



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 TODAY**



Everyone is encouraged to stay after services **this morning** for a potluck meal. There is always plenty of food. Hope you can be part of this great time of fellowship.

### **FELLOWSHIP MEAL**



**This Saturday, from 4-6 p.m.** we will again have the opportunity to serve a meal and visit with the seniors living in the apartment complex next to our building on the lawn at their building. We will treat them to a cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, and extras. If you are free this weekend, please join us. See Brian if you need more information.

### **SENIOR HONORS DINNER**

Everyone is invited to a dinner at our building on **Thursday, May 31**, at 7 p.m. to honor our 2018 graduating high school seniors. This year we have three special guests of honor: **Tim Lauwers, Kara Mason & Madalyn Murray**. The cost for the meal will be \$10.00 per person. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board.



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

*Joe Mason* is home recovering from gall bladder surgery.  
*Lori Smith* will have foot surgery on Tuesday.

### OPEN HOUSE

The Mason Family would like to invite everyone to a graduation open house to honor **Kara Mason** on Saturday, **June 9, from 3-7 p.m.** at their house, 35863 Georgetown Dr., Sterling Heights. There will be plenty of food and fun, including a family park and jousting arena! We hope to see you for the celebration.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS, **August 6-8**. In the next few weeks we will have more details. We will need teachers, helpers, craft leaders, kitchen/snack workers, activity coordinators, etc., and of course we need kids of all ages. Pray for this effort and how you can help make it a success.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast will be served for everyone, *including Northeast members and guests*, on **Sunday, June 3**, from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Northeast members, you are asked to please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.



### SHULTS LEWIS NEWS

This year the children's home has asked that we donate **sauces** (bbq, hot, teriyaki, etc) for their **commodity drive**. The items will be picked up the first week of July. You can place your donations in the lobby. Also, you can still pick up a **change can** in the back of the auditorium.



### 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.

## **STAGGERING PROMISES**

By Dan Jenkins

When Paul said that God “calls those things which do not exist as though they did” (Romans 4:17), he laid the foundation for all that is involved in hope. Hope enables us to see the invisible. The apostle also said, “Hope that is seen is no longer hope” (Romans 8:24). We do not walk by sight, but by a faith rooted in what God has promised. Things we are unable to see physically are seen through the eyes of faith as clearly as though they did. This truth is best understood by looking at Abraham’s hope.

*God’s promises to Abraham were staggering, but not to Abraham.* How was it possible that a man well beyond the age most men have children and a woman whose age gave no hope of ever giving birth would be parents so late in life? Yet, when God promised this would happen, “Abraham staggered not at the promise of God” (Romans 4:20, KJV).

*God’s promises are staggering to most.* Atheists mock our faith by saying, “Do not give me my pie in the sky by and by. I want my pie before I die.” The ancients said, “Let us eat, drink for tomorrow we die” (1 Corinthians 15:32). This view of life might bring momentary “pleasure,” but the future is filled with hopelessness. His promises are also staggering to those with weak faith, but Abraham’s faith was strong (Romans 4:19).

*God’s staggering promises allow the faithful to ignore external circumstances.* In the midst of adversity, many turn their attention to their problems, but this was not the focus of the hope on which Abraham made life’s choices. The Bible said that he did not consider the “facts” and did not waver in unbelief (Romans 4:19-20). Instead of looking outward, he looked upward. The hope that governed Abraham is the same hope we have when we anchor our faith in Christ.

*God’s staggering promises are tied to the nature of God.* Abraham knew that what God had promised He was able to perform. Throughout the Bible, the faithfulness of God is affirmed eleven times, but it is implied in every dealing mankind has with Him. God says it, and that settles it! When we embrace His faithfulness our view of life and its problems are drastically changed.

*God’s promises have never failed, not even one time.* When the Jews had conquered Canaan, the Divine record said, “Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass” (Joshua 21:45). Not even one word! This is why we can anchor our hope in the Lord and trust every single promise He has made. Anchor your faith in Him, and then when you come to the end of your life, you can look back and know that not a single word of all his promises have failed! Anchor your hope in Him!

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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

**Bill Nocita**

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

May 20, 2018

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell  
Song Leader - Mark Wilson  
Sermon - Brian Poe

#### Communion servants for May

Steve Karwowski John Kaganac  
Craig Sims Dave Anderson

#### Audio visual servitor for May

Scott Smith Jenna Mason

### FOR THE RECORD

May 13, 2018

Bible School	63
Sunday Morning Worship	135
Avg. attendance for 2018	116
Sunday Evening Worship	15
Mid-Week Bible Study	lectureship
Contribution	\$3,392.61
Avg. contribution for 2018	\$3,925.27
Budget	\$3,761.00
Shults-Lewis	\$32.00
Total for 2018	\$709.94