



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.

IT'S TIME FOR VBS!!




Tomorrow night starts our 3 day VBS. Each evening, Monday through Wednesday, from 6:30-8:30 our building will be filled with kids and adults (yes, we do have an adult class), having fun and learning about the power of Jesus through the "I Am" statements. Our prayer is that we will all learn to value a relationship with Jesus as a treasure that blesses us now and for eternity. Plan to be here as we sail through "The Voyage Of the Alpha and Omega".

WORK "PARTY" TODAY

There is still some work to be done for VBS, so anyone who can is invited to stay after services this morning to help put the final touches on our building and classrooms. Lunch will be served.

POTLUCK

We will have a potluck meal  next Sunday following morning services. Everyone is invited and encouraged to stay. Bring your family's favorite dish (plus a little extra) and stay to enjoy some wonderful fellowship and great food.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Gary Lauwers had successful shoulder surgery.
Marsha Arndt will be undergoing cancer treatments. Cards of encouragement would be appreciated.
Kenneth Glaze, Francine Cutright's brother is currently undergoing several weeks of chemo & radiation. Cards may be sent to him at 19345 Pelkey, Detroit 48205.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Chris Thomas has requested our prayers as he faces some decisions regarding his job.


Jayda Wilson has asked that we pray for her as she strives to live the life that she should.

CARE CENTER DINNER



This year the Church of Christ Care Center celebrates their 75th anniversary. In celebration of that milestone, everyone is invited to a dinner on **Saturday, August 20**, at 5 p.m. at the Fern Hill Country Club. Early bird ticket prices (before Aug. 1) are \$75. After that date, tickets will be \$85. Student ticket prices for those 18 & under are \$30. This dinner will replace the annual Steak & Corn Roast this year only. To purchase your ticket contact Esther at 586-285-7104.

LADIES RETREAT

 The Northeast Ladies Retreat will be **Sept. 17-18**, at the Hyatt Place in Auburn Hills. All our ladies, 18 and up, are encouraged to be part of this time as we become "Quilted Together". If you have interest, please take the time to sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Registration forms will be available soon.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CLASS ASSISTANT - JULY

Grace Mostek

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.

VBS – Time to Plant the Seed?

by David Shannon (adapted)

VBS Provides the Perfect Condition to Plant Seeds: “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11). Have you considered the characteristics of a seed? It looks dead, but there is literally life in it. In the right conditions it will grow and even produce. The word of God may just look like any other book to some, but as Christians we recognize that it is far from being just a book! “For the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword ...” (Hebrews 4:12). The right condition that the seed has to find is a fertile heart; not one that ignores the teaching of God (Luke 8:5 like the wayside, hard path) or a shallow or insincere heart that is quick to commit but not count the cost (Luke 8:6; Luke 14:28-30). When cares, riches, and pleasure distract the heart, the seed cannot grow enough to produce fruit (Luke 8:14). The right condition for the seed to grow is an honest and good heart (Luke 8:15). Most children have a good and honest heart. They have a perfect environment for the word of God to grow. VBS is a perfect time to plant.

Remember that Life Can Remain in the Seed for Years: The seed may not germinate and grow for years, but that doesn't mean it never will! Vacation Bible School gives us more opportunities to plant God's seed into more lives in a few days than perhaps anything else we do all year. Do you realize how a child is empowered when they know that God loves them and will never forsake them? This child may only come as a guest and not attend church anywhere else for years. But when he or she begins to ask about “the meaning of life” and “where to find purpose,” that seed will then have the opportunity to sprout! When a person decides they want more out of life than what the world offers or when a person decides they want to find God, we want them to remember that Northeast Church of Christ will help them spiritually! Don't underestimate how important it is to place within a child the realization that they know where to turn.

The Seed Grows Better when Fertilized with Christ's Love: To all who are working with these children we would say, “Let them see the love of God in the way you interact with them” (John 13:34-35). To the teachers we would say, “Let them see how much you love the powerful Word of God.” Join the Psalmist with words like, “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalms 119:97).

It's VBS TIME! Time to Plant Seed.

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 17, 2016

Opening Prayer - Bill Nocita

Song Leader - Bill Nocita

Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for July

David Anderson Dean Stewart

Ty Filipiak John Kaganac

Audio visual servitors for July

Mark Nelson Bill Nocita

FOR THE RECORD

July 10, 2016

Bible School	72
Sunday Morning Worship	122
Avg. attendance for 2016	138
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Mid-Week Bible Study	47
Contribution	\$4,098.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,139.25
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$51.00
Total for 2016	\$1,481.62

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