



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

February 22, 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.

WINTERFEST GROUP



A group of young people and adults have been in Gatlinburg, TN, this weekend attending Winterfest. Keep them in your prayers as they travel home today.

GUEST SPEAKER

Stan Clanton, our Preaching Minister, is traveling with the Winterfest group today. In his absence, **Tom Sturgeon** will bring us the lesson this morning.



KIDS CLUB EVENT



The Kids Club will have Family Movie Night **this Saturday night** at 6:00 in the basement of our building. Featured film is Big Hero 6. All ages are welcome! Pizza, pop, popcorn and snacks will be provided. Sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board, and remember to pick up the card with the memory verse - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

THANK GOD FOR CHALLENGES!

By Dan Jenkins

You can call them whatever you want, but they are part of our lives and the life of the church. Some view them as grave problems. Others see them as insurmountable obstacles, certain defeats, or reasons to give up, but when viewed through the eyes of faith they are simply challenges on the road to heaven.

Thank God for challenges because they teach us to rely on Him. Every reader has one of the “insurmountable obstacles” in his life now or one which will soon be there. We never want them, but they are simply part of life. We need to have an appreciation for them because they help us realize just how weak we are. If we were stronger, we could “fix” them and they would cease to be problems. However, the truth is that such trials force us to admit our weakness and turn to God. Perhaps Paul said it best, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10). That last phrase sums it up best—when I am weak, then I am strong.

Thank God for challenges for they strengthen our souls. The strongest oak is not the one which is nurtured in a greenhouse environment, but one that grows in the open where it battles against the storms around it. The same is true of Christians and the “storms” in their lives. Here is the way God describes trials, “The testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (James 1:3-4). The way to full maturity (perfection and completion) is to travel the road of adversity.

Thank God for challenges because they give us a sense of certain victory. We may not win every individual skirmish but the bottom line is that we are winning. Each of us has come a long way in our walk with the Lord and though it has at times been trying, we are better people now than we were before. This is because we are overcoming our encounters with adversity. Look back at your life. You are winning! There are challenges ahead, but you have been winning and with God’s help you will achieve victory! Our finest days and greatest victories lie before us!

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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WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

February 22, 2015

Opening Prayer - Bill Nocita

Song Leader - Roger Walker

Sermon - Tom Sturgeon

Communion servants for February

Craig Sims Russ Patenaude

Steve Karwowski Ty Filipiak

Audio visual servitors for February

Mark Nelson Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

Feb. 15, 2015

Bible School	69
Sunday Morning Worship	136
Avg. attendance for 2015	136
Sunday Evening Worship	chorus
Mid-Week Bible Study	cancelled
Contribution	\$3,429.36
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,149.48
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$22.00
Total for 2015	\$153.32



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