



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.

GIVING TREE



Once again this year we have the opportunity to help two needy families in our area with Christmas gifts. Amy Mickey has put up the giving tree in the back of the auditorium with gift suggestions for the families. Take one or more of the ornament tags, purchase the item, and put the wrapped gift in the basement. Please *lightly* tape the tag on the outside of the package. Do not wrap gift cards. Your gifts need to be at the building no later than Sunday, **Dec. 17.**

KIDS CLUB PARTY



Make plans now for the Kids Club Christmas Party on **Sunday, Dec. 17,** after morning services. The fun will begin immediately after services. Lunch will be provided. The afternoon will be filled with Christmas crafts, movies, music, and so much more. Sign up on the Kids Club bulletin board. Adults, helpers are also needed for that day. If you can volunteer please see Amy Mickey.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Johnny Lynch will have hernia surgery on November 30.

Judy Eldridge is still experiencing quite a bit of pain from a recent fall.

SYMPATHY



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Terry Graves** and his family on the recent death of his father, Jim.

GOODIE EXCHANGE



Ladies, plans are being made for a holiday goodie exchange next month. We hope to include everyone so we want your help to decide which night is best for everyone. Please take the time to check it out the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the hallway and indicate which day is the best for you. We will then make plans accordingly. Thanks to **Carla Murray** and her helpers for planning this event.

PURPOSE SUNDAY

Sunday, December 10

IT'S A BOY!



Congratulations to **Beth & Erik Stocker** on the birth of a grandson, **Ethan Belmont**, born to **Sarah & Tim Christie**, their daughter & son-in-law. Ethan was delivered by an emergency caesarean section on November 21, weighing 8 lb, 1 oz. Proud great-grandma is **Judy Eldridge**.

MISSION TRIP



Brenda McCraw will travel to South Africa **Dec. 26 - Jan. 8**, with a group of Christians from other congregations for an evangelistic/medical mission. If anyone would like to help Brenda financially for this trip, you can make out your check to Mission Minded Charitable Trust, earmarked for Brenda McCraw, and give your donation to Brenda.

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.

'WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?'

By Aaron C. Andrews

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

I wonder how many people really believe that verse? How many people even among Christians believe that God really has something great in eternity? I think a lot of people believe that heaven isn't going to be all that great because after all what is the most common image that you see of heaven? Hollywood has told us that Heaven is always sterile white, everybody is just standing around and have big fluffy wings and is really bored. How exciting and interesting does that look?

Yet over and over again the Bible shows us that heaven is going to be better than anything we could possibly fathom here on this earth. The Hebrew writer tells us that Abraham waited, “for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10). If God built it then I am going to guess that just looking upon it will be better than anything we've ever known.

In that glorious place that God built we will have heavenly bodies. Now I certainly don't know everything about what those bodies will be like, but Paul tells us that our bodies will be glorious: “When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:4). We are told that we'll be like Jesus in these new heavenly bodies.

In Heaven we will know a better company of people. This world around us is harsh and cruel and we get tired of the things that wicked people do. In Heaven those things will not exist. “But there shall be no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life” (Revelation 21:27).

Finally, in Heaven we will get to live with our Lord forever. Jesus tells his disciples, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3). That is where I want to live. What would that be like to live with the one who made everything? The one who is our God for all time? I can tell you that it will be awesome to be in His presence. That is what Heaven promises.

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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

Mark Wilson

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

November 26, 2017

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

Communion servants for November

Craig Sims Dave Anderson
Steve Karwowski John Kaganac

Audio visual servitor for November

Jenna Mason Craig Sims

FOR THE RECORD

November 19, 2017

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| Bible School | 60 |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 105 |
| Avg. attendance for 2017 | 113 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 25 |
| Mid-Week Bible Study | 43 |
| Contribution | \$3,548.25 |
| Avg. contribution for 2017 | \$3,634.14 |
| Budget | \$3,872.00 |
| Shults-Lewis | \$29.00 |
| Total for 2017 | \$1,596.63 |