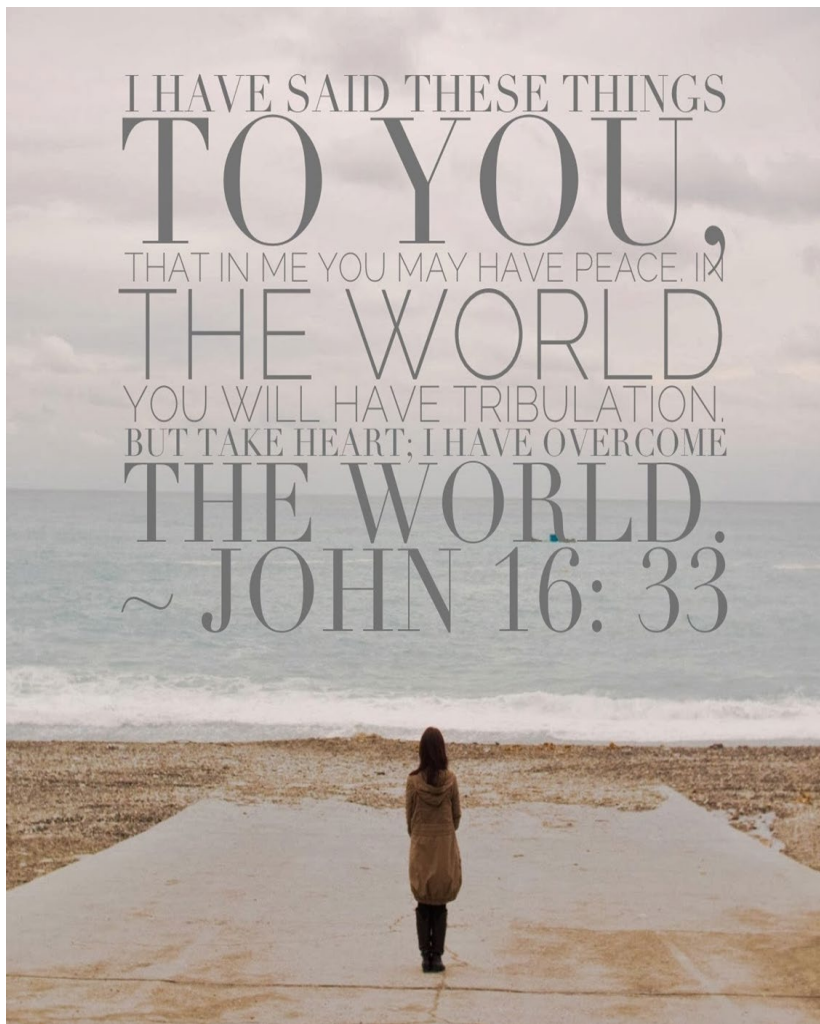


04 February 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

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TO YOU,  
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BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME  
THE WORLD.  
~ JOHN 16: 33



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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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 4, 2024**

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

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

**Prelude**      *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*      Kirkpatrick/Weston

### **\*Call to Worship      Psalm 112:1-2**

L: Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the one who fears the Lord,

**C: who greatly delights in His commandments!**

L: The faithful's offspring will be mighty in the land;

**C: the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

### **\*Hymn #144      *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know***

### **\* Invitation to Confession**

L: Before the all-holy God we are only sinners. We ask Him to cleanse our lips and our hearts and to send us to make Him known as our healing God.

### **\* Prayer of Confession & Kyrie**

L: Lord Jesus, You died for our sins according to the Scriptures:  
Lord have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord have mercy upon us.**

L: Jesus Christ, on the third day You rose to life to bring us  
Your life eternal:

Christ have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ have mercy upon us.**

L: Lord Jesus, by Your grace You call us to be apostles of Your  
Good News: Lord have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord have mercy upon us.**

L: Therefore, let us pray:

**C: In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us our sins—what we have done and what we have left undone—and let Your grace bear fruit in our lives. Keep us attached to Thee, the true vine, and lead us to everlasting life.**

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord has created you and will not abandon you. Christ, who died for our sins and was raised again, has reached out His hand in mercy to save us, consuming our impurity in the searing heat of His own holiness. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Britney Correa – Cleveland, OH

Mission of the Month: Gideons

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

**Children's Message      When We Are Weak      Romans 8:25-26a**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

**\*Doxology**

**Scripture**

**I Corinthians 2:1-5**

**John 16:29-33**

**Sermon**

**Christus Victor**

**Chancel Choir**

*Bread and Wine, Wine and Bread*

Carter

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

\*The Apostle's Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

**\*Hymn #506**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Jesus is All The World to Me*

Thompson

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\*— Those who are able, please stand

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

### **I Corinthians 2:1-5:**

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

### **John 16:29-33:**

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!” <sup>30</sup>Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?” <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

## *Christianity in China*

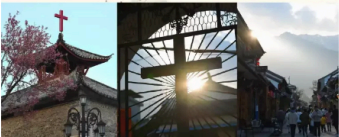
### **The Underground Church**

What does normal life look like for Chinese Christians?

How does the Chinese underground church operate under persecution?

How do missionaries reach out to the Chinese people and bring the good news to them?

How do Chinese Christians cope with strict policies in their Christian daily life?



#### **FEBRUARY 11**

**10 am - Join us for Worship**  
**11 am - Luncheon**  
**12 pm - Learn more about The Underground Church in China**

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Sermon Notes  
**04 February 2024**

Scripture: **I Corinthians 2:1-5; John 16:29-33**

Sermon: **Christus Victor**

1. What does the concept of Christus Victor mean to you? Does it challenge the idea of substitutionary atonement for you, or does it give a deeper understanding of Christ's work on the Cross?
2. How do the supporting scriptures (**Luke 4:18; Ephesians 4:8; I Corinthians 15:25; I John 3:8; and Genesis 3:15**) help you to understand Jesus as Christus Victor?
3. Even though Jesus is Christus Victor, how are we to live in this world? How did Paul model this stature and way of living (**I Corinthians 2:4-5**)?
4. What did Jesus tell us to expect in this world? What then gives us peace and hope (**John 16:33**)? How, then, would you define the peace and hope you find in Jesus? How does that help you to live out your faith?

**Soli Fide (by faith alone)**

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Britney Correa missing from Cleveland, OH.

**Christianity in China: The Underground Church:** On February 11, we will have guest speakers during the worship service. After worship, we will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall and a more detailed presentation on the Underground Church will be at Noon. The presentation at noon will not be live streamed to protect those involved and their families. All are welcome to attend to learn more.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** February 14 at 7 pm led by Payne Chapel

**Community Movie Night - Do You Believe?:** February 24 at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Missions and Evangelism Committee. Snacks & Drinks available, donations appreciated. A dozen different souls all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ even if they don't believe it. Yet. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. This stirring new film from the creators of God's Not Dead. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: DO YOU BELIEVE?

**Maundy Thursday Service:** March 28 at 7 pm

**Community Easter Sunrise:** March 31 at 7 am at Boy Scout Lake's small pavilion. Please bring a lawn chair.

**Bike Blessing:** May 19 at 11:30 am

**Entering Church using South or East Entrance:** During the wintry and potentially icy months, entrance will be available through the east and south doors. Thank you!

**Thank You:** Salvation Army appreciates your help in 2023. The money you donated will go towards providing for those in need in Hardin County. By doing so, this supports the Hardin County Salvation Army in its mission to: Help Those Who Cannot Help Themselves!

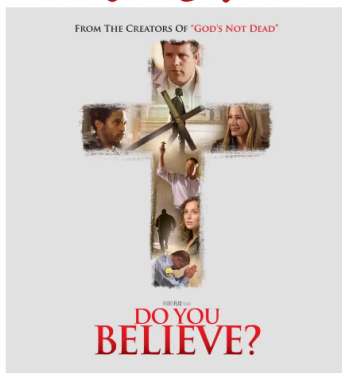
**Bulletin Announcements:** due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

**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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A  
**FREE MOVIE NIGHT**

FEBRUARY **24** AT 6:00PM

*Do You Believe?*



**It's the most important question of your life.**

Snacks: popcorn & beverages (by donation)

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



**May 19, 2024**

**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.**

*Hosted by:*

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



**March 31 - 7 am**

COMMUNITY  
**SUNRISE**  
SERVICE

**Boy Scout Lake - small pavilion**

## Week at a Glance

Today, 2/4:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 4-6:30 PM HCC Youth Movie Night- First Methodist 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Monday, 2/5:	6-7:30 PM Girl Scouts - Chapel
Tuesday, 2/6:	1:00 PM First Tuesday- Blanchard Place 5:00 PM Missions/Evangelism 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 2/7:	5-7 PM Wednesday Night Kids 7:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, 2/8:	6:00 PM Church Council – Library 6:30 Cub Scouts - Chapel
Friday, 2/9:	12:00 PM Prayer
Saturday, 2/10:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH

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### Week at a Glance:

Attendance (1/28): 63

Envelopes: \$2165

Loose Offering: \$85

Mission (Pioneers): \$410

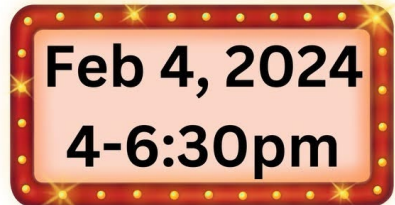
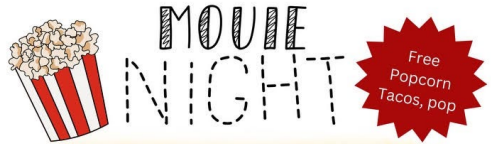
Ushers:

2/4: Shane Harkenrider & Jim Bidwell

2/11: Nathan Weaver & Aly Purcell



## HCC Youth Group



**Kenton First Methodist Church**  
**234 N Main St, Kenton**



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and  
Jesus Revoltuion**