



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.

KIDS CLUB MOVIE DAY TODAY



Kids of all ages are invited to stay after services today for Movie Day. The featured film is **Trolls**. Lunch will be served, plus popcorn and drinks.

WORK DAY


There will be **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.

WINTERFEST



A group of teens and adults will be traveling to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN, **Feb. 16-19**. If you are going, the full amount is due by next Sunday. Please give that to Mark Wilson. Also, there will be a meeting next Sunday following morning services for all those attending.

KIDS CLUB SLEEPOVER

Mark your calendar for **Feb. 24-25**  for the Kids Club sleepover. It will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night with dinner. Parents, you are invited to join us for pancakes at 9 a.m. Saturday morning when you pick your kids up.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Kelsi Spurlin, Cheryl's granddaughter, suffers from many health challenges. She is currently awaiting a heart biopsy to determine if there is any rejection of her transplanted heart.

Mildred Bomar, Francine Cutright's mother, is home and improving after a stay in the hospital. She is a member of the Elmwood Park Church of Christ.

IT'S A GIRL



Congratulations to **Mike & Debbie Yuchasz** on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Lynette, weighing 9 lb, 8 oz. Her parents are Mike & Debbie's son & daughter-in-law, Patrick & Sabria.

FAMILY PICTURES



Mark Nelson will begin taking pictures for our pictorial membership board **next Sunday**. If your family's picture is not on our board you are encouraged to have your picture taken. If it's been a while, please have your picture updated. This picture board is a great way to get to know your Northeast family.

ELDER CHAIRMAN



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

You Are a Changemaker **By Joe Barnett**

Do not neglect your gift.
(1 Timothy 4:14)

We think of Changemakers as super-gifted and well-positioned—speakers, writers, singers, politicians, CEOs. But for every Changemaker in the spotlight, there are a dozen in the shadows that don't make speeches, draw crowds, sell books, or set policies.

You don't have to have major talent to have major impact. Don't have to have a big name to make a big difference. Don't have to seem important to be important. Don't have to be well known to hear his well done. When you arrive at the pearly gates, you may be greeted like this . . .

"There are some people here because of you. Some of them you know well, and they're eager to see you. Some of them you don't know at all—but your prayers and donations helped get them here, and they want to meet you."

You're doing more good than you know.

The Seriousness of Sin

By Erik Borlaug

The way we look at sin matters. And the lens through which we view sin matters. For example, a man committing adultery is said to be going through the stress of a mid-life crisis. The person addicted to drugs is said to be hostage to a chemical out of his control.

A person who lies from time-to-time is just trying to make it through life. The fact is, humans do a "great" job of taking sin and, instead of seeing it as bad, wrong, and serious, turn it into something trivial and unworthy of lots of stress. But that's not the way God sees sin. As with all things, we must try to see sin the way God does and, according to His word, God sees sin as a very serious, very wrong thing.

First, sin is serious because it's a transgression of the law of God. John wrote, "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). Laws are in place in order to protect us and help us. When we disobey God's law through the transgression of His Holy edicts, we are not only seriously in violation of the law but we are also opening ourselves up to unnecessary danger.

Second, sin is serious because sin is the opposite of righteousness and we, as saints, have been called by God to be righteous. Peter wrote that we are to, 'be holy' and in doing so, be more like God (1 Peter 1:16). Furthermore, the Bible instructs us that if we know what 'right' is and then fail to "do" it, we are in sin (James 4:17).

Thirdly, we should see sin as a terribly sorrowful thing. In Psalm 38:18, David said that his sin caused him anguish. The same should be true of us but far too often, we pass over our sin without really thinking about the sorrowful nature of our actions and what it meant to disregard God's perfect will.

Fourth, sin is serious because of what it does to our relationship with God. According to the prophet, our sins cause us to be "separated" from God (Isaiah 59:2). The fact is that God doesn't want to be separated from us. After all, we are His creation which He specifically made in His own image (Genesis 1:26). But when we are no longer in a right relationship with Him, it is clearly of our own doing. In truth, we are the ones who move away from God by way of our choices and not the other way around!

Finally, we should grow to the place wherein we see sin seriously knowing that the ultimate result of sin is death. Paul wrote in Romans 6:23 that the wages of sin is death. And elsewhere in the Bible we learn when sin goes unchecked and fully grows, the result is death (James 1:15). The notion that sin and death go hand-in-hand goes back to the beginning of time when God instructed Adam and Eve to refrain from sinning in the garden. We are privileged to serve a God who wants us to live and makes it possible for us to do so, if only by seeing the seriousness of sin as He has and always will.

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 29, 2017

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson

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 22, 2017

Bible School	60
Sunday Morning Worship	118
Avg. attendance for 2017	115
Sunday Evening Worship	18
Mid-Week Bible Study	27
Contribution	\$3,361.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,703.29
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$47.00
Total for 2017	\$172.55

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