



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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's Bible study and fellowship group will meet this **Tuesday** at 7 p.m. at the building. All men are invited & encouraged to be part of this great opportunity to learn and grow together.



There will be a potluck meal **Sunday, May 21**, following morning services. Bring your family's favorite dish, plus a little extra, and plan to stay for some great food and fellowship.

BAKE SALE

The **Kids Club** will sponsor a bake sale as a fundraiser on **Sunday, May 21**, after morning services, **during our potluck**. We need your help with donations of baked goods. Suggestions are breads, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, store bought items, etc. Please label anything with nuts. Items will not be individually priced but instead sold for donations. If you want to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.





In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Carrie Cavanary, Pearl Roy's daughter, had two separate surgeries on her back last week.

Jim Nelson, Jamie Nelson & Lori Smith's father, is home and recovering from cancer surgery.

GRADUATING



Congratulations to **Alyssa Hampton**, who will graduate Summa Cum Laude on Friday from Macomb Community College with an Associate Degree in Science. She has received many awards and honors and will continue her studies to receive her nursing degree.

CONGRATULATIONS



to our preacher, **Brian Poe**, who received his Masters of Ministry degree yesterday in Alabama from Heritage Christian University. We're proud of you, Brian.

COMMODITY DRIVE

Shults-Lewis Children's Home has asked us to collect **canned mushrooms and applesauce** for their annual commodity drive. Please place your donations on the kitchen table, clearly marked for Shults-Lewis. They will be here in July to pick up our items.



JOB OPPORTUNITY



There is a job opening at the Church of Christ Care Center for a **Development Administrative Specialist**, under the direction of Doug Edwards, Director of Philanthropy. The job description is available on the desk in the lobby.

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.

Becoming Mercy People

By Randal Caselman

It looked like any other race. The starter raised the gun. The crowd was on their feet in anticipation. The runners were out of the starting blocks. Then even the casual observer could tell something was different. This was the Special Olympics. The contestants were developmentally and physically disabled. The runners moved down the track shoulder to shoulder. Suddenly one of them fell. The other contestants continued on for another few yards. Then all of a sudden, without any communication among themselves, they *all* stopped and jogged back to their fallen friend, picked him up, comforted him, then arm-in-arm they ran to the finish-line together. You see, these runners would rather finish the race together, than to win individually.

When I read this story, I thought of the church. Isn't this really what the body of Christ, the family of God is about? Each of us have spiritual, emotional and relational disabilities. We may have looked as though we were fine as the starter raised the gun. But as the race is run all our warts, our shortcomings, our sins and disabilities begin to show. We are seen as we really are, sinners in need of help, help from God and help from one another. Sometimes we fall. It is not *if* we fall, it is *when* we fall. All of us are going to make mistakes, stumble and fall. All of us will sin. We all need help. We all need to be picked up, understood, encouraged and assisted to the finish line. You see, God in His wisdom, put the church together in such a way that we are all equipped to aid and assist one another. He has given each of us special gifts just for the purpose of helping one another. Paul says, *just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.*

God has spread among us in the church some Mercy People. Those who are willing to stop long enough to come along side us, admonish us, encourage us, help us back on our feet, put their arm around us and assist us to the finish line. James says, *if a brother wanders from truth, stumbles on the track, and one bring him back, he saves a sinner from death and covers a multitude of sins.* This is what the Hebrews' writer had in mind when he wrote, *Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak, and the knees that are feeble, make straight the paths so that the limb that is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.* What a beautiful picture of the church and the mission of Mercy People within it.

Let us be like the good Samaritan, instead of closing our eyes, excusing ourselves, judging one another and passing by on the other side, let us bind up one another's wounds, lift up the fallen, bear one another's burdens, and if need be carry them and support them until they can help themselves. We must stop trying to win this race individually. We must stop trying to compete with one another. We need to learn to pick one another up, help one another individually and corporately to the finish line. Let us become encouragers and supporters instead of critics and judges.

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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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www.facebook.com/groups/northeastcofc

Our Missions - Near and Far

- ✝ Bad Axe Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Center
- ✝ Eastern European Mission
- ✝ India
- ✝ Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home
- ✝ South Africa

ELDER CHAIRMAN

Joe Mason

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

May 7, 2017

Opening Prayer - Jim Weertz
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for May

John Kaganac Ken Mickey
Dean Stewart Dave Anderson

Audio visual servitors for May

Craig Sims Jamie Nelson

FOR THE RECORD

April 30, 2017

Bible School	63
Sunday Morning Worship	123
Avg. attendance for 2017	120
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Mid-Week Bible Study	31
Contribution	\$4,518.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,929.83
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$40.00
Total for 2017	\$644.85