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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.

POTLUCK TODAY

Everyone is invited to stay after services **this morning** for a potluck meal. We hope you can join us & enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship.



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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



18 - Sam Churikian
19 - Paul Wooldridge
23 - Quincy Stewart

BREAKFAST CLUB

Everyone is invited come **next Sunday morning** between 8-9 for a hot breakfast. Invite your friends and family to join you and then stay for Bible study and worship.



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday a.m. ~ James 3
Sunday p.m. ~ 2 Thessalonians 2
Wednesday night ~ Isaiah 9



Our weekly Sunday morning worship service, Sunday evening class & Wednesday night Bible class are live streamed on our Facebook page.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Linda Welch is home from the hospital.

Nina Sims got good results from a PET scan last week.

Gary Loftis will have cataract surgery on Sept. 28.

John Kaganac will have hernia surgery Oct. 3.

Steve Smith, Muriel's son & Scott's brother, has pancreatic cancer and is in hospice care.

Drew Foster, Ashley Sanders father, is in comfort care at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Joan Johnson, Karen Serilla's cousin, & **Wendy Spurlin**, Cheryl's daughter-in-law, both have brain tumors.

Sympathy: Our thoughts & prayers are with **Jataura Deloach**, former member, on the recent death of her mother. Her address is 2804 Comstock Plaza, Apt. H, Bellevue NE 68123.

MEMORIAL SERVICE



Our sister **Jamilah Bass** passed away last week. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her children, grandchildren and all her family. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday at 12:00 at our building**. There will be a luncheon following the service.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Thank you to our 2022-2023 children's Bible class teachers:



Gloria Conti, Francine Cutright, Jolene Glotfelty, Deanna Graves, Colleen Kaganac, Lori Mason, Brenda McCraw, Lynn Messier, Jill Mostek, Debbie Purgatori, Pam Stewart & Liliana Webb. We appreciate your dedication to teaching our little ones.

PRAISE & HARMONY WORKSHOP



The Metro Church of Christ will hold a two hour song session, conducted by Keith Lancaster with Praise & Harmony TV, on **Saturday, Oct. 14, from 2-4 p.m.** It will take place at the Sterling Heights Community Center, next to the Metro church building. Metro needs a count by Oct. 1, so if you want to attend please sign up in the hallway by then.

CARE CENTER SERVICES



Northeast has the opportunity to lead worship services **next Sunday** at the Church of Christ Care Community **Assisted Living building at 2:00** and at the **nursing home at 3:00**. We hope you can join us as we fellowship and encourage the residents and their guests!

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY



Make plans now to be part of our Family Fun Day on **Saturday, Oct. 21, from 12-3** at the building. Bring your family & friends and join in on the fun activities. There will be a hot dog lunch, games, and Trunk or Treating. Please sign up if you plan to be there. Donations of cash or candy would be appreciated. See Bill, Joe, or Vicki. We also need volunteers to open their "trunks" so the little ones can gather goodies. Sign up in the hallway.

ADDRESS CORRECTION



Desmond & Lauren's address should be **33494 Farmview Lane** Fraser 48026.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

By Dan Jenkins

Christianity was never designed to be a religion of sadness. The words “joy” and “rejoice” are found more than 400 times in the Bible. How could any relationship with God be anything other than the most marvelous experience one could have on this earth? When Paul described the fruit of the Spirit working in our lives, the second word he used was “joy.” Life with Him can never be a life of despair and gloom.

There is joy associated for those who teach others. There is great joy for those who teach. When Jesus told His disciples that the fields were ready to be reaped, He said that both those who sow and those who reap shall rejoice together (**John 4:36**). The psalmist said that those who sow shall without doubt come rejoicing (**Psalm 126:5-6**).

There is joy for those who are taught about Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, there were 3,000 who received the word with joy (**Acts 2:41**). When Philip preached in Samaria, “There was great joy in that city” (**Acts 8:8**). The Ethiopian “...went on his way rejoicing” (**Acts 8:39**). The man who found the treasure of the kingdom, “...for joy over it goes and sells all he had and buys the field” (**Matthew 13:44**). Think about your own experience. Has there ever been any day surpassing the day your sins were forgiven?

There is joy in the midst of trials as a Christian. When adversity comes into our lives, God tells us to “...count it all joy when you fall into various trials” (**James 1:3**). How can this be? God gives the answer in the verses that follow. It is the trials in our lives which make us “...perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” Notice also that God said, “count it all joy”! We must not focus on the trials of adversity but on the results of them. Jesus used some amazing words to describe our response when we are hated by others for His sake. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy” (**Luke 6:23**). He does not see such times of adversity as a time to weep but as a time to rejoice. But, even more than just a time for joy—a time to leap for joy!

There is immeasurable joy awaiting us at the end of our lives. As Paul journeyed to Jerusalem for the final time, he passed through many cities. In every one of them there were prophets who foretold the chains and tribulations which he would face when he arrived. Such did not deter his resolve, for he longed to “...finish my race with joy” (**Acts 20:24**). It was this same joy which Jesus spoke of when His disciples were rejoicing that they had the power to cast out demons. He said, “Do not rejoice in this ... but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (**Luke 10:20**).

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say rejoice.”

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.

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TIMES OF SERVICES

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



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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

Joe Mason

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

September 17, 2023

Opening Prayer - Jimmy Hampton
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Bible Reading - Byron Bledsoe
Sermon - Joe Mason

Communion servants

Byron Bledsoe Kenny Cummings
Steve Karwowski Jay Kramer
John Kaganac

Audio visual servitor

Willis Williams IV

FOR THE RECORD

September 10, 2023

Bible School	21
Sunday Morning Worship	69
Avg. attendance for 2023	77
Sunday Evening Worship	20
Mid-week Bible Study (including ladies class)	35
Contribution	\$3,720.00
Avg. contribution for 2023	\$3,550.08
Budget	\$3,795.00
Shults-Lewis	\$42.30
Total for 2023	\$1,240.00