



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.

SUNDAY NIGHT SONG SERVICE




Tonight, at our 5:00 service, we will have a song service. Pick out your favorite song and be here as we worship in song.

WORK DAY

Brian has a work day planned for this **Thursday**, from 3-7 p.m. to  begin a remodeling project for the front of the auditorium. Come when you can during that time, and wear your work clothes. There will be chili for dinner.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

 Next Sunday we will have the pleasure of having **Julie Maher**, CEO of the Church of Christ Care Center and **Doug Edwards**, Director of Philanthropy at the Care Center, with us. All adult Bible classes will meet upstairs on that day to hear a presentation from Doug regarding the work at the Care Center. Julie & Doug will also bring donuts that we can all enjoy between Bible class and worship service. We hope you all can be here to learn more about the Care Center and the great work it does in caring for the aged.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Judy Ward, Pam Stewart's sister, has asked for our prayers to be more faithful and to have more strength during her struggles.

CONGRATULATIONS



We rejoice and pleased to announce the engagement of **Brian Poe and Jesse Urban**. An April wedding is being planned.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Today is the first Sunday to use your new set of contribution envelopes for 2017. In order to help the counters and also to ensure that you are credited with the correct amount, *please put the amount on the outside of your envelope each Sunday*. It is not necessary to put your name on it.



THANK YOU



Thank you for your part in the collection of \$473 that was taken at the recent MDYC concert. This will help the chorus with various expenses. Also, thanks to **Karen Nocita, Pam Stewart** and **Lori Mason** for preparing and serving the meal for the chorus, and to all who donated desserts for that meal.

TEACHER NEEDED

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



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I Am Resolved!

By Mark Posey

New Year's resolutions are important, but they need resolve to last longer than February!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore" - I will be motivated by the resurrection.

"My beloved brethren" - I will not neglect doing my part for the Lord.

"Be steadfast" - I will not quit serving the Lord.

"Immovable" - I will not move from serving the Lord.

"Always" - I will not cease serving the Lord.

"Abounding" - I will not give less than my all in serving the Lord.

"Not in vain" - I will have no regrets in serving the Lord.

Obedience from the Heart

By Glen Elliott

God has always required obedience. Since the beginning, God has expressed His desire for us to follow after His teachings. However, He has also made it clear that such obedience must rise out of a heart filled with loving gratitude. The apostle Paul told the Christians at Corinth that the love of Christ ought to motivate them to live for the One who had died and rose again on their behalf (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Jesus identified the greatest command when He said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). Without love in the heart, our service to God is little more than a hollow shell of what it ought to be.

On the other hand, genuine love will express itself in complete and unconditional obedience to the commands of God. Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). If we say that we love the Lord while deliberately disregarding what He teaches in His word, then our religion is nothing more than pretense. To those who were living according to human tradition, Jesus asked, “And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” (Luke 6:46).

God has always desired obedience from the heart. When King Saul failed to obey the voice of the Lord, he was told, “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat or rams” (1 Samuel 15:22). A lifetime worshiping God means nothing without a daily walk that is obedient to His will. Hebrews 5:9 tells us that Jesus became to “all who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.” If we would truly please God, we must learn and practice obedience from the heart.

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

January 1, 2017

Opening Prayer - Jim Weertz
Song Leader - Mark Wilson
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for January

John Kaganac Craig Sims
Dean Stewart David Anderson

Audio visual servitors for January

Jenna Mason Craig Sims

FOR THE RECORD

December 25, 2016

Bible School	16
Sunday Morning Worship	137
Avg. attendance for 2016	129
Sunday Evening Worship	cancelled
Mid-Week Bible Study	45
Contribution	\$7,815.00
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$4,053.45
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$13.00
Total for 2016	\$2,598.72

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