



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.

NEW YEARS EVE FUN

All adults and teens are invited to join together at the building **this Saturday night, New Year's Eve**, from 6-10 for a fun night of games, food, friendship, and fellowship. Each person is asked to bring a snack/appetizer and beverage, and your favorite game - card game, board game, etc. We hope we can have a good crowd, sharing and having fun as the year draws to an end.



HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

 A reminder that there will be **no evening services tonight** and also **next Sunday, New Year's Day**, there will be **no Sunday School classes or evening services**.



May you have the gift of faith,
the blessing of hope,
and the peace of His love
at Christmas and always.

Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Joyce Loftis is now living at the Church of Christ Care Center Assisted Living facility, room D212. Visits are welcome.

TEACHER NEEDED

There is a need for a teacher for **Wednesday night kids class**, kindergarten through the 4th grade. Please prayerfully consider how you can do this. See Lori Mason if you can help.




SEASONS GREETINGS


There is a Christmas card from **Norm & Merilyn Herron** posted on the bulletin board. Norm served as the minister at the Hastings Church of Christ for many years.



THANK YOU

 Thank you once again for all your cash donations and/or food for the holiday food baskets we distributed last week to some families in need. Special thanks to **Paul Klemczak** and **Paul Wooldridge** and their helpers for putting it all together.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

 Contribution envelopes for 2017 are available in the lobby. Please return your completed purpose card to one of the elders. If you want to receive a statement of your giving for the year you must fill out a purpose card and use the contribution envelopes.

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.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be
on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Worshipping Jesus in His “Absence”?

By David Sproule

In Matthew 2, wise men came to Jerusalem seeking “the King” and ultimately found him in a home in the city of Bethlehem. They found Jesus as a child, less than two years old, and the Bible says that they “fell down and worshiped Him” (Matthew 2:11). This was the first time that men worshiped Jesus in His very presence. What a sight!

As you read through the life of Jesus, there were at least nine other occasions when individuals worshiped Jesus in His very presence. “A leper came and worshiped Him” (Matthew 8:2). A man of the Gadarenes, demon-possessed by Legion, “when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him” (Mark 5:6). Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue near Capernaum, “came and worshiped Him” (Matthew 9:18). After walking on the water to rescue and comfort His apostles, Jesus got into the boat and the apostles “came and worshiped Him” (Matthew 14:33). A Canaanite woman, whose daughter was severely demon-possessed, having found Jesus in the region of Tyre and Sidon, “came and worshiped Him” (Matthew 15:25). Jesus restored the sight of a man who was blind from birth, and with a heart of faith and gratitude, the man came and “worshiped Him” (John 9:38). The wife of Zebedee and mother of James and John came to Jesus, “worshipping Him” (Matthew 20:20). On His resurrection morning, when Jesus met and greeted the women who came to the tomb, “they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him” (Matthew 28:9). Then, when the eleven disciples went to Galilee as Jesus had instructed, “they saw Him” and “worshiped Him” (Matthew 28:17).

From the time He was a child until the time of His resurrection, men and women were able to worship Jesus in His very presence. What an experience that must have been! Then, on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives, over against Bethany, Jesus “parted from them and was carried up into heaven” (Luke 24:50-51). What would the disciples do now? Jesus was gone; He was no longer in their presence. The very next verse states, “They worshiped Him” (Luke 24:52).

The disciples did the same thing in Jesus’ absence as they had done in His presence—they worshiped Him! They were still full of awe! They were still full on wonder and amazement! They were still full of thanksgiving! They were still full of humility! They were still driven to honor and praise their King and their Savior! They could not but fall down and worship Him, as if He was still present, for in reality, true worshipers are still in His presence!

We may think that Jesus is not present today, but such a thought could not be further from the truth! He is here! Are you full of awe, wonder, thanksgiving and humility toward your Savior? Let us worship Him...in His presence!

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

December 25, 2016

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason

Song Leader - Mark Wilson

Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for December

Mike Yuchasz Ken Mickey

Jay Kramer Jacob Nelson

Audio visual servitors for December

Mark Nelson Dean Stewart

FOR THE RECORD

December 18, 2016

Bible School	56
Sunday Morning Worship	114
Avg. attendance for 2016	129
Sunday Evening Worship	MDYC
Mid-Week Bible Study	35
Contribution	\$3,765.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,979.69
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$43.00
Total for 2016	\$2,585.72

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