



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Sunday you will have the opportunity to make a special  donation for the hurricane victims in Texas and Florida. The funds will be sent to local congregations ministering to the victims. *Please use a special contribution envelope clearly marked for hurricane relief* and place it in the collection with your regular contribution. Continue to keep those affected by this tragedy in your prayers.

MCREST MEETING TODAY

 **This morning**, immediately following services, there will be a meeting for anyone who plans to be part of our MCREST week. This undertaking requires the volunteer help of many to make things go smoothly and efficiently. Please take a little time to come to the meeting and see where you can help. Pray for this work, our guests, and how you can make a difference in their lives. If you have questions about volunteering see **Bill Nocita**. If you have questions about the meals/food donations see **Cindy Wilson**.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Benjamin Poe, Brian & Jesse's little one, swallowed a screw last week and is in intensive care at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital recovering from an emergency tracheotomy. They hope to bring him home this week and the trach will need to stay in for a month.

Mary Jean Langford is experiencing additional health struggles and the family has requested no visitors at this time.

Kay Ringeisen, Debbie Purgatori's mother, is in McLaren Macomb Hospital receiving treatment for an infection.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Waterford congregation** on the sudden death last week of **David Simpson**, one of their elders

SYMPATHY



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Eleanor Wooldridge**, whose son, Vernon, passed away last Friday in Alabama. Also, with **Helen Miron** on the recent death of her sister, Judy.

LEADER MEETING



Next Sunday, following morning services, there will be a meeting for our preacher, elders and deacons. Pray for our leaders as they guide us and shepherd us on our journey.

KIDS ACTIVITY



Kids of all ages are invited to the Kids Olympics on **Sunday, Oct. 8**, following morning services. More details will be coming. Sign up today in the hallway. If you have any questions you can see Pam Stewart.

CARE CENTER EVENT



The Church of Christ Care Center invites everyone to a benefit concert, featuring the famed acappella gospel group **Acappella**, on **Saturday, Oct. 21**, at 2:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Avondale High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets prices through Oct. 1 are \$30 for general admission, with discounts for seniors and youth. To purchase tickets call Judy at 586-285-1704. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more details.

USED EYEGLASSES NEEDED



Brenda McCraw will be traveling to **South Africa** in December, as part of a mission trip and will be taking used eyeglasses to be distributed to the people there. If you have any that you would like to donate, please place them in the box in the lobby. If you have any questions you can talk to Brenda.

HEAVENLY MINDED AND EARTHLY GOOD

By Dan Gulley

Sister Smith, the Sunday school teacher, asked her preschool class, "How many of you would like to go to heaven?" All the children raised their hands except Freddie. The teacher asked Freddie why he wouldn't like to go to heaven. His reply: "I'm sorry, but I can't. I'm here with my aunt, and my mother told me to come home right after Sunday school."

Almost everybody expresses a desire and expects to go to heaven, but nobody wants to go now! You may have heard it said some Christians are so heavenly-minded they are no earthly good. Indeed, it seems some believers become not only separated but also isolated from the world. Jesus said about His disciples, "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." But in the verse immediately preceding that one He declared, "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one." And in the same passage, which is His prayer for the apostles the night before He died on the cross, He also prayed to the Father, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world" (John 17:16,15,17-18).

Our mission as disciples of Christ is clearly defined. We are not to be conformed to this world. But neither are we to withdraw from it to the point we refuse to reach out and engage and serve our world with an aim toward sharing Christ and redeeming it. We must be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, but we don't help the world or the Lord's work if we keep the salt in shakers and hide the light under baskets we call church buildings. True - we must not be so earthly-minded we are no heavenly good, but we must also avoid the opposite extreme of gathering together in holy huddles with other Christians where we study the Bible but then do nothing more than "curse the darkness" and discuss doctrine and debate "issues" but never seriously attempt to take Him who is the light of the world out where all the darkness is.

Jesus was the most heavenly-minded individual who ever lived. He came down from Heaven, talked and preached about Heaven, called people to go to Heaven, and at last He died and arose and went back to Heaven. But while here, He engaged in and did a lot of earthly good (see Luke 19:10; Acts 10:38; Luke 22:27; Mark 10:45, etc.).

Study the life of Abraham and you will find he is a powerful Bible example of someone who pleased God by being heavenly-minded and doing earthly good. How did he do it? Hebrews 10:10 says, "He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Abraham knew there was a place even better than the Promised Land of Canaan. But he also knew while he was there he had to live in tents, live by faith, and do the will of God. C. S. Lewis said, "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one." To please God we have to be heavenly-minded and engage in doing good while here on earth.

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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 17, 2017

Opening Prayer - Joe Mason

Song Leader - Bill Nocita

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 10, 2017

Bible School	53
Sunday Morning Worship	112
Avg. attendance for 2017	115
Sunday Evening Worship	26
Mid-Week Bible Study	33
Contribution	\$3,847.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,691.59
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$38.00
Total for 2017	\$1,359.53