



# 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.



There will be a potluck meal **this morning** following services. We invite everyone to stay and enjoy great food and fellowship.

## **BAKE SALE TODAY**

The **Kids Club** will sponsor a bake sale as a fundraiser **this morning during our potluck**. If you can't stay for potluck, come down and purchase some goodies. All monies will go to help fund the Kids Club activities.



**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called  
children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

**Matthew 5:3-10**


In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers


**Bud Killebrew** spent some time in the hospital recently for a blocked carotid artery. He will have a procedure soon to clear up the artery.

**Jim Nelson**, Lori Smith & Jamie Nelson's father, will begin radiation treatments soon.

**Walter Sims**, Craig's brother, has been diagnosed with cancer.

We also have some members and loved ones who are currently undergoing chemo treatments and some who still struggle with the effects of cancer. Remember these in your prayers:

*Marsha Arndt ~ Nina Sims ~ Judy Ward*

**SYMPATHY**



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Deanna Graves** and her family on the recent death of her father, John Conte.


**REQUESTING PRAYERS**

**Anthony Frontiera**, a friend of Chris Lenhard, requests our prayers that he can be a better example in his work place.

**NORTHEAST LADIES RETREAT**

**Sept. 23 & 24**

**Hyatt Place in Auburn Hills**

“When life gives you lemons ...  
make lemonade”



Watch for details  
and more information.




**COMMODITY DRIVE**

Shults-Lewis Children's Home has asked us to collect **canned mushrooms and applesauce** for their annual commodity drive. Please place you donations on the kitchen table, clearly marked for Shults-Lewis.



**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.

## **Donuts Are Good, “Do Nots” Are Bad**

By David Sproule

The wealth of practical teachings for everyday living in Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount” is almost limitless for us in our study of this great passage. Lessons can be gleaned by looking at the text from a number of different vantage points. It is particularly instructive to see how many times Jesus says “Do not” in this passage. Consider these sayings in chapters 6 and 7.

**“Do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them”** (6:1). In the purity of the Christian religion, kind deeds and acts of thoughtfulness are not to be done to bring attention to the doer but blessings to the receiver. Jesus was so emphatic about this point that He went on to say again, **“Do not sound a trumpet...do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing** (6:2-3). This principle is repeated in regard to fasting (6:16-18).

**“When you pray, do not use vain repetitions”** (6:7). Prayers in the life of a Christian are not governed or inhibited by man-made standards of the proper number, length or wording in prayers. While the Lord certainly gives guidelines for acceptable prayer, we must not make or seek to follow “rules” for prayer that even Jesus forbade. He went on in the next verse to say, **“Do not be like them”** (6:8).

**“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth”** (6:19). Treasures that we can see, touch, spend, use and enjoy now on this earth are the kinds of treasures that are the “easiest” ones to selfishly amass, hoard and love. However, the treasures of this earth are only temporary; there is nothing permanent or abiding about them! Daily living that stores up heavenly treasures ought to be our aim!

**“Do not worry about your life”** (6:25). In one of the longest sections of this whole sermon, Jesus deals with the matter of anxiety and worry. He wanted to impress upon His hearers (then and now) so strongly to put their trust in their Father that three times He urged, **“Do not worry about your life”** (v. 25); **“Do not worry”** (v. 31); **“Do not worry about tomorrow”** (v. 34). Instead, “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” and let God take care of the rest (Matt. 6:33).

**“Do not give what is holy to the dogs”** (7:6). There is that which is holy and sacred (i.e., the gospel of Christ), and there are those who make it abundantly clear that they despise it and want nothing to do with it. Jesus said not to allow the holy gospel to be profaned or tarnished by anyone who would seek to do it harm. Avoid them. We can learn much from what Jesus said “Do not” do!

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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
- ✝ 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 21, 2017

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason

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

May 14, 2017

Bible School	60
Sunday Morning Worship	118
Avg. attendance for 2017	120
Sunday Evening Worship	15
Mid-Week Bible Study	35
Contribution	\$3,372.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,898.21
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$22.00
Total for 2017	\$693.49