



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

MEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Men's Bible Study group will meet **this Tuesday** at 7 p.m. in the Teen Center.



WINTERFEST



Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN will be **Feb. 20-22**. If anyone is interested in going you need to see Mark or Cindy Wilson soon. *You will need to give them a \$50 deposit to reserve your place.*

HI KIDS! A couple weeks ago we held our Purpose Sunday. This was the day that many people here at Northeast made a commitment to set aside part of the money that they earn in their jobs to help support the good things that the church does. Mr. Stan suggested that even kids, like you, might want to get *your very own* purpose envelopes to use next year. I hope that some of you chose to do that because I know that you will enjoy giving each week. However, even if you didn't get an envelope box, you can still do your part to show a giving heart to God. You can make a picture card for a sick friend, help with chores around the house, share a smile with someone who is sad and, most important, share the good news about Jesus with a friend.
Happy 2015! *Lori Mason*

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Pinpointing the Problem

By Neal Pollard

Terrorist madmen shoot up a school in Pakistan and kill over 100 people, mostly children. A politically correct society is close to forbidding biblical teaching on matters that violates its bombastic code. Pluralism (all religious paths are equally valid) and syncretism (blending two or more religious belief systems into a new system) seem to grow more popular in the religious philosophy of a great many. An erosion of morality and ethics seems to daily redefine acceptable norms and boundaries so that things not long ago thought outrageous are now not just tolerated but celebrated. The culture of unbelief and agnosticism spreads while the spirit of humble dependency upon God seems to shrink. When we pause to consider all of this, our head can spin and we can begin to question how this happened and so quickly.

Paul often writes that we are engaged in spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-13; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 Tim. 1:18; 1 Tim. 6:12). While we will witness violence, hatred, gross immorality, anything goes mentality, and the like, lost sinners are not the enemy. They embrace the thinking and values of the enemy, but Paul says such people are ensnared and held captive by the enemy (1 Tim. 6:9; 2 Tim. 2:26), “caught” (Gal. 6:1), and “subject to slavery” (Heb. 2:15). New Testament writers pinpoint the source of this enormous problem as:

- The ruler of this world (John 12:31; 16:11).
- The god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4).
- The prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2).
- World forces and spiritual forces (Eph. 6:12).
- The whole world lies in the power of the evil one (1 Jn. 5:19).

Peter simply calls him our adversary (1 Pet. 5:8). In the gospel, Jesus often alludes to him as the enemy. From Christ’s temptations in Matthew 4, we learn that he has been given the power over “all the kingdoms of the world and their glory” (8). They are his to dispense and disperse (9). New Testament writers pinpoint this domain with its unrighteous thinking simply as “the world” (Jas. 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17). All who submit to living according to the thinking and values of this world are submitting to this ruler, god, prince, force, and evil one. They are pledging allegiance to his way and being guided by his leadership.

We can see the devastating effect this is having on the peace and the practice of the masses. Yet, we must resist it in our individual lives. Perhaps Paul said it most concisely when he wrote, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom. 12:2). Many of the spiritual problems in our lives can be pinpointed to our following the wrong leader. May God give us the wisdom and discernment to see through his destructive schemes!

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

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

Home Bible Study group
5:30 at the Nelson's home

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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January 4, 2015

Opening Prayer - Mike Serilla

Song Leader - Roger Walker

Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for January

Ken Mickey John Kaganac

Mike Yuchasz Kenny Cummings

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 28, 2014

Bible School	68
Sunday Morning Worship	113
Avg. attendance for 2014	135
Sunday Evening Worship	no count
Contribution	\$8,437.00
Avg. contribution for 2014	\$3,931.43
Budget	\$3,962.00
Shults-Lewis	\$19.00
Total for 2014	\$1,189.14



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