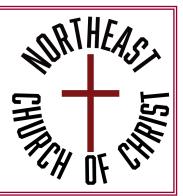


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# December 31, 2023

## 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. ~ Hosea 1 Ron Sanders Sunday p.m. ~ The life of David Joe Mason Wednesday night ~ The church in Acts Bill Nocita

# **CARE CENTER SERVICES**

Northeast has the opportunity to lead worship services this afternoon at the Church of Christ Care Community Assisted Living building at 2:00 and at the nursing home at 3:00. We hope you can join us as we fellowship and encourage the residents and their guests!

### **NEW YEARS EVE FUN**

Everyone, young and old, is invited to join together



at the building tonight for a fun night of games, food, friendship, and fellowship. After our evening service at 5:00 we will go downstairs & enjoy our time together until 9:00 ish. Each family is asked to bring a snack/appetizer and beverage, and your favorite game card game, board game, etc. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift.



# In Our Thoughts and Prayers

*Linda Welch* had surgery last week to repair a recently replaced aortic valve. She is home & recuperating.

Nina Sims got good results from a recent PET scan.

Leila Mann is not doing well with her cancer treatments.

*Helen Miron & Mike & Susan Fulton & their family* have all tested positive for COVID.

*Darliss Wills* is struggling following her recent cataract surgery. *Tranika Moore* requests prayers for herself & her mother, Cathlene.

<u>Sympathy</u> ~ We recently learned that former member Joyce Wilson passed away in Arizona. Keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time

### How Shall We Enter the New Year?

By Roger Massey (adapted)

The year 2024 is upon us. How shall we approach it? No two people enter into the new year with exactly the same emotions. Some enter with fear and reluctance while others enter with optimism and enthusiasm. None of us can look into the future, for God in his great mercy and wisdom has kept the future veiled from our eyes. Thus, we must make our entrance into 2024 in faith. Paul stated,"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Looking to the future will be governed by the way we look at the present. Looking around us today we must not permit the successes or the failures of the past to defeat victorious living in the here and now. Neither must we allow the fear of the future to rob us of contentment today. The prayer of serenity should express our attitude: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference."

Today is all we have. The past is gone. The future never comes because it is always made up of todays. Thus, to insure that all of our todays are worthwhile we must be people of faith. The writer of Proverbs admonishes us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). The psalmist wrote: "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalms 118:24).

# **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 guestion of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

## **THE FINAL EXHORTATIONS TO TITUS**

By Ronald Sanders, Jr.

### Main Text: (Titus 3:1-8)

Supporting Text:

- (Romans 13:1) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. (2) Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- (Titus 1:2) In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
- (Matthew 25:10) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- (Titus 2:14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- (Titus 1:16) They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.
- (James 1:19) Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- (Ephesians 4:29) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
- (1 Timothy 3:3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler,"
- (Galatians 5:16) This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- (Galatians 5:22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- (Ephesians 6:12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- (1 Timothy 1:13) Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

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# TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship -10:30a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Bible School - 9:30 a.m. <u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. (at the building)

Our weekly Sunday morning worship service, Sunday evening class & Wednesday night Bible class are live streamed on our Facebook page.

### 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 December 31, 2023

Opening Prayer - Kenny Cummings Song Leader - Bill Nocita Bible Reading - Matthew Wooldridge Sermon - Ron Sanders, Jr.

### Communion servants

Jimmy Hampton Craig Sims Dean Stewart Tracy Webb Byron Bledsoe

> Audio visual servitor Willis Williams IV

### FOR THE RECORD

December 24, 2023	
Bible School	28
Sunday Morning Worship	105
Avg. attendance for 2023	78
Sunday Evening Worship	~~
Mid~week Bible Study (including lad	lies class) 38
Contribution	\$4,473.00
Avg. contribution for 2023	\$3,637.35
Budget	\$3,795.00
Shults-Lewis	\$20.00
Total for 2023	\$1,715.81