



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

## GUEST SPEAKER

Welcome to **Tom Sturgeon**, who will bring us our morning lesson today in Stan's absence.



## KIDS CLUB BALLGAME



The Kids Club will have a ball game for all ages **next Sunday** After morning services we will enjoy a hot dog lunch in the church basement and then travel to Huron Park, on Frazho at Kelly, for a ball game. There is no cost for this event. Please sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board if you plan to attend.

## POTLUCK

Next Sunday, **Aug. 9**, we will have a potluck meal following our morning services. At that time we will honor Roger & Sherry Walker and their children, who are moving to Florida. Bring your favorite dish (plus a little extra) and come give them your best wishes.



## **SYMPATHY**



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Peggy Sarenius** on the death of her brother, **Charlie Thornbro**, former Northeast member. Also, **Jerry Starling's mother, Ruth**, passed away last week. Keep Peggy, the Thornbro family and Starling family in your prayers.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Kids Club Camping Trip**

**August 21-23**

**Check the Kids Club**

**bulletin board for details.**



## **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.

## **CARE CENTER DINNER**

The 28th Annual Steak & Corn Roast at the Church of Christ Care Center will be **Saturday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m.** The featured speaker this year is Jim White, who is the real life coach portrayed in the Disney movie, "McFarland USA." He put together a cross-country team with youth from one of California's poorest Hispanic communities. The movie portrays his Christian example and influence on these folks. Ticket prices are \$75 if you purchase before July 31, and after that the price will be \$85, and you can get your ticket from Lee Webber.



## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CLASS ASSISTANTS**

July 26 - Joanne Patenaude

Aug. 2 - Jenna Mason

Aug. 9 - Melanie Berger

Aug. 16 - Pam Sanders

## **Name Tags**

All members are encouraged to pick up and wear your name tag that is available in the lobby each Sunday morning.

## **Hearing Devices**

If you have difficulty with your hearing and would like to use one of our hearing devices, see Vicki, our church secretary.

## **Teaching Tools**

Our Sunday morning sermons are recorded and available on CD.

## DEACONS

By John Gipson

Who should be a deacon? Sometimes it seems that the sole criterion for selection becomes some unique talent or ability. For example, “He’s a successful businessman. Let’s make him a deacon.” We reason that whatever made him successful in business will bring glory to God in the church. Well . . . maybe so, and maybe not. One can be a whiz in business and a flop in church.

I do not know of any passages which call upon us to examine the popularity or skills which one may possess, but there are several which call upon us to examine the lives and character of prospective deacons.

Serving in the church is so worthy a task that it requires men of decorum who are serious-minded. They must not be the kind of men who “talk out of both sides of their mouths,” saying one thing to one person and something different to another. Nor can they be men addicted to strong drink. There must be the absence of a mercenary spirit, for a greedy man will not make a good servant. These men must possess a vital spiritual life holding “the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.” Before they become deacons they must be tested like metals to show their genuineness, and having met the test, are to be appointed. No neophytes must be chosen. They must be family men, having one wife, and managing their children and households well.

Notice that no special mention is made of unique talents, business expertise, level of education, popularity, or the amount of money one has. The important question is, “What kind of a man is he?”

Here is the way the apostle Paul, through the Holy Spirit, set it forth:

Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. The women likewise must be serious, no slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husband of one wife, and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

## 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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## WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

July 26, 2015

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason

Song Leader - Roger Walker

Sermon - Tom Sturgeon

### Communion servants for July

John Kaganac Ken Mickey

Chris Thomas Russ Patenaude

### Audio visual servitors for July

Jenna Mason Kara Mason

## FOR THE RECORD

July 19, 2015

Bible School	71
Sunday Morning Worship	139
Avg. attendance for 2015	134
Sunday Evening Worship	12
Mid-Week Bible Study	16
Contribution	\$4,103.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,002.31
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$25.00
Total for 2015	\$645.85



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