

The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

February 1, 2015



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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.

POTLUCK TODAY



Everyone is invited to stay after services this morning for a potluck meal. What a great opportunity to grow closer as a church family.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP

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



HI KIDS! Have you ever had an epic Nerf battle with your friends? So many different things happen all at the same time. Everyone is running, hiding, shooting, re-loading, and planning their attacks. Not only do you need to protect yourself from the other team, you also have to try to defeat the other team. Nerf battle are fun, but did you know that Christians face a real battle every day? The Bible tells us that Satan is our enemy and he is always trying to defeat us (1 Peter 5). We need to protect ourselves from him by using the armor of God to help us (Ephesians 6). If we don't protect ourselves, he will hurt us far worse than any Nerf battle ever could. ~ *Lori Mason*

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLANTS?

By O.J. Russell (adapted)

This story is true—only the names and places have been withheld to protect the guilty! A congregation moved into a new building with gleeful delight and some degree of pride over the elegant material surroundings in which they would worship. Someone supplied two beautiful five-foot plants in pots to adorn the front of the auditorium.

Some months following the opening service in the new building, to the dismay of the elders and building committee, the plants disappeared. Said elders and said committee sounded the alarm. The congregation was bombarded with announcements. Men were deputized to seek the whereabouts of that which was lost. Apologies were made to the donors of the decorative plants. For two months, the missing plants became the conversation piece of the church at worship and at home. The search was intensified and the announcements and pleadings seemed unending.

The quest ended quite abruptly when the local preacher dared to solve the problem. It took nerve to do it! Since the plants had not been found and obviously were not going to be, he arose following a long announcement about the lost decorations and said: “We have heard a great deal about the missing plants that were lost. For two months, at every service, announcements have been made and people have earnestly looked for that which is lost. For years, we have know that sheep have strayed from the flock. Prodigal sons are away from the worship and the Bible declares that they are lost. Each soul missing here today is more valuable that the whole world—and yet we have not heard one announcement nor have we seen anxious concern about Mary Smith, John Brown, or Sam Jones, whose eternal welfare may hang on our concern. If we had put forward 1/10 of the energy in locating the lost souls of this flock that we have the lost plants, surely angels in heaven would rejoice!” Suffice it to say, no other announcements were made about the plants.

Is not this true in so many areas? With so many people who are lost in the world, how can we be so deeply concerned over things that simply do not matter that much, but have little concern about what matters so greatly to God?

(Editor’s Note: One of the most important things that members can do about saving the lost is to invite unchurched friends to church activities, and also to demonstrate friendliness toward all those invited by others members.)

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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February 1, 2015

Opening Prayer - Dean Stewart
Song Leader - Roger Walker
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for February

Craig Sims Russ Patenaude
Steve Karwowski Ty Filipiak

Audio visual servitors for February

Mark Nelson Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

Jan. 25, 2015

Bible School	79
Sunday Morning Worship	147
Avg. attendance for 2015	140
Sunday Evening Worship	15
Mid-Week Bible Study	24
Contribution	\$4,340.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,584.75
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$14.00
Total for 2015	\$89.07



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