



# The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ



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## ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children 4 years old through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to our minister or one of our elders.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

*Sunday a.m. ~ A study on  
Women of the Bible*

*Sunday p.m. ~ Matthew 21*

*Wednesday night ~ Acts 13*



Everyone is invited to come at **6:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday**, for dinner before Bible study. Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend. You can also sign up if you want to help with the meal.

## POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

Everyone is encouraged to stay after services **next Sunday morning** for a potluck meal. We hope you can join us for this wonderful opportunity to share in food and fellowship.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



11 - Kara Mason  
12 - Dean Hampton  
14 - John Roy

Our weekly Sunday morning worship service and Sunday evening class are live streamed on our Facebook page.



prayer requests

**Melissa Loftis** will have surgery on Wednesday to repair a torn meniscus.

**Eleanor Wooldridge** is experiencing a lot of pain in her leg & having difficulty walking.

**Irene Sims**, Craig's mother, is in the hospital after suffering a broken hip from a fall while in town for Walter's funeral. She has had surgery and will require many months of rehab & therapy.

**Nancy Kuehl**, Joe Mason's mom, is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip.



### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**



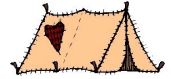
**Wednesday at 1:00**  
at the building.

### **HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God's grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9). To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

### **CAMP STEAK DINNER**

Michigan Christian Youth Camp will host their 47th Annual **Steak Dinner** on **Saturday, Oct. 1**, from 3:30 - 7:30. Tickets are \$95 for adults with special pricing for children, students, elders & ministers. You can purchase tickets and also get more details & information at their website, [www.mcy.org](http://www.mcy.org).



### **THE CHANGING SEASONS**

By Bill Brandstatter

One of the times of year I like the most is fall. The leaves begin to change colors. The weather becomes cooler. It reminds me of what the Psalmist wrote: "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." (Psalm 19:1 KNJV).

God indirectly speaks to us through nature. When we think of nature we should be able to see God's beauty. We should be able to witness and feel God's power. Nature shows us how changes can come rapidly. Perhaps this is why Paul wrote: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." (Romans 1:20). Let us think about God and all his attributes as we see the changing seasons, but let us always remember that God never changes (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8).

## EVERYBODY NEEDS A BARNABAS

By Tom Kelton

Saul, later known as Paul, and John Mark were well-known in the early church. But they might not have achieved their positions of leadership if it had not been for the unique ministry of a lesser known personality, Barnabas. Almost every time Barnabas is mentioned in the Bible he is encouraging someone. This seems to have been his principle contribution to the growth of the church.

After Paul's conversion, Christians were afraid to accept him because of his previous anti-Christian persecutions. It was Barnabas who had the courage to step out and take the risk to stand beside Paul and encourage him. As a result, Paul was eventually accepted by the church and went on to become a great missionary. He wrote more than one-third of the New Testament.

Similarly, John Mark needed an encourager. He had been a failure. He started out on a missionary journey and, for some unknown reason, turned back. His failure was so miserable that Paul refused to give him a second trip.

But Barnabas, the encourager, stepped in once again. He took John Mark and spent the necessary time to help him re-establish his life.

And it worked. Years later, while Paul was in prison, he wrote to Timothy and requested that he bring John Mark because he was profitable for the ministry.

Who knows what might have happened to John Mark if it had not been for Barnabas—an ordinary Christian who did what he did best, encourage people.

Every person needs a Barnabas – someone who will encourage him or her to achieve his or her potential. You can fulfill a vital ministry by being an encourager to others around you.

People respond to encouragement because it gives them hope.

If Saul and Mark had been left alone, they might have given up in despair. But, the presence of one other human being, Barnabas the encourager, gave them the sense that all was not lost. It gave them hope.



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### TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday  
Worship - 10:30a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Bible School - 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.  
(at the building)  
Zoom online class



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### Pray For Our Missions!

- ✝ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Community
- ✝ Eastern European Mission
- ✝ India
- ✝ Let The Bible Speak TV Program
- ✝ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home

### ELDER CHAIRMAN

**Bill Nocita**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

September 11, 2022

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason  
Song Leader - Dean Hampton  
Bible Reading - Matthew Wooldridge  
Sermon - Bill Nocita

#### Communion servants

Byron Bledsoe    John Kaganac  
Steve Karwowski    Jay Kramer  
Dean Stewart

#### Audio visual servitor

Willis Williams IV

### FOR THE RECORD

September 4, 2022

Bible School	33
Sunday Morning Worship	83
Avg. attendance for 2022	79
Sunday Evening Worship	18
Mid-week Bible (including ladies class & Zoom)	42
Contribution	\$2,936.00
Avg. contribution for 2022	\$3,793.06
Budget	\$3,600.00
Shults-Lewis	\$27.00
Total for 2022	\$1,536.41