



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. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some great food and fellowship. Please stay and join us.


WORK DAY

There will be a **work day** at the building on **Thursday from 3-7**,  to continue work on the front of the auditorium. Come when you can during that time.

KIDS CLUB MOVIE DAY

 Kids of all ages are invited to a movie day on **Sunday, Jan. 29**, following morning services until about 2:00. The featured film is **Trolls**. Lunch will be served, plus popcorn and drinks. Sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board today.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS

Our Sunday morning sermons are **available online** at Brian's webpage,  brianpoe.life. Click on the sermons tab. They are also available on a CD. If you would like one, please see our secretary, Vicki Loftis.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



We have some members, friends, and loved ones who are currently undergoing chemo treatments and some who still struggle with the effects of cancer. Remember these in your prayers:

Marsha Arndt

Nina Sims

Judy Ward (Pam Stewart's sister)

Judy Papadopoulos (Karen Nocita's sister)

Karen Cojanu

E-MAIL LIST

If you wish to be included in a church e-mail message group, send a note to Vicki at vicki2952@gmail.com. This is an opportunity for you to keep informed with news, reminders, announcements, or updates about our Northeast family.



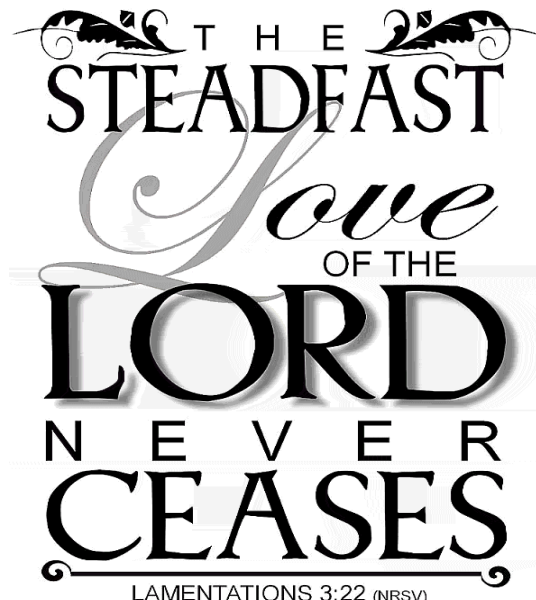
ELDER CHAIRMAN

Mark Wilson is the chairman of the elders through March. Contact him if you have any questions or concerns.



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.



LAMENTATIONS 3:22 (NRSV)

Sin Never Helps

By Jeremy Hodges

Human beings are virtually alone in the world when it comes to living things being able to solve complex problems. Octopi, crows, and some primates also have this rare ability to think through a quandary, and exact a solution. When it comes to moral problems, however, humans have no peer. We are alone in creation in dealing with ethical decisions. Humans are also singular in their ability to justify sin as a solution to a perceived problem, disregarding everything that we know to be right, as well as a lifetime of evidence to the contrary. There is no situation, dilemma, predicament, or puzzle that ignoring God's will can improve. Sin can, however, make any situation we face infinitely worse.

Satan presented a situation to Eve as a problem, and failure to abide by God's will was the suggested solution. The serpent characterized God as an unfair Creator who was jealous of His creation, and kept them ignorant because He *"knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."* (Genesis 3:1-5) Did sin fix the situation? Before the first humans failed God's will, they knew only goodness, innocence, prosperity, pleasure, satisfaction, and life. When Adam and Eve ate of the fruit, they added the experiences of pain, shame, blame, fear, failure, and death. (Genesis 3:6-24) Their eyes were certainly open, but they were no better off, and they were not any closer to being like God.

A series of tragedies and unfair circumstances had led Joseph to work in the household of Potiphar. (Genesis 37) The young son of Jacob had not earned his slavery with his actions, other than being honest. Therefore when Potiphar's wife offered him the opportunity to take advantage of his master's absence, (Genesis 39:1-8) the Hebrew slave could have given in. However, Joseph responded, *"Behold, with me [here], my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"* (Genesis 39:9) Joseph knew that the unfair situation of his slavery would not be improved by sin.

Daniel, along with the other Hebrew exiles, had to endure many great injustices and trials upon arrival to Babylon. His country had been conquered and destroyed. His name had been forcibly changed. He was instructed in the language and ways of the very people who had taken him prisoner. It would be easy to take advantage of the pleasures this ignoble situation offered. However, *"Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank."* (Daniel 1:1-8) Not even the fine delicacies of the most powerful man on earth would fix Daniel's situation if it meant he would sin.

We all face different situations, but the Bible is clear in showing us that sin is never the answer, and will always make things worse.

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 15, 2017

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
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

January 8, 2017

Bible School	72
Sunday Morning Worship	113
Avg. attendance for 2017	111
Sunday Evening Worship	23
Mid-Week Bible Study	40
Contribution	\$3,231.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,480.50
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$52.00
Total for 2017	\$94.00

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