

21ST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

*of the Evangelical Association of Reformed
& Congregational Christian Churches*

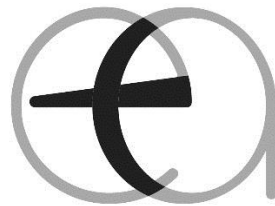
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*St. John's Christian Church
Archbold, Oh
September 20th-22nd 2019*



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***“Equip & Empower” – “To equip God’s people to do the works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:12***

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 20, 2019

9:30 AM	to	1:30 PM	The Company Retreat (see page 8 for further information)
1:00 PM	to	7:00 PM	Registration
2:00 PM	to	4:00 PM	Pastors Seminar with Keynote Speaker, Nathan Rittenhouse
4:00 PM	to	5:00 PM	Small Group Follow Up Discussions
5:00 PM	to	6:00 PM	Fellowship and Free Time
6:00 PM	to	7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	to	8:30 PM	Worship with Keynote Speaker, Nathan Rittenhouse
8:30 PM	to	9:30 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:00 AM	to	9:00 AM	Registration / Breakfast Refreshments
9:00 AM	to	9:30 AM	Gathering Worship
9:30 AM	to	10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker, Nathan Rittenhouse
10:30 AM	to	11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM	to	12:15 AM	Workshop Session #1
12:15 PM	to	1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	to	2:45 PM	Workshop Session #2
2:45 PM	to	3:15 PM	Break
3:15 PM	to	4:30 PM	Workshop Session #3
4:30 PM	to	6:00 PM	Fellowship / Free Time
6:00 PM	to	7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	to	7:15 PM	Gathering Worship
7:15 PM	to	8:15 PM	Keynote Speaker, Matt Pardi
8:15 PM	to	9:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments

Sunday, September 22, 2019

9:00 AM	to	10:00 AM	Education Hour
10:15 AM	to	11:30 AM	Worship – Jim Barnes, National Minister, preaching
		11:45 AM	Chicken BBQ Dinner

****Please be aware that the speakers and presenters at Evangelical Association events come from a variety of traditions. There may be differences in points of theology, polity and application. Each of our speakers and presenters shares with us a common passion for Jesus Christ, the authoritative Scripture, and the work of advancing the Kingdom.**

(Board of Directors, Evangelical Association, Approved March 8, 2013)**

Keynote Presenters

Nathan Rittenhouse is an Itinerant Speaker with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. He graduated from Bridgewater College in Virginia with a double major in Physics and Philosophy & Religion, and a minor in Mathematics before attending the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. He holds a M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Nathan has interests in topics of science and religion, church history, and systematic theology. He grew up in an active church and Christian family and developed an enthusiasm for Christ that has intensified with his academic studies. Nathan spent the last three years traveling and speaking in universities throughout New England, and is currently focusing on the Mid-Atlantic region.

Matt Pardi is a Network Director of the H2O Church Network, which is a collection of college churches (currently 12) that seek to bring the timeless message of Christ to the university setting. Matt was impacted by God in a big way when he gave his life to Jesus his freshman year of college. As hard as it was, he's loved the dramatic change that God brought into his life as his intimacy with Him grew. Being changed at that age has made college church near and dear to his heart. Seeing college students surrender their lives to Jesus and become leaders for Christ is amazing. Matt loves the mission of planting churches. They are a great catalyst for increased outreach and leadership development.

Workshop Sessions

Session #1 – 11:00am to 12:15pm

1. The Evangelical Association: Who We Are Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA
Liberal theology has been influencing the mainline churches for nearly a century and is now translating into policy decisions in many denominations which are forcing evangelical, conservative congregations and pastors to question their affiliations. In this workshop we will consider the Evangelical Association as a post denominational alternative for believers who want to take a stand for truth. This workshop is particularly helpful for those wanting to learn more about the EA or who are considering affiliation with the association.
2. Global Advancement Wink & Glyn Kelso, Servants of Servants Ministries
Captivating mission stories in an interactive format to empower your church with a greater global vision and impact in your local community.
3. The Evangelical Association Mission Network (EAMN) Pastor Steve Darr, First Congregational Church, Torrington, CT
The EAMN is the missions arm of the Evangelical Association. The workshop will focus on establishing and maintaining direct links between the local church, the missionary, and the mission field. Information presented will prove helpful in developing direct personal relationships with missionaries and making the choices of which missionaries and mission projects to support financially.
4. Equipping Church Leaders Pastor Gene Bell, First Reformed Church, Bluffton, IN
Discover insights into establishing and maintaining annual leadership retreats for the purpose of equipping church leaders, as well as for annual church program planning.
5. Personal Evangelism Thad & Monique Bergmeier
ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) International in North America. Working with a new church planting initiative called EVERYETHNE, Thad & Monique come alongside churches to help them reach people groups by planting churches and multiplying leaders. They minister with churches, helping them advance, mobilize and multiply as they seek to own the lostness of their communities.

6. Stephen Ministry Pastor Alex Young, St. John's Christian Church
 Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people going through tough times.
7. Proclaiming Life! Amidst End of Life Issues Chris & Carolyn Thurow
 Welcome to a "vision casting" workshop! With the aging of the American population, how can the Church minister faithfully to individuals and their families who are facing the realities of declining health, chronic illness, or a terminal diagnosis? As many people contend with these issues while not having the support of an evangelical community, how can the Church best step into that situation with a witness that is bold in proclamation while being gentle and compassionate in shepherding? How can the Church become a center for education regarding end of life issues, at a time when the "right to die" movement is rapidly gaining momentum in our culture? Ideas for equipping the local congregation will be presented.

Session #2 – 1:30pm to 2:45pm

1. The Evangelical Association Mission Network Pastor Steve Darr
2. Equipping Church Leaders Pastor Gene Bell
3. Proclaiming Life! Amidst End of Life Issues Chris & Carolyn Thurow
4. Stephen Ministry Pastor Alex Young
5. Personal Evangelism Thad & Monique Bergmeier
6. Tattoos: Telling the Story Pastor Dave Bitler, Rodgers Park Reformed Church, Kannapolis, NC
 Looking at the effectiveness of evangelism in our current culture, Dave and Al Dayhoff have found that tattoos give a vital clue into the hearts and minds of their owners. For many, the soul (the image of God) is desperate to speak that it is writing on the canvas of the skin, in permanent ink...wondering if anyone is listening.

Session #3 – 3:15pm to 4:30pm

1. This Is Us Wink & Glyn Kelso, Servants of Servants Ministries
 Equipping and empowering local churches to impact their communities and the world with a fresh perspective of the Kingdom of God through the Tree of Life.
2. Equipping Church Leaders Pastor Gene Bell
3. Proclaiming Life! Amidst End of Life Issues Chris & Carolyn Thurow
4. Stephen Ministry Pastor Alex Young
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Transportation

- By Air – flying into Toledo Express Airport (50 minutes from Archbold) OR Fort Wayne International Airport (60 minutes from Archbold) OR Detroit Metro Airport (90 minutes).
- AMTRAK serves Bryan, OH (30 minutes from Archbold)

About the Area

St. John's Christian Church is located in the town of Archbold, situated 45 minutes west of Toledo and 30 minutes north of Defiance, about 30 miles from Indiana and 15 miles from Michigan. Established in the mid-1800's, Archbold sits in the flatlands resulting from the draining of the Great Black Swamp. Archbold is known for both its agricultural and industrial heritage – home to Sauder Woodworking and Sauder Manufacturing.

St. John's Christian Church – www.stjohnsarchbold.org

Organized in 1852, St. John's Christian Church (SJCC) is in its fourth building, with its fourth name, and reflects a Reformed Evangelical heritage. Since 2006, SJCC has been a non-denominational congregation with membership in the Evangelical Association. An educational and missional oriented congregation, SJCC is involved in Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Christian education ministries and offers a Christian Preschool five days a week. The congregation currently supports thirteen overseas and campus missionaries.

Lodging Information

Defiance, Ohio:

Hampton Inn (30 rooms reserved, 9/1 cut off)
1037 Hotel Drive, Defiance, OH 43512
1-419-784-1515 – mention EA Convocation
\$128 + tax per two queen or one king room
(17 miles, 24 mins from St. John's)

Holiday Inn (20 rooms reserved, 8/26 cut off)
1148 Hotel Drive, Defiance, OH 43512
1-419-784-0782 – direct
1-888-HOLIDAY – use Block Code EAC
\$129 + tax per two queen room
\$124 + tax per one king room
(17 miles, 24 mins from St. John's)

Wauseon, Ohio:

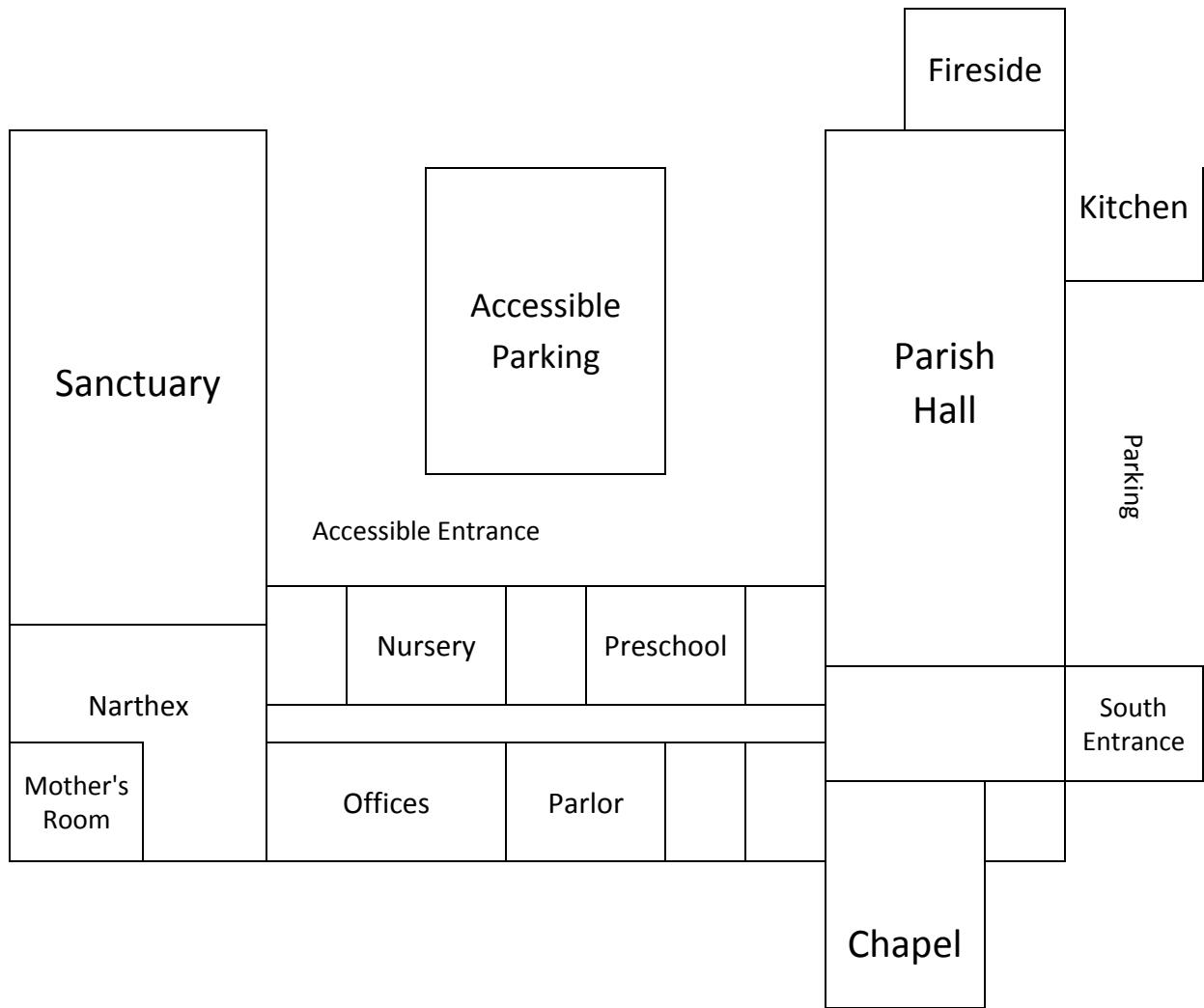
Holiday Inn (25 rooms reserved, 9/1 cut off)
8135 State Route 108, Wauseon, OH 43567
1-419-335-1177 (need to call for this rate)
\$105 + tax per room, for 2Q or 1K
(13.5 miles, 19 mins from St. John's)

Archbold, Ohio – Campground:

Sauder Village Campground
2261 State Route 2, Archbold, OH 43502
1-800-590-9755
saudervillage.org
(3 miles from St. John's)

Area Attractions and Points of Interest include:

- Al-Meda Chocolates – 1 mile north of Archbold
- Field of Memories Antique Mall – 1 mile north of Archbold
- Fulton County Historical Museum – located in Wauseon
- Goll Woods State Nature Preserve – 2 miles north and 1 mile west of Archbold
- Historic Sauder Village – Barn Restaurant, Bakery, Retail Shops – 1 mile north of Archbold
- Ten Thousand Villages – within walking distance of the church
- Tuttle Museum – located in downtown Defiance
- Grand Rapids – Ludwig Mill, Canal Boat Rides – 35 minutes east of Archbold on St. Rt. 24
- Independence Dam State Park – east of Defiance
- Area Golf Courses
 - Ironwood, 1015 W Leggett St, Wauseon, OH (15 minutes from Archbold)
 - White Pines, 1640 Co Rd 2, Swanton, OH (30 minutes from Archbold)
 - Eagle Rock, 211 Carpenter Rd, Defiance, OH (30 minutes from Archbold)
 - The Legacy, 7677 US-223, Ottawa Lake, MI (1 hour from Archbold)
- Area Restaurants
 - Mom's Diner – 50's & 60's retro diner located in downtown Archbold
 - Barn Restaurant – home style food located just 1 mile north of Archbold
 - Casa Vieja – excellent Mexican restaurant just south of SJCC
 - Samuel Mancinos – Italian eatery located in downtown Archbold
 - Sullivans – fine dining located in nearby downtown Wauseon



South Defiance Street



2019 EA Convocation – Registration / Information Form
September 20-22, 2019

Please duplicate this form for each registration needed

Registration Cost – \$70

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ State: _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____ Church _____
Church Position (Pastor, Youth Pastor, Minister of Music, Laity, etc.) _____

Workshop Choices:

1st Session (11:00am) _____
2nd Session (1:30pm) _____
3rd Session (3:15pm) _____

Please Check All Areas That Apply To Your Registration:

- _____ Registration – Friday & Saturday
- _____ Registration – Saturday Only
- _____ Registration – Youth (6th – 12th grade) – Saturday only
- _____ Registration – Children (K-5th grade) – Saturday only
- _____ Staying through Worship and Chicken BBQ on Sunday
- _____ Childcare – Ages Infant to 5 Years Old – Free
- _____ Pastors Seminar (Friday Afternoon)
- _____ The Company Retreat (See page 7)

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please indicate any dietary needs _____

Please make checks payable to St. John’s Christian Church

We would appreciate receiving your registration before September 10th.

Mail your registration form and check to:

St. John’s Christian Church, 700 S. Defiance Street, Archbold, OH 43502

If you have any questions about any area of the Convocation, please contact:

Pastor Erich Christman, St. John’s Christian Church

Office – 419-446-2545

Cell – 419-551-0401

Email – pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org

Display/Exhibitor Application

If you want to display info or merchandise (books, resources, music, art, etc.) that you would like to offer at the Convocation, display tables will be available. Please provide the following info by 8/30:

Name: _____ Church _____

Organization: _____

Type of Merchandise: _____

Contact Info: _____

Set-Up Requirements: Outlet Table (4' or 6' or 8') Display Monitor

Other Requirements: _____

The Company Retreat

A Small Group Experience Sponsored by the EA Company of Pastors

Long for a deeper connection in the EA? Need prayer for your journey? Want prayer for your ministry and the congregation you serve? Join us for our first Company Retreat at Convocation 2019. We know for our souls, ministries, and congregations to be revitalized we need the encouragement of one another. We know that if we are to implement and reproduce healthy ministries we need to share with one another the wisdom we've learned in the trenches.

The Company Retreat will provide opportunity to examine our hearts, share our stories, and pray for one another. We will begin at 9:30 on Friday morning and conclude by joining with one another for lunch in a local restaurant (lunch is not included in the registration fee).

If you are interested in participating in The Company Retreat, please Tell Us about Yourself:

(Please complete, copy and return with your registration)

Name: _____

Congregation (including city and state): _____

What best describes your role in your congregation/ministry?

_____ Senior/Lead Pastor

_____ Pastoral/Ministerial Staff

What is your position(s)? _____

_____ Administrative Staff

_____ Congregant

How are you active in the congregation? _____

What aspects of ministry interest you? _____

_____ Other _____