



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.



Welcome to **Ted Burleson**, who will be our speaker this morning in Brian's absence. Ted is the pulpit minister at the Hamilton Church of Christ in Hamilton, Alabama and also a professor at Amridge University in Alabama.

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 which date is best for you.

CHILDREN, 
OBEY your parents in the **Lord**
 FOR THIS IS RIGHT...
FATHERS, 
do not provoke
YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER,
 but bring them up in the
DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION
OF THE **Lord.** EPHESIANS 6:14
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Dean Hampton is scheduled for tests this week.

Bradley Urban, Jesse Poe's father, is home after having a stent inserted following a heart attack.

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

Jane Mostek, Jill's mother-in-law, is in a nursing home under hospice care in New Mexico.

Trisha Chavis, a friend of Jill Mostek & Cheryl Spurlin, is experiencing extreme pain while recovering from back surgery.

MR. & MRS.



Congratulations to **Brian Poe** and **Jesse Urban**, who were married yesterday. We wish them many blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

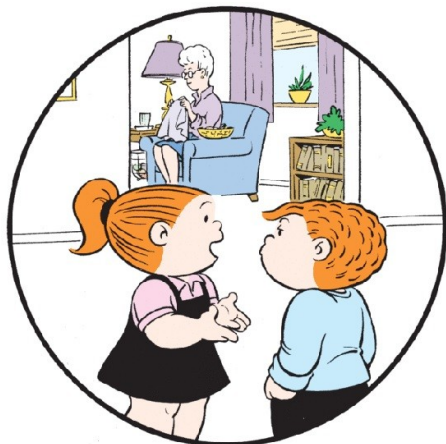
CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Mary Jean Langford

COMMODITY DRIVE

Shults-Lewis Children's Home has asked us to collect **canned mushrooms and applesauce** for their annual commodity drive. They will be here in July to pick up our items.



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."

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.

The Church: God's Family

By Joe Slater

By design, God places every person into a family. However, due to sinful people, many families become dysfunctional, so not all thoughts of “family” are pleasant ones. The church is a family in the very best use of the term. Scripture highlights several aspects of the Christian life in terms of family.

In a spiritually healthy family, we learn to behave properly. This applies in God's family, too. “. . . *I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth*” (1 Timothy 3:15). Note that the church is God's “house” – His family or household. Since God is spirit, a spiritual birth is required to become one of His children. We are begotten by the gospel (1 Corinthians 4:15); when we believe and obey the gospel in baptism, we are “born again” (see John 3:3, 5). As children of God, then, how should we behave?

First, we ought to love our Father. Children instinctively love their earthly fathers, even when we are unworthy of their affection and loyalty. Our Heavenly Father is eminently worthy of more love than we can ever give Him. “*We love Him because He first loved us*” (1 John 4:19). He demonstrated that love by giving Jesus to die for us (Romans 5:8).

One way we demonstrate love for God is by obeying His word. As children must obey their earthly parents (Ephesians 6:1-3), John tells Christians, “*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments*” (1 John 5:3). Godly parents have their children's best interests at heart. Likewise, our Heavenly Father's commands reflect His love for us. As the Bible says, “*we have had human father who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?*” (Hebrews 12:9).

Children go through stages where they think they are smarter than their parents and can do as they please. Do Christians ever treat God that way? Yes, they do so every time they vary from the pattern revealed in God's word. Whether the alteration is made to doctrine, worship, morality, or some other facet of our service to God, someone has placed his own ideas on a higher plane than the will of the Father!

One of God's commands is that we love each other (1 John 4:21). When we love each other, we also demonstrate our love for God. As a father, I would be offended if one of my children behaved hatefully toward a sibling; I would take it personally because that sibling is, in a very real way, a part of me. Likewise, as siblings in God's spiritual family, we must love one another. “*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God*” (1 John 4:7).

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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 23, 2017

Opening Prayer - Mike Serilla
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Ted Burleson

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 16, 2017

Bible School	61
Sunday Morning Worship	153
Avg. attendance for 2017	119
Sunday Evening Worship	18
Mid-Week Bible Study	28
Contribution	\$4,493.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,916.06
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$42.00
Total for 2017	\$577.85