



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.

POTLUCK TODAY



There will be a potluck meal **this morning** following services. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy great food and fellowship.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP



The Men's Bible Study and Fellowship Group will meet **this Tuesday** at 7 p.m. in the basement of the church building.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



This Wednesday night, in place of our regular Bible classes, we will have a congregational meeting. There will be short devo before the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend this. On the agenda will be updates from various department heads and discussion of some budget items. If you have any questions you can see any of our elders.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



We will be distributing food baskets next Sunday. If you would like to donate a turkey or cash to help purchase the other items for the baskets, please see **Paul Klemczak** or **Paul Wooldridge** today.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Cheryl Spurlin will have cataract surgery on Tuesday.

Jayda Wilson had her tonsils removed last week.

Lori Smith is experiencing severe back pain.

Carlos Cook, Cindy Wilson's uncle, is now in rehab recovering from hip surgery.

Marsha Arndt, Nina Sims, and Judy Papadopoulos (Karen Nocita's sister) have undergone or are currently receiving cancer treatment.

MEN'S OUTING



We have reached our goal of 24 attendees for our outing on **Saturday, Dec. 3!** We still have room to meet for our devo and dinner, but the breakout room is full. We will meet in the basement and start at 1:15 sharp. An itinerary will be posted in the hallway. See Mark Nelson for more information. Thank you for your participation!

SPECIAL REQUEST

THANK YOU for your quick response to the request from Pam Stewart last week for holiday gifts for the elderly she works with - all the tags were taken! Please bring your wrapped gift to the building no later than **Sunday, Nov. 27**, and give them to Pam.



AV HELPERS NEEDED



Scott Smith is looking for additional helpers for the AV department. You just need some familiarity with computers. If you are interested please call Scott at 586-212-0622.

GUESS WHO DINNER



If your family wants to be included in the first round of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner you must let Cindy Wilson know which date you want - **December 9 or 10**. You will not be included if you don't let her know.

LADIES HOLIDAY EVENT



Hey gals, mark your calendar for **Thursday, Dec. 15**, for a Christmas goodie exchange. It can be cookies, candy, etc. All ladies are encouraged to be part of this fun night. You bring a 1/2 dozen of your favorite holiday goodie and go home with a whole bunch more! Sign up in the hallway if you want to be part of the festivities. Ladies, this will be our only holiday get together this year. We all get busy during the holiday season and our hope is that you will all be able to attend our goodie exchange so we can share and fellowship at that time. Plans are being made for a party after the first of the year. There's nothing better than starting off a new year with your Northeast sisters!

You Can Know That You're Going to Heaven!

By David Sproule

Are you going to heaven? If you were to die right this moment, would you go to heaven or not? Are you sure? Can you be sure?

I can remember as a child, growing up in the church, and believing that a Christian could not know where he would go, at any given moment, if he were to die. I have no idea where I got that idea, but it was a scary idea. The very thought that a Christian could go through his daily life and have no clue as to his eternal destiny can lead to all sorts of questions, worries and anxieties.

However, that precarious outlook is not a Biblical concept. God has given, and wants His children to have, confidence! He wants His children to know for certain if they are going to heaven or not. John writes, "These things I have written to you...that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). The word "know" emphasizes a complete and absolute knowledge. It is not a knowledge that needs to be learned or experienced, but a knowledge that is intuitively certain because God gave it.

How can a Christian have this absolute certainty? Look at the passage. "Eternal life" is a favorite subject of the apostle John. He emphasizes it more in his gospel account than the other writers do. Then, it is a focal point in his first epistle. "And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life" (2:25). "God has given us eternal life" (5:11). "You have eternal life" (5:13). So, how can a child of God have confidence in this life that he will go to heaven when he dies?

Notice how precise John is. "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son" (5:11). One must be "in Christ," in order to know that he has eternal life. John clearly teaches that one is "in Him" when he "keeps His word" (2:5; 3:24), walks "just as He walked" (2:6), "abides in Him" (3:6) and continually "confesses that Jesus is the Son of God" (4:15). Are you "in Him"? Then, you can know that you have eternal life!

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 13, 2016

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell
Song Leader - Mark Wilson
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for November

John Kaganac Craig Sims
Dean Stewart David Anderson

Audio visual servitors for November

Scott Smith Craig Sims

FOR THE RECORD

November 6, 2016

Bible School	83
Sunday Morning Worship	127
Avg. attendance for 2016	131
Sunday Evening Worship	26
Mid-Week Bible Study	39
Contribution	\$5,086.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,991.21
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$97.00
Total for 2016	\$2,307.72

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