

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.

WINTERFEST

A group of our young people and adults have been at Winterfest in Gatlinburg this weekend. Keep them in your prayers as they travel home today.

KIDS CLUB FUN

Kids of all ages are invited to Movie Day **next Sunday** following morning services. 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.

GROWTH SEMINAR

If you are a young Christian, a teacher, mentor to new believers or just want to get back to some basics, make plans to be part of a special workshop. New Christians Growth Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Royal Oak Church of Christ. Northeast is a co-host with Royal Oak in this effort, and Brian is one of the speakers. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



JoAnne Ellis had back surgery last month and is now at the Shelby Nursing Center, room 406. The address there is Shelby Nursing Center, 46100 Schoenherr, Shelby Twp 48315. Juanita Salyer fell last week and broke her hip. She had surgery and is at Fraser Villa for rehab. The address is 33300 Utica Rd., Fraser 48026.

LEADER MEETING

Our elders, deacons, and preacher will have a meeting **next Sunday morning** following services.

Continually keep our leaders in your prayers as they shepherd our flock.

NORTHEAST COOKBOOK



All gals and guys, be sure to get your recipes in for our newest Northeast cookbook.

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.

THANK YOU to the "anonymous Cupid" who brought in treats for everyone last Wednesday night. We felt the love!!

IT'S A GIRL

Congratulations to John & Denise Lynch on the birth of their granddaughter. Olivia Grace Pode was born Feb. 10, to Richard & Nelly and she weighted 9 lb, 12 oz.

THANK YOU

We appreciate Dave and Rowena Anderson for

teaching the children's worship class during the month of February, and also **Amy Mickey,** who will teach the class for six weeks beginning in March. We also appreciate the dedication of **Lori Mason** and **Jill Mostek** for their part in teaching the class on a regular basis.



MARVELOUS GRACE

By Josh Blackmer

"Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!" When Mrs. Julia Johnston penned this hymn in 1911, she might have had in mind her sins and guilt. When we sing this song, perhaps we ponder our own inadequacies. Whatever your reflections may be, this song points to an unwavering truth—our need for God's grace.

This is not intended to be a treatise on grace, but I would like to highlight one thing about the grace of God. Hebrews chapter four brings this to light for us. "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (v. 15-16). This phrase, "grace to help," shows something that grace does. This word translated help is the word *boethia*. It is a nautical term used twice in the New Testament. The only other time it is used is in Luke's account of Paul's nautical odyssey in Acts 27:17. It is translated as the "supporting cables." The practice is now called "frapping" (has nothing to do with Facebook or coffee). It is the practice of wrapping rope lined with cable around the entire hull of the boat to keep it together. It is an effort to keep the boat together because the storm is so strong the boat is in danger of breaking apart. In the case of Paul, they had done all they could to keep the boat afloat. They had tossed all the cargo that was on board. They had put out two different types of anchors to keep from being blown down to the sand bars near Egypt. This was a big storm. Paul had warned them not to go, but they did not listen.

So, how does *boethia* or frapping come into play with grace? We must understand that we can't make it without grace. You may have tried. There may have been difficult times in your life and storms that you have passed through and you thought that you would come apart at the very seams of your soul. It is during those times that the writer of Hebrews says that we can draw near with confidence to the throne of grace. The God of all grace (1 Pet. 5:10) sits on a throne of grace. Mercy and grace are provided in the opportune time. They are provided in such a way that the writer here says they wrap around us and support us when we could not make it on our own. This passage paints a vivid image of grace at work in our lives.

This marvelous grace can be received but never deserved. Romans 6:1-4 says that we are baptized into Christ to receive grace. We are also to be obedient to the form of doctrine and become slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:16-17). "Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!"

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

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

<u>Wednesday</u>

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
- **骨 India**
- ₱ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ₱ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ♣ Nigeria
- ₱ Shults-Lewis Children's Home
- ₱ South Africa

ELDER CHAIRMAN

Joe Mason

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

February 18, 2018

Opening Prayer - Craig Sims Song Leader - Bill Nocita Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for February

Ken Mickey Mike Yuchasz Dean Stewart Jay Kramer

Audio visual servitor for February

Jenna Mason Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

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