black plastic bats. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The logo for St. John's Evangelical Church is located in the bottom right corner, featuring a cross and the church's name.

Sermon Notes  
**22 October 2023**

Scripture: **Joshua 14:6-15; Matthew 25:14-30**

Sermon: **The Faithfulness of God**

1. How are you using the gifts God has given you in a way that doubles those gifts? What are you returning and giving back to the Lord through your life and service (**Matthew 25:14-30**)?
2. How was Caleb able to ask/demand? How do you imagine his demeanor to be when he did so (hint: clues may be found in **Joshua 14:9-11**)? What expectations do you have for your inheritance in Christ? Is that just? Have you followed the Lord wholeheartedly?
3. What is your Hebron? What has God given you that will outlive you and allow posterity to point to and remember your life of faith in Christ?
4. The word Hebron comes from a verb (*habar*) that means to join. What has God joined to you that you may better serve Him as you share with the world His faithfulness to you and subsequent generations?

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Javien Collins missing from Columbus, OH.

**The Chosen Bible Study:** Saturdays starting October 28, 9-10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

**Trunk or Treat:** October 28 from 3-5 pm in the South Parking lot. Cars should arrive no later than 2:30 PM and enter from the alley by the Kenton Times and stay parked until 5:00 PM for the safety of the children. Cars may be decorated or participants may dress in a costume or theme that is church appropriate. You do not need to come in costume or decorate your vehicle to participate. **Donations of candy are WELCOME!**

**Memorial Sunday:** On October 29, we will honor the saints that have gone to be with the Lord since our last service.

**Kenton Methodist Youth (grades 7-12):** October 29 from 6-8 pm.

**HCC Youth Group (grades 6-12):** November 5 from 4-6 pm at Walnut Grove Church. Carpool from Kenton Methodist at 3:30 pm.

**Women's Celebration:** November 16 with doors opening at 5 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 with proceeds going to Not by Choice. Deadline to sign up is November 5. Please turn in your reservation and money to the church office, Toni, or Kay.

**Wednesday Night Kids Program:** Wednesdays from 5-7 pm. Volunteers needed to help with different tasks or with some administrative items.

**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 to return boxes is October 29.

**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

## Week at a Glance

Today, 10/22: 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Church Luncheon – FH  
7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Monday, 10/23: 6-7:30 PM Girl Scouts – Chapel

Tuesday, 10/24: 6:00 PM Women's Ministry  
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel

Wednesday, 10/25: 5-7 PM Wednesday Night Program  
7:00 PM Bible Study

Friday, 10/27: 12:00 PM Prayer – Sanctuary  
7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Saturday, 10/28: 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel  
9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH  
3-5 PM Trunk or Treat – South Parking Lot

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### Week at a Glance:

Attendance (10/15): 57  
Envelopes: \$3710  
Loose Ones: \$3  
Mission (Safe Haven): \$170

Ushers:  
10/22: Jerry & Toni Pfister  
10/29: Kathy & Angel  
Forester



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**November 04, 2023**

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Doors Open at 10:30  
Event 11:00am to 2:00pm

Silent Auction Participation FREE

Prepaid Spaghetti Lunch – \$10  
donation per person for tickets  
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