



# 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.

## CARE CENTER EVENT



Tickets are still available for the **Acappella concert this Saturday** to benefit The Church of Christ Care Center. The concert will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater of Avondale High School. Ticket prices are \$35 for general admission and \$30 for youth 18 and under and seniors 62 and older. Contact Esther Simmons at 586-285-7104 or you can get your tickets online at [www.cofccc.org](http://www.cofccc.org).

## EGG HUNT

All kids ages 0-12 are invited to  an egg hunt on **Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m.** at Spindler Park in Eastpointe. Donations are needed to help fund this fun time. If you can help, please see Jill Mostek or Vicki. Jill is our coordinator and she could use some helpers that morning. If you want to volunteer please call or text Jill at 586-945-9385.

## ELDER CHAIRMAN



**Bill Nocita** is the chairman of the elders through March. You can contact him if you have any questions or concerns.



## **Eyes of Faith Looking Upward**

By Dan Jenkins

It is remarkable how often the Bible makes reference to our ability to see. The contrast between righteousness and unrighteousness is illustrated by referring to light and darkness. The Bible uses the spiritual eyes of Christians walking by faith in contrast to those who walk in darkness. Our God wants us to use the eyes of faith to look upward.

David, whose heart was like the heart of God, gives insight into the source of his spirituality. How did he begin his day? Take time to read his words slowly and think about them. “My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You and I will look up” (Psalm 5:3). Imagine how busy the life of the king of Israel was, yet he found time each day to look upward and spend time with God. How foolish are we when we get so busy that we cannot find time to look up to our God!

The prophet Micah also showed this same use of spiritual eyes. “Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me” (Micah 7:7). Reading his description of Israel is like reading the description of America today. It was a land where men went to bed at night but not to rest. “Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it” (Micah 2:1). Some men practice evil, but the prophet described Israel as those who “...successfully do evil with both hands” (Micah 7:3). How did Micah deal with all of this? He looked upward to God, waiting for God to bring about His salvation. As you are filled with despair about all that is happening in this land, look upwards and wait for God.

The writer of Hebrews dealt with those whose faith was being challenged and who were tempted to turn away from God and choose a less demanding life. What illustration did he use to encourage them? He described life as being like a race. He urged them to lay aside every weight which encumbered them as they ran and to keep going onward with patient steadfastness. Then he said, “Looking unto Jesus...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2). Instead of focusing on our own “crosses” and adversities, we should look upward to see our Lord seated in heaven. He never gave up, and we can look upward and see Him there awaiting our arrival.

So, when you are in the midst of trial, remember the examples set before us by David, Micah and the Lord. We are never alone, for He will never leave us or forsake us. Instead of looking outward at the problems, may God help us to look up. The eyes of faith see things which others will never see!

## 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

February 28, 2016

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell  
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings  
Sermon - Brian Poe

### Communion servants for February

Craig Sims                      Mike Yuchasz  
Steve Karwowski      Jay Kramer

### Audio visual servitors for February

Kara Mason              Jenna Mason

## FOR THE RECORD

February 21, 2016

Bible School	52
Sunday Morning Worship	127
Avg. attendance for 2016	135
Sunday Evening Worship	36
Mid-Week Bible Study	snow
Contribution	\$3,242.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,177.84
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$41.57
Total for 2016	\$335.62

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