



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.

KIDS CLUB EVENT



All are invited to join the Kids Club **this afternoon** at 12:30 p.m. for **bowling** at Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights, at 14 Mile Rd. The cost is \$9.00 per person, and adults can bowl too. The price includes pizza, pop, 2 games, and shoes. Any family who has financial concerns that would prevent their child from participating, see Amy Mickey. Sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board, and remember to pick up the card with the memory verse.

KIDS CLUB FUNDRAISER

The Kids Club will sponsor a bake sale as a fundraiser **next Sunday** after morning services. We need your donations of baked goods. Suggestions are breads, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, store bought items, etc. Please label anything with nuts. Items will not be individually priced but instead sold for donations. If you want to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



CHRISTIANITY DEMANDS MORE

By Steve Higginbotham

The story is told of a man who was arrested for getting involved in a drunken brawl at a bar. When it came time for this man's court appearance, the judge asked, "Sir, what do you have to say for yourself?" The man looked directly at the judge and said, "Your honor, I'm not guilty. My reputation in this community is spotless." The judge then asked, "Sir, do you have anyone who can vouch for your character?" The man looked around the courtroom and pointed at the Sheriff, saying, "He can vouch for me." Upon hearing that, the Sheriff stood and said, "Your honor, I've never seen this man before." The man then turned to the judge with an "I told you so" look and said, "See your honor. I've lived here for 15 years and the Sheriff has never even seen me. Isn't that character enough?"

While we may smile at the above story, there may be more truth in it than we would like to acknowledge. I'm afraid many people have chosen to live their lives by the same philosophy. They measure their life by the avoidance of sins, vices, and bad habits. They suppose that as long as they refrain from certain activities, they are good citizens with a character to match. However, Christianity is more demanding than this philosophy of life. Christian character is not measured just by the things we avoid, but also by the things we do. Christianity is active, not passive. It demands participation, not just avoidance. Christian character is formed, not simply by keeping ourselves out of the gutter, but also by helping others out of the gutter. Christian character is developed, not simply by avoiding such sins as lying, stealing, gossiping, and fornication, but by engaging oneself in such virtues as honesty, mercy, love, compassion, and forgiveness.

Take a look at your life. Take a long, reflective look. What do you see? Do you find that your character is based primarily by the things you don't do? Or can you look at your life and honestly say that your character is based more on your active pursuit of Christian virtues?

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.

TIMES OF SERVICES

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

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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March 22, 2015

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Song Leader - Roger Walker
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for March

John Kaganac Ken Mickey
Mike Yuchasz Dean Stewart

Audio visual servitors for March

Russ Patenaude Bill Nocita

FOR THE RECORD

March 15, 2015

Bible School	76
Sunday Morning Worship	135
Avg. attendance for 2015	132
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Mid-Week Bible Study	22
Contribution	\$3,515.17
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,111.96
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$37.00
Total for 2015	\$258.85



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