



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.

POTLUCK TODAY



There will be a potluck meal **this morning** following services. We invite everyone to join us as we share a meal and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

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.

CHURCH IN THE PARK



We invite everyone to join us as we worship with other area congregations on **Sunday, August 13**, at Butcher Park in Warren. The event will begin with a picnic meal together at 4:30, followed by services at 5:30. Bringing us the message will be Lonale Stewart, the minister at the Van Dyke Church of Christ. In order to plan for enough food, we ask that you sign up in the hallway. Invite family and friends to join you as we all worship God and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

 **In Our Thoughts
and Prayers** 

Eleanor Wooldridge is home from the hospital.

Connie Patenaude, Russ' mother, will have surgery Friday to remove a non-malignant tumor in her brain.


Kelsi Spurlin, Cheryl's granddaughter, will have facial & cranial corrective surgery on July 21.

STEAK & CORN ROAST




The Church of Christ Care Center will be "Celebrating the 1970's" at their 30th Annual Steak & Corn Roast, which will take place on **Saturday, August 19**, at 5 p.m. under the big tent on the Care Center grounds, Garth Pleasant, former Rochester College men's basketball coach, will share some "Sports Memories" and entertainment for the evening will be provided by Dueling Pianos. Our own Gloria Conti, her aide, and students from Lutz School will be honored at the dinner for the volunteer work they do at the Care Center. Tickets are \$75 if you purchase them before July 31, and after that the cost will be \$85. See Barb Kramer to purchase your ticket.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

Sunday morning, July 23, our  preacher, Brian, will exchange pulpits with **Peter Morphy**, the preacher at the Royal Oak Church of Christ. We look forward to hearing from Peter.

BALL GAME & PIZZA

Attention teens! Harding University is sponsoring a Detroit Tigers game and pizza dinner at PizzaPapalis in Greektown on **Monday, July 24**.  The cost is only \$20 for dinner and the ball game. Please sign up in the hallway if you want to go. See Mark Wilson for details.

VBS AT BAD AXE CHURCH



The Bad Axe Church of Christ will hold their Vacation Bible School **August 7-9**. We are planning to take a group up there to be assistants, helpers, or do whatever they need. They will provide all the teachers. There will be no cost to you and accommodations will be provided. If you would like to be part of this exciting adventure, please see Brian or Joe & Lori Mason. Adults, teens - you can help make a difference. Bad Axe is one of our mission fields and it would be great to let them know how much we appreciate and support them in their efforts.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

By Dan Jenkins

Christianity was never designed to be a religion of sadness. The words joy and rejoice are found more than 400 times in the Bible. How could any relationship with God be anything other than the most marvelous experience one could have on this earth? When Paul described the fruit of the Spirit working in our lives, the second word he used was joy. Life with Him can never be a life of despair and gloom.

There is joy associated for those who teach others. There is great joy for those who teach. When Jesus told His disciples that the fields were ready to be reaped, He said that both those who sow and those who reap shall rejoice together (John 4:36). The psalmist said that those who sow shall without doubt come rejoicing (Psalm 126:5-6).

There is joy for those who are taught about Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, there were 3,000 who received the word with joy (Acts 2:41). When Philip preached in Samaria, “There was great joy in that city” (Acts 8:8). The Ethiopian “...went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:39). The man who found the treasure of the kingdom “...for joy over it goes and sells all he had and buys the field” (Matthew 13:44). Think about your own experience. Has there ever been any day surpassing the day your sins were forgiven?

There is joy in the midst of trials as a Christian. When adversity comes into our lives God tell us to “...count it all joy when you fall into various trials” (James. 1:3). How can this be? God gives the answer in the verses that follow. It is the trials in our lives which make us “...perfect and complete lacking in nothing.” Notice also that God said count it *all* joy! We must not focus on the trials of adversity but on the results of them. Jesus used some amazing words to describe our response when we are hated by others for His sake. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy” (Luke 6:23). He does not see such times of adversity as a time to weep but as a time to rejoice. But, even more than just a time for joy—a time to *leap* for joy!

There is immeasurable joy awaiting us at the end of our lives. As Paul journeyed to Jerusalem for the final time he passed through many cities. In every one of them there were prophets who foretold the chains and tribulations which he would face when he arrived. Such did not deter his resolve for he longed to “...finish my race with joy” (Acts 20:24). It was this same joy which Jesus spoke of when His disciples were rejoicing that they had the power to cast out demons. He said, “Do not rejoice in this ... but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.”

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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

Bill Nocita

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

July 9, 2017

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for July

John Kaganac Steve Karwowski
Ken Mickey Dave Anderson

Audio visual servitor for July

Dean Stewart Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

July 2, 2017

Bible School	49
Sunday Morning Worship	101
Avg. attendance for 2017	118
Sunday Evening Worship	19
Mid-Week Bible Study	31
Contribution	\$2,156.25
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,763.66
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$57.00
Total for 2017	\$966.10