



# 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 kindergarten through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those 4 years old and under, 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.

## **POTLUCK NEXT WEEK**



Everyone is invited to stay after services **next Sunday morning** for a potluck meal. Bring your family's favorite dish and plan to stay for some fabulous food, fun, and fellowship.

## **KIDS CLUB FUN**



Kids of all ages are invited to **Movie Night this Friday, Feb. 9**, at 6:30 at the building. The featured film will be **Despicable Me 3**, and there will be pizza, snacks, popcorn, slushies, and fun. Sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board.

## **LADIES DAY**




Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 21**. Plans are being made for a ladies day at Northeast. There will be two special speakers and lots of fellowship. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. The day will begin at 8:30 and end at 11:30 with lunch for everyone. Pray for this event that it may bring honor and glory to God. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to be a part of this event. If you have any questions you can see Brenda McCraw.


 *In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers* 

*Leaman George* will have surgery soon.

### **SYMPATHY**

 Our thoughts and prayers are with **Paul & Peggy Sarenius** and their family on the recent death of their nephew, Ken Alexander.

### **NORTHEAST COOKBOOK**


A new Northeast cookbook is in the works and we want recipes from everyone, guys and gals. There's a lot of good cooks in our congregation, so dig out your favorites and have them included in this latest publication. See Vicki  for recipe collection sheets.




**We need your recipes in by February 28.** You can give

them to any of the retreat committee members: Cindy Wilson, Barb Kramer, Debbie Yuchasz, Pam Stewart or Vicki Loftis. Any proceeds received from the selling of this cookbook will help to defray the costs of the annual ladies retreat. If you have any questions, contact Vicki.

### **WINTERFEST**

 If you are going to Winterfest, your money and permission slips are due now. Please turn them in to Mark Wilson.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

 We are so proud of two of our Northeast young ladies: **Kara Mason and Madalyn Murray**. They both were recently chosen, from all of Macomb County's students, to receive the "Outstanding Career Technical Education Student" award. Kara (Warren Consolidated Schools) excelled in Health Science Exploration/Veterinary Assisting and Madalyn (Clintondale Community Schools) has been outstanding in Advanced TV Production. They both were nominated by their districts because of outstanding contributions, academics, and achievements in their respective fields of work.



### **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## **LONGING FOR HEAVEN—WHAT IT TAKES?**

By David Sproule

The fifth chapter of Second Corinthians begins with a wonderful depiction of immortality and the confident assurance that faithful Christians have of eternal salvation. The early verses focus on the longing (described as even a “groan”) that our spirits have for the “house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Corinthians 5:1-4). While we cannot see it now, that does not matter. The last verse of chapter four speaks of what our faith can see “...while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (4:18). Thus, while we live on this earth, we “prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord” (5:8).

Because of this longing to be in heaven with our Savior and because of the confidence that He gives us, there are three things on which we must focus as we look toward that eternal home.

**First, we must “make it our aim to be well pleasing to Him” (5:9).** We must remember where we are now (i.e., living on this earth) and that our purpose while “present” here is to serve the Lord and please the Lord. Like Jesus, we must make it our aim to “always do those things that please Him” (John 8:29). Our groaning for heaven will only be realized if we spend our life now pleasing Him.

**Second, we must focus on the judgment (5:10).** Verse 10 explains why we must seek to be “well pleasing to Him.” “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” Judgment is a “must.” Judgment is for “all.” Judgment will be personal for “each one.” Judgment will require giving an account for “the things done in the body.” Our groaning for heaven will only be realized if we are prepared for judgment.

**Third, we must focus on preparing others for heaven (5:11).** Our longing for heaven should not be purely selfish, seeking only to secure ourselves a home there. Paul draws a conclusion in verse 11, “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord” (i.e., since we possess a reverential fear for the justice of God that will be manifest when all men stand before Him on that final day), “we persuade men.” Because we know about heaven and about judgment, we must persuade men to know and be ready themselves! Because we long to be in heaven and to please the Lord, we must persuade men to long to go there and to please Him, as well! Our groaning for heaven will only be realized if we prepare others for that day. Our God is the one “who has prepared us for this very thing” (5:5). Are you ready for heaven? Are you ready for judgment? Are you persuading others to be ready with you?

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### TIMES OF SERVICES

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

Wednesday  
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.



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### Our Missions ~ Near and Far

- ✝ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Center
- ✝ Eastern European Mission
- ✝ India
- ✝ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home
- ✝ South Africa

### ELDER CHAIRMAN

**Joe Mason**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

February 4, 2018

Opening Prayer - Bill Nocita  
Song Leader - Mark Wilson  
Sermon - Brian Poe

#### Communion servants for February

Ken Mickey                    Mike Yuchasz  
Dean Stewar                    Jay Kramer

#### Audio visual servitor for February

Jenna Mason                    Scott Smith

### FOR THE RECORD

January 28, 2018

Bible School	57
Sunday Morning Worship	95
Avg. attendance for 2018	99
Sunday Evening Worship	24
Mid-Week Bible Study	33
Contribution	\$3,076.50
Avg. contribution for 2018	\$3,069.25
Budget	\$3,761.00
Shults-Lewis	\$50.27
Total for 2018	\$127.77