



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.

KIDS CLUB - TEENS



What is the Kids Club - Teen Edition? It's for anyone 12 years and older who want to be involved in fun group activities and also participate in service projects in our community. The first activity planned is a trip to the Zombie Escape Room and dinner at Shogun on **Saturday, June 17**. The cost is \$20 per person, and transportation will be provided, leaving from the church building at 4:15. There are only 3 spots left, so get your name on the list today. Thank you to **Ken & Amy Mickey** for your insight into the value of getting our young people involved and active. There are other activities and service projects planned for the upcoming months. Watch the bulletin for details. Adult volunteers and chaperones will be needed for all activities and projects. If you want to help, see Amy.

**“Make me walk along the
path of your commands,
for that is where my
happiness is found.”**

Psalm 119:35



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Jay Kramer was in the hospital briefly last week for tests. He will have additional tests this week.

Gary Lauwers is scheduled to have shoulder replacement surgery on June 19.

Bill Sanders, Betty's son, is in intensive care at the hospital in Cadillac with pancreatic cancer.

Kelsi Spurlin, Cheryl's granddaughter, will have cranial corrective surgery in July. She will need to undergo a lot of testing and extensive x-rays in preparation for this surgery.

Carlos Cook, Cindy Wilson's uncle, is home from rehab and will begin chemo/radiation treatments soon.

GRADUATING



Congratulations to **Quincy Stewart**, who will graduate from L'Anse Creuse High School on June 6. He was in auto tech at L'Anse Creuse for two years and plans to attend Macomb Community College for auto technology. We're proud of you, Quincy.



"Thank you for your support and prayers during my dad's illness. Special thanks for the beautiful flower arrangement. I love my Northeast family." **Deanna Graves** and the family of John Conte.

AREA CHURCH NEWS



The **Van Dyke Church of Christ** will hold an installation ceremony of **Lonale Stewart** as their full time pulpit minister this afternoon at 3:00 at their building.

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and bought goodies at the bake sale last week. Your generous donations totaled **\$504.34**, and all monies go to help fund the activities for the Kids Club.

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.

TRUE HAPPINESS

By W. Terry Varner

Most people seek happiness. Why not, happiness is great in any one's life. It is not wrong to seek happiness. For many people, happiness is tied to external circumstances and to what happens in their life—"Happiness is a new toy." "Happiness is retirement," or whatever.

Man's Search for Happiness. People seek happiness in those things which do not produce happiness. In man's search for happiness, people try old things, new things, and often radical things in their search. America's Declaration of Independence states that we have a right to "the pursuit of happiness." Mankind seeks happiness but he often never finds it. Our reasoning is not always the most logical. "If I had a bigger house I would be happy." For how long? "If I could get that job, I would be happy" For how long? "If had more money, I would be happy." How much money and for how long would it satisfy? Because of our foolishness in the search for happiness, advertisers spend billions to convince us we are unhappy without their product.

Jesus' Offer of Happiness. Jesus offers man many things—the way to the Father (John 14:6), forgiveness through His blood (Matthew 26:28), salvation (2 Timothy 2:10), redemption (Ephesians 1:7), et al. The Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, describe citizens in His kingdom and lists the attitudes and behaviors resulting in happiness. Each Beatitude is introduced with the word "Blessed" meaning "fortunate, happy, free from daily cares and worries". The Beatitudes teach us how to relate to God and our fellowman that we may be happy. The happiness Jesus' offers allows us to be happy regardless the circumstances in this life in which we may find ourselves.

How Happiness in Jesus Is Achieved. Physical happiness in our life is achieved in many ways, but it is always temporary. Man's spiritual nature seeks happiness, peace, joy, contentment, et al. The difference between physical and spiritual happiness is the difference between that which is temporal and that which is eternal. The enjoyment of salvation and the promise of eternally dwelling in heaven is something with permanency. Salvation, hope of eternal life, and the unchangeableness of God's promises are true and produce happiness. There is no comparison between life of 80, 90, or 100 plus years and with the eternity of heaven. You ask, "must we not deal with life here?" The answer is "yes," but in this life we must place the emphasis on the eternal rather than the temporary.

Applying Jesus' Teaching to Our Life. How are we to apply His eternal principles in our life so as to be happy? Jesus instructs man in the Sermon on the Mount to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Our obligation—"seek." Our order—"first." Our object—"the kingdom of God and His righteousness." This text instructs all to seek and to apply God's will to life. We are to make spiritual matters first and foremost, and all other matters secondary. We may not always get what we want, but God will provide all that each of us needs if we seek His will. The eternal can never fade, can never be torn down, and can never lose its value! It is imperative that we depend upon God in life. Are you happy? Are you seeking happiness God's way? If not, why?

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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 28, 2017

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson
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 21, 2017

Bible School	59
Sunday Morning Worship	122
Avg. attendance for 2017	120
Sunday Evening Worship	20
Mid-Week Bible Study	20
Contribution	\$4,132.29
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,909.36
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$43.40
Total for 2017	\$736.89