



# 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.

## **CHURCH IN THE PARK**



We invite everyone to join us as we worship & picnic together with our fellow brothers and sisters from Van Dyke and North Warren **next Sunday afternoon** at Butcher Park in Warren. The event will begin with a picnic meal together at 4:30, followed by service 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. Hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes & drinks for the meal will be provided. ***If you wish you can bring a finger dessert to share & lawn chairs for your family.*** There is a map to the park available on the desk in the lobby. Invite family and friends to join you as we all worship God and fellowship together. ***There will be no services at our building next Sunday night.***

## **AREA WIDE SINGING TODAY**



The Royal Oak Church of Christ will host an area wide singing **this afternoon from 3-5 p.m.** Everyone is invited to join together with other brothers and sisters to worship in song.

 **In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers** 

**Lori Smith** is recovering from surgery on her leg.

**Dale Elliott** is awaiting test results.

**Carlos Cook**, Cindy Wilson's uncle, is receiving chemo treatments

**T. Christopher Flemings**, one of the India missionaries we support, has heart problems and is in need of stents.

We have some members, friends, 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 ~ Carlos Cook ~ Walter Sims  
Nina Sims ~ Judy Ward ~ Vernon Wooldridge**

### **GRADUATION PARTY**

Everyone is invited to a graduation  open house for **Quincy Stewart** on **Sunday, August 20**, from 12:30-6:00 at Blossom Heath Park, on Jefferson just south of 10 Mile Rd. (behind Blossom Heath Inn). Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.

### **LADIES RETREAT**

 Gals if you haven't signed up for our retreat, now is the time to do it! Pick up a registration form and schedule in the lobby. ***We ask that you turn in your registration form and deposit as soon as possible*** to any committee member - Cindy Wilson, Barb Kramer, Megan Thomas or Vicki Loftis. We hope all Northeast ladies can join us as we share and grow and learn how to make lemonade out of our lemons.

### **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". 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 \$85 and you can get yours today from Barb Kramer.**

**BE STILL  
AND KNOW THAT  
I AM GOD.**  
PSALMS 46:10

## The Fruit Of The Spirit Is Longsuffering

By Kent Heaton

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)*

The word longsuffering is a great word because it is a long word that has suffer in its middle. As a fruit of the Spirit, it is one of the key ingredients to the character of the child of God. The emotions of love, joy and peace are found in the spirit of the nature of God and expressed in many ways. Longsuffering is a word that describes a patient and humble spirit of bearing up under whatever circumstances life brings. The mind of the growing Christian is willing to quietly view situations with a greater clarity of mind than those who are impatient and impetuous. Not everything in life goes according to plan. People disappoint and they fail us. There are many things in life that fill our days with troubles and problems seemingly never to end. The spirit of longsuffering is a mind that understands the nature of life and its brevity.

Learning the true character of longsuffering comes from viewing God's longsuffering. How many a generation of people has the Lord patiently endured all the disrespect, dishonor and disregard and yet He continues to bless man with rain, sunshine, food and clothing? In our own lives how often have we sinned and begged the Lord for forgiveness and He continually blesses us with His grace and His mercy. Longsuffering is a spirit of bearing under the trials of life with the end view in mind of God's purpose. When we learn the power of His longsuffering, we can embrace our own spirit to learn to be longsuffering toward others.

The fruit of the Spirit is a vital part of the Christian's life. Longsuffering is no less an important element of the character that sets the child of God apart from the world. In many ways it is the hinge pin of all the other fruits of the Spirit holding together the complete makeup of godliness and holiness. Longsuffering requires a proper view of people and the world. Only through the eyes of God can a man see clearly to understand the need of suffering long. This is not a negative trait but a positive one. Longsuffering brings about love, peace and joy. It will help one to be kind, good, faithful and gentle. The end result will be greater power to control self.

Forgiveness is an easier pill to swallow when we exercise the spirit of longsuffering. This trait turns our heart toward God and allows His will to be accomplished. We suffer long with others because they have the same needs as we. Their need for grace is as large as mine. The spirit of longsuffering recognizes that I must be longsuffering towards others because God is longsuffering to me. If I cannot love my brother here on earth to exercise a humble spirit of longsuffering then how can I expect the Lord to use His measure of longsuffering to my life? Longsuffering is why we have two ears and one mouth. We should listen much more than we talk. Proving our words and actions before we let them go instills the fruit of the Spirit in our longsuffering. Being patient with one another builds relationships of love and trust.

There is a reason the word 'long' is in longsuffering. It will take time and sometimes it may take more time. Our goals are not to accomplish my will but rather to seek the will of God in my relationship with others. When life begins to press upon us, the spirit of longsuffering reminds us that our greatest day will be when we leave this world and join the angels in Heaven singing praises to the Lord. That is our vision that gives us longsuffering. Our minds are not on the things of this world but the things that are above. It makes suffering long so much easier.

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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

August 6, 2017

Opening Prayer - Bill Nocita  
Song Leader - Mark Wilson  
Sermon - Brian Poe

#### Communion servants for August

Jay Kramer                Dean Stewart  
Ken Mickey                Mike Yushasz

#### Audio visual servitor for August

Jenna Mason              Craig Sims

### FOR THE RECORD

July 30, 2017

Bible School	45
Sunday Morning Worship	104
Avg. attendance for 2017	116
Sunday Evening Worship	17
Mid-Week Bible Study	34
Contribution	\$4,501.08
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,754.23
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$42.00
Total for 2017	\$1,123.65