



# 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.

## VBS MEETING



Plans are being made to have VBS on **July 18-20**, in the evening. There will be a short organizational meeting **next Sunday** following morning services for anyone who would like to help. Plan to stay for a short time that Sunday morning and see how you can be part of this fun and exciting event for kids and adults. We appreciate Amy Mickey for taking the initiative in planning this. If you have any questions please see her.

## CHORUS TOUR



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus leaves for their annual tour **this Friday**. They will travel south, stopping at congregations in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina before reaching their final stop in Orlando, Florida. Along the way they will share their love of God through song. Our Northeast chorus members are **Kara Mason** and **Rachel Stone**, and board member, **Bill Nocita**. Keep this group of young people and chaperones in your prayers as they travel and return home April 9.

**Thank you** for your donation of \$400 last week to help defray the cost of the chorus tour. Your support is very much appreciated.

## **REQUESTING PRAYERS**

*Joyce Pinchum* has requested our prayers for strength and to be restored.


*Belinda*, a visitor, requested prayers for her health and coping with the death of a family member.

## **SOFTBALL TEAM**



Brian is putting together a co-ed softball team, ages 16 & up, to play in a Christian league. Games will be played on Saturday evenings at Liberty Park on Mound, north of 14 Mile Rd. The cost would be approximately \$65 per person and you must let Brian know today if you want to participate.

## **ELDER CHAIRMAN**

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

### **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.

## **KIDS CLUB FUN**

The next Kids Club activity will be on **Sunday, April 24**. We will have lunch after morning services in the basement and then head over to Great Skate in Roseville for roller skating from 1-4. The cost is \$7.50, and that includes skate rental.



*He is not here; he has risen. just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:6)*

## **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.

## **GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE RESURRECTION**

By Bobby Dockery

We must take the Resurrection seriously if we are to take God and His Word seriously! It is not enough merely to believe in the resurrection as a fact of history; we must also participate in it!

The Apostle Paul writes in **Philippians 3:10-11**... "*being conformed to His death in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*" The original word which is translated "attain" means "to make contact with, to touch, to arrive at." According to **Thayer's Greek Lexicon** "to attain to the resurrection" is to become a partaker of it - that is, to tie it in with our own lives. Paul is not speaking just of the resurrection in the hereafter. He is also talking about the total identification of the believer with Christ's resurrection *in this present life!*

How do we become partakers of the resurrection? How do we get involved with it here and now?? The Scriptures suggest a number of ways...

**Through The Lord's Day Assembly.** Jesus was raised on the First Day of the Week, (**Mark 16:9**). On that first Sunday of the Resurrection He met with the assembled disciples (**Luke 24:33-36**). From that time till now, Christians have come together on the First Day of every week to celebrate the resurrection and worship the risen Lord (**Acts 20:7**). Properly speaking, the resurrection of Christ is not something to be commemorated annually at Easter, but weekly in the assembly of disciples as they observe the Lord's Supper. That is why faithful attendance at the Lord's Day assembly is so important - it ties us in with the resurrection!

**Through Baptism.** When we are baptized we participate in the resurrection (**Romans 6:3-4**). Baptism is an act by which we identify with Christ and His return from the dead. We are "joined" to Him in Baptism, Paul says in **Romans 6:5**. Before baptism we are dead in sins (**Colossians 2:13**). In the act of Baptism we die to sin and are buried with Christ to be raised to newness of life (**Colossians 2:12**). Baptism is not optional! It is the time and place we identify ourselves with the Resurrection of Christ. In baptism we re-create the "pattern" or "form" of Christ's death, burial and resurrection in our own lives!

**Through Changed Lives.** We must demonstrate to the world that we are the people of the Resurrection by the lives which we live! The tragedy is that many who profess to follow Christ are living as if He were still dead! **Colossians 3:1-4** says that those who are "risen with Christ" must "seek those things which are above." It is not enough merely to believe that a man named Jesus was raised from the dead one Sunday morning 20 centuries ago! Our belief must make a practical difference in our lives: in our basic attitudes...in our values...in the way we treat others...in our daily conduct...

On a far away Judean morning, two angels greeted a band of women before the door of an empty tomb with the words, "He is not here...but risen..." (**Luke 24:6**). And now we are called to participate in that victory! Do you believe in the reality of the Resurrection?? Then make it real in your own life: Make contact with it...Touch it...Get involved with it...Live it every day!

## 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

March 27, 2016

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason  
Song Leader - Mark Wilson  
Sermon - Brian Poe

### Communion servants for March

Ken Mickey     John Kaganac  
Dean Stewart   Ty Filipiak

### Audio visual servitors for March

Scott Smith

## FOR THE RECORD

March 20, 2016

Bible School	69
Sunday Morning Worship	143
Avg. attendance for 2016	135
Sunday Evening Worship	26
Mid-Week Bible Study	37
Contribution	\$4,088.34
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,182.52
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$62.00
Total for 2016	\$597.62

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