



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 hope everyone will stay and be part of this great fellowship opportunity.

BIBLE CLASSES

 Starting today, **Russ Patenaude** will begin teaching the **adult Bible class** downstairs. Also, this **Wednesday** the **ladies Bible study class** will resume. **Deanna Graves** will lead the discussion study with lessons from the book of Isaiah. There are classes available for all ages, birth through adults. You are encouraged to be part of our Bible classes each Sunday morning. You will definitely be blessed and edified by being here.

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. 



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Sarah Christie, Judy Eldridge's granddaughter, has been diagnosed with gestational diabetes.

Dale Elliott is showing some improvement with his health issues.

MCREST



Sunday, Oct. 1, begins our MCREST week. Once again this year we will open our building to approximately 30 homeless women and children, providing them food and shelter for a week. We appreciate **Bill Nocita**, who is our program coordinator, and **Cindy Wilson**, who is the kitchen coordinator, and all the hours they put into organizing and overseeing this work. Are you willing to give up some sleep, time, and money to help those who experience everyday struggles and hardships? It's only once a year that we ask you to possibly go out of your comfort zone and work together with our church family to show these women and children that we care for them. Please take this time to pray for this work, our guests, and how you can make a difference in their lives. This is a very worthwhile and needed work, and many volunteers are needed to make this program run smoothly and efficiently. The volunteer and food lists are posted on the wall. Take the time to check them out and sign up today. There are several opportunities to help and/or donate food items.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40

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.

SELF-CONTROL

By Rod Ellison

This grace is a paradox . . . In reality, we aren't talking about being controlled by our own intellect or wisdom: *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death* (Proverbs 14:12). In 2 Peter we are instructed to give ourselves over to God and allow His teachings to control our lives.

From the beginning of creation, God's word has brought order out of chaos. It naturally follows that part of growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord is adding the paradoxical grace of "self-control" — bringing order to the chaotic. The Bible addresses this concept in the Old and New Testaments. The aforementioned Proverb refers to this principle, as does Galatians 5, wherein "self-control" is a fruit of the spirit.

David exhibits self-control while being pursued by Saul. Twice he spares Saul's life 1 Samuel 24-26. We also witness David's "self-control" in dealing with Shimei, one of Saul's relatives. Shimei physically and verbally attacks King David (2 Samuel 16:9-12). David's faith and dependence on God were key to the self-control he showed toward Saul and Shimei. We see this same underlying grace in Joseph when approached by Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:9-10). Both Joseph and David showed an attitude of dependence on God; the self-control they exhibited is inherent in a right relationship with God. The truth of the matter is, self-control or self-discipline, is impossible in and of ourselves. True self-control comes from the insight we receive from God's wisdom and is put into practice when we allow His will to control our will. Therein lies the paradox "self-control" doesn't come from inside us, it comes from giving ourselves over to God, allowing His will for our lives to lead us in living holy lives.

The greatest example of this grace is Christ in the garden before He is betrayed. He prays for the strength to do the will of His Father. Jesus demonstrates that the true meaning of self-control is not being led by self-will, but rather God's will: *"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."* He went away a second time and prayed, *"My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."* (Matthew 26:41-42)

For Christians the grace of "self-control" is about following Christ's example: *"not our will, but His will be done"*. *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and he delights in His way."* (Psalm 37:23)

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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

September 10, 2017

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell
Song Leader - Mark Wilson
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for September

Steve Karwowski Craig Sims
Dave Anderson John Kaganac

Audio visual servitor for September

Jamie Nelson Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

September 3, 2017

Bible School	45
Sunday Morning Worship	103
Avg. attendance for 2017	115
Sunday Evening Worship	27
Mid-Week Bible Study	29
Contribution	\$3,025.50
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,687.27
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$25.00
Total for 2017	\$1,321.53