



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.

### **YOU'RE INVITED**



Everyone is invited to celebrate the marriage of **Jesse Urban and Brian Poe** this Saturday at 11:30 at the church building. A reception will follow the ceremony in the lower auditorium. We hope all can be present for this joyous occasion.

### **GUESS WHO DINNER**



The next round of Guess Who's Coming To Dinner will be **May 5 & 6**. If your family wants to be included in this great fellowship opportunity you must let Cindy Wilson know. If your family is not part of this fun event, see Cindy for details.





## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*



**John Conte**, Deanna Graves' father, is seriously ill.

**Carrie Cavanary**, Pearl Roy's daughter, will have back surgery on May 2.

**Carlos Cook**, Cindy Wilson's uncle, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will have surgery this week, and Cindy's cousin, **Deana Cordy**, is recovering at home after suffering a heart attack.

### **THANK YOU**



**Eleanor Wooldridge** wants to thank everybody for all the prayers, cards, and best wishes during her recent hospital stay.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Brian Poe recently scored a 95% on his final Comprehensive Exam for his Masters program. He will receive a Masters of Ministry Degree on May 6 from Heritage Christian University. **We're proud of you, Brian.**

### **LADIES RETREAT**



Hey ladies, where will you be **Sept. 23 & 24**? The answer is at the 2nd Annual Northeast Ladies Retreat! Plans are being made and the excitement is building. You've heard the old saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade". What happens when "lemons" drop into your life? Come to the retreat and join us as we study and explore how God gives us the strength to deal with and handle even the most trying of circumstances.

### **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.

## Jesus' Resurrection and the Life of a Christian

By Eric Lyons

Is the fact that Jesus rose from the grave about 2,000 years ago really all that important to a Christian's faith? What if Jesus had never risen from the tomb in which He was buried? What if He were in the grave today? Could we still be Christians if Jesus had never arisen?

Consider what the apostle Paul told the Christians at Corinth about the resurrection of Christ. In a passage where he was writing about the reality of the resurrection of the dead at the end of time, he also mentioned Christ's resurrection, saying, "If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Then, three verses later, he made a similar statement, saying, "If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (15:17). In other words, without Jesus' resurrection, no one would have any hope of going to heaven. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith (cf. Romans 1:4).

The early church multiplied quickly in just a few short years. They grew by "leaps and bounds." People were obeying the Gospel by the thousands, and one central message laid at the heart of their decision—the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Had Jesus never been raised from the grave, the Gospel never could have been preached. The Gospel is not about a "lifeless lord," but a "risen Redeemer."

Jesus' resurrection gives meaning to a Christian's faith.

- ✦ Every Sunday when Christians partake of the Lord's Supper, we remember the Lord's death "until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). If Jesus were not risen, however, we would have no hope of His coming again, and Paul's statement here regarding the Lord's Supper would be meaningless.
- ✦ Every time Christians pray "in Jesus name," we are relying on a risen Savior—Jesus—to mediate on our behalf (1 Timothy 2:5; cf. John 14:6; 1 John 2:1). But, if Jesus were not risen, our prayers would not be heard, and our petitions to have our sins forgiven could not be granted.
- ✦ The only reason that preaching and baptizing (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16) are of any importance at all is because **Jesus is not dead**, but alive. When a person is baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), he is raised from a world of sin, "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father" (Romans 6:4).

Christians always need to keep in mind how important Jesus' resurrection is to our faith. We must not let the fact that Jesus' resurrection occurred nearly 2,000 years ago lessen the importance of His victory over death.

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### 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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### Our Missions ~ Near and Far

- ✝ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Center
- ✝ EEM ~ Russian Publications
- ✝ India
- ✝ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home
- ✝ South Africa

### ELDER CHAIRMAN

Joe Mason

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

April 16, 2017

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson  
Song Leader - Bill Nocita  
Sermon - Brian Poe

#### Communion servants for April

Mike Yuchasz    Jay Kramer  
Jacob Nelson     Steve Karwowski

#### Audio visual servitors for April

Mark Nelson     Jenna Mason

### FOR THE RECORD

April 9, 2017

Bible School	60
Sunday Morning Worship	113
Avg. attendance for 2017	117
Sunday Evening Worship	38
Mid-Week Bible Study	25
Contribution	\$3,327.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,877.60
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$16.00
Total for 2017	\$535.85