



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

August 2, 2015

Northeast Church of Christ ♦ 15537 E. 9 Mile Rd. ♦ Eastpointe, MI 48021
586-777-5470 ♦ Website: www.necofchrist.org

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.

KIDS CLUB BALLGAME



The Kids Club will have a ball game **today** for all ages. 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.

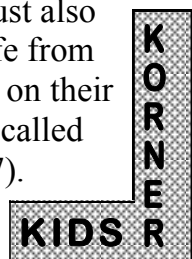
POTLUCK

Next Sunday 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.



Hello parents. Last week we talked about the science concept of inertia and learned why it is so important to wear our safety belts while driving in a car. We did an experiment using toy sheep and jeeps, to test this idea of inertia. When we put the sheep in their jeeps without their “sheep belts” on, they flew right out! Not safe! We learned that a Christian must also keep themselves spiritually safe from the devil’s schemes by putting on their own safety belt (God’s Word) called the belt of truth (Ephesians 6:7).

Lori Mason





Jordan Cummings is recovering from surgery.

Judy Papadopoulos, Karen Nocita's sister, is receiving chemo treatments.

Cheryl's granddaughter, **Kelsi Spurlin**, is having several serious medical concerns at this time.

THANK YOU



"The Sarenius, Thornbro, Weatherup, Jenema, and Kozyra families would like to

thank our Northeast church family for once again being the hands and feet of Jesus by serving our family in a time of need. Our dad/grandpa, Charles Thornbro, loved being a Northeast church member. The visits, flowers, and prayers will remain with us and we are grateful. While we will miss our dad/grandpa, we celebrate his heavenly reunion and will remember the good example of a life well lived. Please know how grateful we are and how much we love you!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kids Club Camping Trip

August 21-23

Check the Kids Club

bulletin board for details.



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." Tickets are \$85, and you can get yours from Lee Webber.

CELEBRATION PARTY



All Northeast families are invited to a luncheon for **Stan and Tawnya Clanton**

on Saturday, **September 19**, at the Eastpointe Manor, 24611 Gratiot, just south of 10 Mile Road. The party will be from 11-3, with lunch served at 12:00. It is necessary to let Vicki know how many from your family will be coming. Please call or text her at 586-246-6368 or send her an e-mail at vicki2952@gmail.com.

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.

Sunday Night and Wednesday Night Services

Stan Clanton

Our local church offers not only Sunday morning services, but also Sunday night and Wednesday night services. But it is evident that attendance at these other gatherings is not as great as at the Sunday morning service. How are we to think about Sunday night and Wednesday night assemblies and services?

We do not do well to think of these legalistically, so that we just go through the ritual of coming but our hearts are not in it and we are not living right otherwise. Surely we understand this is not about legalistic attendance when the heart and life are not right, and we trust our church attendance to get us to heaven. Also, it would not be right to stand in the place of God and judge people's faith or salvation solely on the basis of their attendance at these particular assemblies. Also, we do not offer these meetings just because "we've always done it that way." This is not about binding human rules and traditions. I suggest that there are more Biblical ways to think of these evening gatherings.

I encourage us to think of these services in terms of their purposes and benefits. We gain spiritual strength and experience spiritual healing when we gather and worship, study God's word, and have fellowship with others who share our faith. These activities help us to grow to be more like Christ, and they help us to watch ourselves so that we might not fall into sin. When one loves God and hungers and thirsts for righteousness, he incorporates edification activities into his lifestyle. One who seeks first the kingdom of God will encourage others toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).

Many passages highlight the importance of believers coming together (Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42,46, etc.). But we need to think not just about what we do, but why we do it. Christians are motivated by their love for God and others. *Meeting together has to do with pleasing God and meeting spiritual needs*—our needs and the needs of others. A minimal, one hour a week assembly alone is not sufficient for what God wants to do in our lives. Yes, we can pray and study in private—and we should—but that alone will not provide the benefits that come from being with other believers. God works through people, and we need that fellowship, accountability, and influence. Having a structured schedule of meetings for these purposes is a Biblical, time-proven means for spiritual growth and steadfastness.

Church gatherings rouse us to open our hearts to God, that he might work in us. Group worship, study, and fellowship build our faith and help us to grow in knowledge of God's word. It helps us reorient on God and experience God's love and be stimulated to carry out our mission. We need this. What are you doing on a Sunday night or a Wednesday night that is more important than what you would be doing in church?

Someone says, "Where is the verse that says I *must* go to church on Sunday night and Wednesday night?" But is that really the spirit that God is looking for? God does not want devotion that is grudgingly given (see 2 Cor. 9:7, Luke 15:29, Philemon 1:8,9,14). Better questions would be, "What is the *wise* thing to do with these opportunities?" and "Will I seek the blessing that my attendance brings to me and my family and others?" When one wants to please the Lord, he seeks the good that church services bring to him and to others.

Let us make good use of the time we have in this world, and let us not neglect our salvation. No one expects anyone to do what they are not capable of doing, but there are very good reasons for having these services, and there are blessings and benefits that come from them.

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.

Northeast's web page

www.necofchrist.org

Northeast's e-mail

northeastcofc@gmail.com

SHEPHERDS

Stan Clanton 586-243-2491
stan2578@gmail.com

Mark Wilson 248-240-6889
wil938md@aol.com

DEACONS

Tom Cardwell Treasurer
586-219-4920 tcardwell@wowway.com

Mike Messier Finance/insurance, Ushers
313-690-2226 mmessier@mirealsource.com

Bill Nocita Youth
313-910-2718 kbnocita3@aol.com

Roger Walker Outreach
586-531-4531 walkerra@comcast.net

PREACHING MINISTER

Stan Clanton ~ 586-777-5470 (office)
586-293-7351 (home)
586-243-2491 (cell)
E-mail: stan2578@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Vicki Loftis ~ 586-777-5470 (office)
586-246-6368 (cell)
E-mail: vicki2952@gmail.com

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

August 2, 2015

Opening Prayer - Scott Smith
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings
Sermon - Tom Sturgeon

Communion servants for August

Ty Filipiak Ken Mickey
Mike Yuchasz Steve Karwowski

Audio visual servitors for August

Bill Nocita Craig Sims

FOR THE RECORD

July 26, 2015

Bible School	60
Sunday Morning Worship	113
Avg. attendance for 2015	133
Sunday Evening Worship	14
Mid-Week Bible Study	30
Contribution	\$2,932.48
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$3,966.64
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$25.00
Total for 2015	\$670.85



Find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/northeastcofc