



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

February 12, 2017


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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.

WINTERFEST[®] This Thursday morning a group of young people and adults will leave for Gatlinburg, Tennessee to attend Winterfest, a weekend spiritual retreat geared toward our youth. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and fellowship and grow spiritually during the weekend. They will return next Sunday evening.

WORK & STUDY

There will be a work day at the  building on Tuesday, **February 21** from 3-7 p.m. to continue work in the auditorium. Following that, the **Men's Bible Study and Fellowship group** will meet from 7-8 p.m. in the basement. All men are invited and encouraged to come early to help with the work and then stay for a great opportunity to learn and grown together.

KIDS CLUB ACTIVITY

 The **Creative Arts Studio** from Royal Oak will return to the Kids Club on **Sunday, Feb. 26**. Lunch will be served immediately after morning services and painting will be from 12:30-1:30. You will be able to paint your own mug, bowl, or saucer. There is a \$5 charge per person for this event. Everyone is welcome but **YOU MUST SIGN UP** to be guaranteed a spot.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Mary Jean Langford remains in Troy Beaumont Hospital. She has developed pneumonia and has other serious health concerns. Due to her condition, no visitors are permitted at this time.

John Conte, Deanna Graves' father, is now home from the hospital.

WEDDING SHOWER



Ladies, you are all invited to a wedding shower for **Jesse Urban and Brian Poe** on **Saturday, March 25**, at 1 p.m. here at our building. Jesse & Brian have registered gift suggestions at Bed, Bath and Beyond. If you plan to attend we ask that you please sign up on the bulletin board. We hope you all can be there to celebrate with Jesse & Brian.

ADULT NIGHT OUT

All adults are invited to "Guess Who's Not Cooking" on **Saturday, March 11**, at 6 p.m. We will meet at Don Pablo's, on Hall Rd. in Shelby Twp. If you plan to attend please sign up on the bulletin board.



GUESS WHO DINNER



The next round of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is planned for **March 17 & 18**. Make plans now for your family to be part of this wonderful and fun fellowship opportunity.

ELDER CHAIRMAN

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



OUR LIBRARY

We have a self-serve library located upstairs. Included in our library are teaching aids, study guides, recorded material and so much more. Did you know that you can search the library collection on our webpage, www.necofchrist.org? On the left side of the home page click on Library and you will then find helpful information and instructions on how to look up the material. We owe much thanks to **Scott & Lori Smith** and **Jamie Nelson**, our librarian, for reorganizing and making our library more accessible to us.



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.

A Psalm Of Awareness

By W. Terry Varner

Of the 150 Psalms composing the Psalter, Psalm 139 is known as a *Psalm of Awareness*. It describes a loving, caring God and His great awareness and concern for His people. Various divine attributes are apparent in Psalm 139—He is *omniscient* (all-knowing), *omnipresent* (all/ever present), and *omnibenevolent* (all caring/all loving).

God is omniscient (all-knowing). Paul writes that God both searches and knows our heart and mind (cf. Romans 8:27). Making it simple, God knows all we say, do, and think. “O Lord, You have searched me, and know me” (Psalm 139:1). Scary? In a way it ought to be. It ought also to warn us that we cannot hide our sinful thoughts and evil behavior from God, as we often try to do from our fellowman. This is impossible. Do not think you can get away with it. David tried to hide his sin with Bathsheba from others, but he could not hide it from God. We will all be held accountable for our actions in God’s sight. When we address God’s omniscience we are affirming important teachings. We affirm God has infinite knowledge of all things; i.e. there is absolutely nothing God does not know and does not understand. Concerning God’s creation, God’s knowledge and God’s understanding are unlimited. Psalm 142:5 says, “His understanding is infinite” or “has no limit” (NIV).

We can not hide our actions and thoughts from God. “All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be” (Psalm 139:16, NIV). The reason none can hide from God is that God knows every detail of His creation. God’s knowledge is so infinite and intricate that “The very hairs of your head are numbered” (Matthew 10:30) and a sparrow does not fall unnoticed by God (cf. Matthew 10:29). As God values us, let us value Him by our praise and faithfulness to Him.

God’s awareness must be understood. “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23-24). We must awaken and be aware of God’s awareness and presence of our lives. Our life is an open book before God (cf. Hebrews 4:13).

David spends time in personal reflection before God. All of us spend time in personal reflection, but David instructs us to spend time in personal reflection before God. He asks God to “search his heart.” Would you ask God to do that? He asked God to “know his thoughts.” Would you ask God to do that? He asks God “to lead him away from sin into the way of life.” Would you ask God to do that? Why was David unseemly not troubled by his sin with Bathsheba? Because he repented (Psalm 51) and was forgiven.

Personal reflection before God is vital and sometimes it hurts. It has the power to bring us to our knees in repentance. It helps us walk anew with God. Life is busy. Life is too busy. We must stop and spend time with our God. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Be aware of God. He is aware of you. “For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, You know it altogether” (Psalm 139:4). Praise God for His being all-knowing, all-present, and all-benevolent.

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

February 12, 2017

Opening Prayer - Dean Stewart

Song Leader - Bill Nocita

Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for February

Mike Yuchasz Jay Kramer
Jacob Nelson Steve Karwowski

Audio visual servitors for January

Jamie Nelson Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

February 5, 2017

Bible School	71
Sunday Morning Worship	129
Avg. attendance for 2017	119
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Mid-Week Bible Study	28
Contribution	\$4,258.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,741.52
Budget	\$3,872.00
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Total for 2017	\$200.55

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