



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.



### **KIDS CLUB - TEENS**

Teens, don't forget about the trip to the Zombie Escape Room and dinner at Shogun **this Saturday**. The cost is \$20 per person, and transportation will be provided, leaving from the church building at 4:15. Sign up today on the Kids Club bulletin board.



### **STEAK & CORN ROAST**

The Church of Christ Care Center's 30th Annual Steak & Corn Roast will take place on Saturday, **August 19**, at 5 p.m. under the big tent on the Care Center grounds. Tickets are \$75 if you purchase them before July 31, and after that the cost will be \$85. Our own Gloria Conti and her aide and students from Lutz School will be honored at the dinner for their volunteer work done at the Care Center. To purchase tickets call Patti at 586-285-1725 or email her at [pjenema@cofccc.org](mailto:pjenema@cofccc.org).



 *In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers* 

*Bud Killebrew* had tests last week in preparation for upcoming surgery.  
*Gary Lauwers* is scheduled to have shoulder replacement surgery on June 19.  
*Linda Bieri* and *Diane Adameczyk*, Jessica Cronk's aunts, have both had surgery for cancer recently.  
*Carrie Cavanary*, Peal Roy's daughter, will have back surgery June 22.

**NEW ADDRESS**



**Mary Jean Langford**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Best wishes to **Paul & Peggy Sarenius**, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 8.



**SHULTS-LEWIS**



Commodity drive items needed are **canned mushrooms and applesauce**.



**LADIES RETREAT**  
**Sept. 23 & 24, 2017**  
**Hyatt Place in Auburn Hills**



Excitement is building and plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Northeast Ladies Retreat. The theme for the weekend is **“When life gives you lemons . . . make lemonade”**, and our speaker this year will be Veronica Cunningham, a lifelong friend of Megan Thomas. We hope all Northeast ladies, ages 18 and up, can join us as we explore how God gives us strength to overcome even the most trying of situations. If you have interest, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. The retreat committee (Cindy Wilson, Barb Kramer, Megan Thomas and Vicki Loftis) has worked diligently planning motivational, inspiring, and fun activities. You can see any of the committee members if you have any questions. Please keep this event in your prayers that our endeavors may bring glory to God.

## **Real, Non-Disappointing Hope—Proof is in The Holy Spirit**

by David Shannon

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make up the Trinity. God the Spirit is often the neglected member of the Godhead in our study and perhaps even in appreciation. Yet Paul doesn't neglect the Spirit as He often writes of His power and involvement in the lives of Christians. In Romans 5, he offered the Spirit as a part of the source of our hope. Let's see the tremendous hope we have offered from this "Helper" (Romans 8:26).

Romans 5:1-5: *“ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulations produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

Hope is a strong, powerful gift from the Spirit of God, offered to Christians. It causes us to have the courage to continue and the optimism to faithfully move forward. Walk through these five verses again.

**Romans 5:1** - Through Jesus we can have peace with God. Life without peace erodes hope!

**Romans 5:2** - We are at peace because of our hope in God who we glorify. This hope (in God) has taught us to also glory during difficult and painful times.

**Roman 5:3** - The opportunity to endure is only because of God and will even move us closer to Him! Perseverance isn't a quality of man, but of God. We glory in the opportunity to find this attribute of God in our lives.

**Romans 5:4** - We know that when we persevere, character is being constructed in our lives. Character isn't proven or tempered until it has passed through trials without wavering. A life which has accomplished this is evident of a Power higher than man—this life reflects God! Man doesn't glory in trials or persevere or build character—God does! The man who gives himself over to God (Matthew 16:24) can then and only then experience the hope of God! The cost of denying self to have hope is a high price, is it worth it?

**Romans 5:5** - Paul boldly and gratefully states, “Now hope does not disappoint”. You and I will never face eternity regretting we persevered with God—hope never disappoints.

Do you need proof? What about an earnest payment to reinforce His promise? Will God put down a payment of a few hundred dollars? Will He give a beautiful sunrise to you and then say, “now believe me”? There are many ways we can see the power of God and the fulfillment of His powerful promises, but here Paul goes back to the earnest of the Holy Spirit given to us! Read verse 5 again. The gift of the Holy Spirit proves His abounding love. When God says something radical like, “glory in tribulations,” He proves He isn't setting you up for disappointment, for He sent His Helper—The Holy Spirit! Now will you glory in tribulations?

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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

June 11, 2017

Opening Prayer - Dean Stewart  
Song Leader - Bill Nocita  
Sermon - Brian Poe

#### Communion servants for June

Mike Yuchasz Jay Kramer  
Craig Sims Jacob Nelson

#### Audio visual servitors for June

Scott Smith Kara Mason

### FOR THE RECORD

June 4, 2017

Bible School	44
Sunday Morning Worship	108
Avg. attendance for 2017	119
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Mid-Week Bible Study	33
Contribution	\$3,312.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,866.24
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$22.40
Total for 2017	\$792.10