



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 ages 4 years old through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those under 4 years old, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

REOPENING OUR LIBRARY

We have a self-serve library upstairs. For the last few years Scott and Lori Smith have been in the process of reorganizing it and making it more accessible to us. We owe much thanks to them for their work! Go up today after services for an “open house” and see what the library can offer you.



MEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Men's Bible Study group will meet **this Tuesday** at 7 p.m. in the Teen Center.



KIDS CLUB SLEEPOVER

The Kids Club will have a sleepover beginning **this Friday night** at 7:30 p.m. until Saturday morning. There will be games, crafts, movies, snacks, and other surprises. *All ages are welcome!* Bring your pajamas, a pillow, and a blanket. Everyone is invited to a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Parent volunteers are also needed. Kids and parent volunteers must sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board if you plan to be there. Also, pick up your memory verse card from the bulletin board.





Robert Hawkins, Nina Sims' father, who lives in Kentucky, has stage 4 cancer.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



Erica Hardy

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayer are with **Chuck Ragland** on the recent death of his brother-in-law, Ernest Billingsly, in Tennessee.



POTLUCK



We will have a potluck meal on Sunday morning, **Feb. 1**, following morning services. Bring your family's favorite dish that day and plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

Name Tags

All members are encouraged to pick up and wear your name tag that is available in the lobby each Sunday morning.

Hearing Devices

If you have difficulty with your hearing and would like to use one of our hearing devices, see Vicki, our church secretary.

Teaching Tools

Our Sunday morning sermons are recorded and available on CD.

CARE CENTER FUNDRAISER



The Church of Christ Care Center presents *Black Diamond: A Neil Diamond Tribute*, a benefit concert with Theron Denson, a member of the Riverwood Church of Christ in Nashville, TN. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 14**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts. There are different tickets prices, and you can see the flyer on the bulletin board for details on how to buy tickets and other information.

CARE CENTER SERVICES

Next Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Northeast will have the opportunity to conduct the worship services at the Assisted Living Facility. (Please note this is not the nursing home building but the Assisted Living Facility.) You are invited to come and worship and encourage the residents.



HI KIDS! Brrr! It's really cold outside. Has anyone had a snow day yet this year? Aren't they great?! When I was a child I remember some of my favorite words were "No school today...it's a snow day." YES! I loved to hear those words. It brought such happiness to my day. It's nice when little things in life bring us happiness. It's nicer still to know that living your life in Jesus will give you even greater happiness than a hundred snow days! If we live faithfully for Jesus, some day he will tell us, "Well done good and faithful servant. Come share in my happiness." (Matthew 25:23) *Lori Mason*

Something To Think About

By Stan Clanton

Here is an excerpt from a book called *Ordinary: Sustainable Faith in a Radical, Restless World* by Michael S. Horton: “We’ve become accustomed to looking around restlessly for something new, the latest and greatest, that idea or product or person or experience that will solve our problems, give us some purpose, and change the world. Although we might be a little jaded by the ads, we’re eager to take whatever it is ‘to a whole new level.’... Sometimes, chasing your dreams can be ‘easier’ than just being who we are, where God has placed you, with the gifts he has given to you. American Christianity is a story of perpetual upheavals in churches and individual lives. Starting with the extraordinary conversion experience, our lives are motivated by a constant expectation for The Next Big Thing. We’re growing bored with the ordinary means of God’s grace, attending church week in and week out. Doctrine and disciplines that have shaped faithful Christian witness in the past are often marginalized or substituted with newer fashions or methods. The new and improved may dazzle us for the moment, but soon they have become ‘so last year’.”

Related to that idea, one fellow who writes a blog recently made this admission: “I identify primarily with Christians of a more progressive stripe.... I enjoy talking with [those who] seem more open to new ideas or ways of thinking about God and less afraid to push the envelope. I like that. But I’m starting to have some concerns. I’m worried that behind my pursuit of the next new way of talking about God is not just a relentless pursuit of the truth. When I get silent before God I’m starting to think what I’m really chasing after is a desire to be seen a certain way. In my more honest moments, I’m able to admit that *what I really want to be seen as is cool*” (italics mine).

I too like to consider new ways of thinking. We should learn and grow. But the above thoughts address a dimension that is something to think about in our age where sometimes teachings and practices are brought in that are novel but not Biblical.

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.

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Home Bible Study group
5:30 at the Nelson's home

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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January 18, 2015

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Song Leader - Dean Hampton
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for January

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Audio visual servitors for January

Bill Nocita Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

Jan. 11, 2015

Bible School	79
Sunday Morning Worship	158
Avg. attendance for 2015	140
Sunday Evening Worship	33
Mid-Week Bible Study	24
Contribution	\$3,374.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,279.50
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$25.00
Total for 2015	\$40.07



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