



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.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS



Our MCREST guests arrive tonight at 5:30. For the next week we will house and feed approximately 30 homeless women and children. Help is needed this morning immediately following services to get the building ready, and any amount of time you can give would be appreciated. *There will be no services at our building tonight and there will also be no Wednesday night Bible study this week.* Thank you to all who have volunteered to help this week. If you can't come in at the time you signed up for, please contact Bill Nocita at 313-910-2718. Keep this work, our guests, and our volunteers in your prayers.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday night ladies Bible study class will begin **next week**. All ladies are encouraged to be here each week and be part of the discussion-style class on the book of Isaiah, led by Deanna Graves. We'll see how Isaiah called for the people to put their hope and trust in God during the perilous time in Israel's history. As we are encouraged to do the same, hopefully we will find comfort for our own troubled times. Begin reading the book of Isaiah to prepare for this class.





In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Melissa Loftis was hospitalized last week with blood clots in her arm. She is now home and recovering.

Judy Papadopoulos, Karen Nocita's sister, will begin another round of chemo treatments soon.


Laurie Hartley, former member now living in Texas, donated a kidney last week to a friend and church member. She is doing well and the family has requested our prayers for a quick and complete recovery.

SYMPATHY



Dan Decker, Brian's father-in-law, passed away suddenly last Thursday. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Beth, their sons, and Brian and his boys. Also keep **John Lynch** in your prayers on the recent death of his mother, Mattie Lynch. And with **Susan Fulton** on the death of her sister, Ruth Ann Zebrowski.

CAMP STEAK DINNER

Michigan Christian Youth Camp  will hold their 42nd Annual Steak Dinner on **Saturday, Nov. 5**, from 3:30 - 7:30. Tickets are \$85 per person, with special discounted student & children prices. You can purchase your ticket from Lori Mason.

ELDER CHAIRMAN




Bill Nocita is the chairman of the elders through December. Contact him if you have any questions or concerns.

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Our Halloween costume party will be **Friday, Oct. 28**, from 6:30-8:30 in the church basement. All kids, young and old, are invited. There will also be pizza, games, crafts, and trick or treating. Bring a bag to collect your goodies. Finger desserts are also welcome. Donations are needed to help defray the cost of this fun event. Thank you to Jill Mostek for organizing the party. You can give your contribution to Jill or Vicki.

NEW DIRECTORIES

Our new membership directories  are ready and available in the lobby. Pick one up today.

*"This is my commandment, that
you love one another as I have
loved you..."*

John 15:12

Oh, Forgiveness!

By David Sproule

The Lord makes available to Christian an innumerable sum of spiritual blessings—blessings which are beyond our full comprehension, beyond our imagination, beyond anything we can even measure. And, these blessings (which are of a spiritual nature) are only accessed in one place—in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)! If you were to try to make a list of these blessings in Christ, which ones would be on your list? Which ones would you say are most valuable and most precious to you? Which one would you have on the top of your list?

Every spiritual blessing of God is valuable! There are none that are worthless! There are none that we can live without! But, consider one that we may sometimes take for granted. Consider one that we may sometimes think is so basic and elementary that it doesn't require much thought from us. Consider forgiveness!

Can you imagine what it would have been like to hear the voice of Jesus Himself say directly and compassionately to you, “Your sins are forgiven” (like He did in Luke 5:20; 7:48; etc.)? How sweet those words must have been to proceed from His mouth to your ears and into your heart! While we do not hear with our ears those words today, the power is no less sweet in our hearts, as He forgives us of our sins today!

The word “forgiveness” comes from a word that literally means “send away.” So, when the Lord forgives us of our sins, He literally sends them away! He takes what was once separating me from my God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and sends them away, so that I can abide in the holy presence of my God (1 John 3:5-6). He takes the blood that Jesus so freely and lovingly shed on the cross and washes my sins away (Revelation 1:5; 1 John 1:7), so that I can be clean from all of that filthy unrighteousness (Ephesians 5:26; 1 John 1:9). He purges my sin so completely from me (Hebrews 1:3) that He no longer remembers that I committed such an act against Him (Hebrews 8:12; 10:17). He calls me to be faithful and knows that I will not be perfect (1 John 1:6-10), so He has devised a way for me to walk with Him, so that He can continually, continually, continually keep on, keep on, keep on forgiving me of my sin (1 John 1:7). Like David, I cannot help but exclaim that all of that knowledge is just “too wonderful for me” (Psalm 139:6).

So, the next time you pray and you “end” your prayer like you always end your prayer, with a quick, “Forgive me of my sins,” right before signing off, think about those words. God has blessed us with innumerable, immeasurable, unimaginable blessings, and His forgiveness of our sins (with all that entails) is second to none. When you ask God to forgive you of your sins, pause and think about Him saying, “Your sins are forgiven.” Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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

October 2, 2016

Opening Prayer - Scott Smith
Song Leader - Kenny Cummings
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for October

Steve Karwowski Mike Yuchasz
Jay Kramer Jacob Nelson

Audio visual servitors for October

Craig Sims Mark Nelson

FOR THE RECORD

September 25, 2016

Bible School	69
Sunday Morning Worship	127
Avg. attendance for 2016	133
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Mid-Week Bible Study	26
Contribution	\$4,519.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,969.06
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$42.00
Total for 2016	\$2,008.62

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