



# 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.

## GIVING TREE

Once again this year we have the opportunity to help a  needy family with Christmas gifts. Amy Mickey has put up a Christmas giving tree in the hallway with gift suggestions for the family. Take one or more ornaments off the tree, purchase the item(s), and put the wrapped gift in the basement. Please *lightly* tape the ornament to the outside of the package so Amy will know what's inside. Do not wrap gift cards. Your gifts need to be at the building no later than **Dec. 20**.

## SECRET PAL PARTY



The ladies' Secret Pal Party will be **Monday, Dec. 7**, at 6:30. This is a fun evening for all ladies, even if you don't have a secret pal. If you want to be part of the gift exchange, bring a \$10 grab bag gift. The church provides the meat for the meal and everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Ladies of all ages, you are encouraged to come. Please sign up in the hallway. It's a great opportunity to share in some great excitement and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.



## IF RICHES INCREASE. . .

By John Gipson

The very possibility of increasing riches sounds wonderful, doesn't it? How most of us would welcome a windfall of wealth. There would be so many things to do . . . If only we had the money. However, we hardly ever pause to ponder the snares that may beset us.

1. *If riches increase, **don't set your heart on them!*** One can be wealthy on Wednesday and flat on Friday. More than one man has learned the hard lesson that "riches certainly make themselves wings" (Proverbs 23:5). A future which depends solely on stocks and bonds is as uncertain as the weather. Thus the psalmist said, "My soul, wait thou *only* on God" (Psalm 62:5)
2. *If riches increase, **don't forget God!*** The terrible tendency for a person of many possessions is to say, "Look what I've done." The truth of the matter is, "God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor, this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19).
3. *If riches increase, **don't forget your fellow man!*** Guard carefully against the thought: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." This has been the undoing of more than one man. Are there no poor, no needy, no orphans to support? Can you not see their tears and hear their sighs? Remember! There was a certain rich man who had it made...yet neglected Lazarus at his own gate. If you live only for your own comfort, Jesus warns, "...ye have received your consolation" (Luke 6:24).

There is nothing wrong with prospering in life, but there is danger involved. Riches can steal your heart, if you let them.

### 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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## WORSHIP ATTENDANTS November 29, 2015

Opening Prayer - Bill Nocita  
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings  
Sermon - Russ Bone

### Communion servants for November

John Kaganac    Chris Thomas  
Dean Stewart    Ken Mickey

### Audio visual servitors for November

Russ Patenaude    Mark Nelson

## FOR THE RECORD November 22, 2015

Bible School	71
Sunday Morning Worship	115
Avg. attendance for 2015	133
Sunday Evening Worship	9
Mid-Week Bible Study	50
Contribution	\$3,260.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$3,931.90
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$24.00
Total for 2015	\$1,150.16

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