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**June 11, 2023**

### **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.

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

*Sunday a.m. ~ James 2  
Sunday p.m. ~ 1 Thessalonians 4  
Wednesday night ~ Isaiah 2*

### **SENIOR HONORS BANQUET**

Everyone is invited to a catered meal on **this Thursday night** at 6:30. At this time we will honor our 2023 high school graduate, **Grace Mostek**. The cost is only \$10 per person & you can pay Vicki. We hope you all can be here to celebrate in this happy occasion. Please sign up in the hallway.



### **GOSPEL MEETING**

Our Gospel Meeting will be held **July 16-19**. Our guest speaker will be Joshua Cantrell from the Avondale Church of Christ in Decatur, GA and he will bring us messages about *The Christian Purpose*. Pray for this endeavor & how you can help to make this a success and bring glory to God.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



- 11 - Gayle Klemczak**
- 12 - Cheryl Spurlin**
- Gina Tate**
- 15 - Pearl Roy**

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***



**Nina Sims** received unfavorable results from a recent PET scan & asks for our prayers that she have strength to accept God's will going forward.

**Barbara Hale** is at Regency of St. Clair Shores for rehab. Cards may be sent to her at 22700 Greater Mack, Room C123, St. Clair Shores 48080.

**Anthony Frontiera** will have a procedure on his right foot tomorrow.

**Brenda Neisz** will have a port installed & begin chemo treatments for breast cancer.

**Lelia Mann & Cathlene Moore** are both waiting for PET scan results.

**Peggy Hampton**, Dean & Jimmy's sister-in-law, will undergo four days of intensive testing for seizures.

**Alisa**, Pearl Roy's niece, & **Anne Redmond**, Cheryl Diggs' friend, are both home and recovering from recent procedures.



Ladies, you are all invited to attend a bridal shower for **Hannah Venditti** on **Sunday, July 9**, following

morning services. A light lunch will be served. Hannah & Matthew Vermey will be married on August 5, and they have registered gift suggestions on Amazon and also suggest gift cards to Lowe's, Meijer, or Amazon. To access their registry go to amazon.com, enter wedding registry in the search box at top of page. Then enter Hannah's name and on next page click on her name. See Vicki if you need help accessing their page. We hope you can join us as we celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend. If you have any questions please see Pam Stewart or Deanna Graves.

### **TEACHER NEEDED**

There is a need for a **children's Bible school teacher**. If you can help with any amount of time, please see Lori Mason.



### **SHULTS LEWIS COMMODITY**



The Shults Lewis Child & Family Services has asked us to provide **Ocean Spray juice, apple juice, & powdered lemonade mix** for their annual commodity drive. Place your donations on the table behind the welcome desk. They have also requested **Meijer, Walmart, & Aldi gift cards**; please give those to Bill, Joe or Vicki. They will be in our area in early July to pick up the items.

### **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.

## FLEXIBILITY IN REACHING THE GOAL

By Gary Henry

“And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:22–24).

As Christians, our goal is to glorify God and go to heaven. We do not serve God in order to receive any particular blessing in this life; we serve Him because we want to go, when our journey is over, to the place that He has prepared for us (John 14:1–4) — by any path through this world that may be necessary.

As Paul traveled to Jerusalem following his third missionary journey, it appeared that trouble awaited him there, perhaps involving imprisonment or worse. But Paul said, “None of these things move me.” Paul had plans, of course, but his only real goal was to serve God, and if that required imprisonment, then so be it.

Too often, we become rigid about what we want and what we plan to do. We develop “hardening of the categories,” and we can’t think outside of the narrowly defined set of circumstances we’ve attached our minds to. We think we’re pursuing a goal, when in reality we’re only pursuing a particular path to that goal.

But with any worthwhile goal, especially that of glorifying God and going to heaven, the path may change — indeed, it probably will change, despite all our dreaming and planning. When it does, what then? Do we resent it? Do we become bitter? Do we give up the goal just because our preferred path has been denied?

One measure of how important a goal is to us is how flexible we are in reaching that goal. If our hearts are fixed on one scenario and we give up the goal if that situation doesn’t materialize, then it was only the scenario that was important to us and not the goal. But surely, glorifying God and going to heaven is a goal worth reaching by any path that may be required. The path may change dramatically (and even painfully, as it did for Paul), but that doesn’t really matter. What matters is finishing the race. That’s the goal, and reaching it is worth whatever flexibility is asked of us.

“A windmill is eternally at work to accomplish one end, although it shifts with every variation of the weathercock, and assumes ten different positions in a day” (Charles Caleb Colton).

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### **TIMES OF SERVICES**

Sunday

**Worship - 10:30a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**Bible School - 9:30 a.m.**

Wednesday

**Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.  
(at the building)**

**Zoom online class**



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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**

**June 11, 2023**

**Opening Prayer - Dean Stewart**  
**Song Leader - Bill Nocita**  
**Scripture Reading - Matt Wooldridge**  
**Sermon - Steven Ford**

#### Communion servants

Jimmy Hampton      Craig Sims  
Dean Stewart      Tracy Webb  
Byron Bledsoe

#### Audio visual servitor

Willis Williams IV

### **FOR THE RECORD**

**June 4, 2023**

Bible School	26
Sunday Morning Worship	77
Avg. attendance for 2023	76
Sunday Evening Worship	17
Mid-week Bible (including ladies class)	32
Contribution	\$2,494.00
Avg. contribution for 2023	\$3,652.48
Budget	\$3,795.00
Shults-Lewis	\$11.00
Total for 2023	\$622.05