



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 NEXT WEEK



Everyone is invited to stay after services **next Sunday morning** for a potluck meal. Bring your family's favorite dish, plus a little extra for sharing, and join us for some fabulous food, fun, and fellowship.

PURPOSE SUNDAY



Next Sunday will be Purpose Sunday. At that time you will have the opportunity to pledge your giving for 2018. This week you will receive a copy of the proposed budget for next year in the mail. Pray for this effort and what you can do to support the works of our congregation.

WINTERFEST

Winterfest 2018 in Gatlinburg will be **Feb. 15-18**. If you would like to be part of the Northeast group going down for this exciting event, please see Mark Wilson soon for details.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Johnny Lynch is recovering from successful hernia surgery.

KIDS CLUB PARTY




Make plans now to be part of 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.

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.

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. There are some gift guidelines on the desk in the lobby with other suggestions of things you can do to help the families. Your gifts need to be at the building no later than Sunday, **Dec. 17**.

GOODIE EXCHANGE



Ladies, our holiday goodie exchange will be **Thursday, Dec. 21** at 7 p.m. We will have some snacks and then share our goodies. It can be cookies, candy, fudge, etc. Your goodies do not have to be homemade. Bring 3 dozen of whatever you want and an empty container to gather your goodies to take home. Sign up in the hallway if you plan to be here. Hope all you ladies will be able to be part of this festivity. Thanks to Carla Murray and her helpers for organizing this event.

FOOD BASKETS

We will again distribute food baskets during the Christmas season. The baskets will be given out on **Sunday, Dec. 17**. If you want to help with a donation and/or food please see **Paul Klemczak** or **Paul Wooldridge**.



HOLIDAY SERVICES

There will be **no evening service** at our building on **Christmas eve**. On **New Year's Eve** we will have a devo at our 5:00 service and then invite everyone to stay for a **Family Fun Night**. We will have more details later but plan to be here to close out the year with your church family.



HOLIDAY MEAL

Plans are being made to prepare and serve a meal to the residents of the senior housing apartments next door to our building. It will take place in an activity room in their building on **Thursday, Dec. 28**, from 4-7 p.m. Following dinner there will be time to visit and enjoy some games with the residents. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you can donate any amount of time please sign up in the hallway. You can see Brian if you have any questions.



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. She is also collecting personal size toiletries to take. See Brenda for details.



“EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY”

By David Sproule

When God speaks to us about our giving (i.e., about our contribution in worship to Him, in order to support the work of the church), He always emphasizes that it is to be done according to one's ability to give. We are to give as we “may prosper” (1 Corinthians 16:2). There is to be a direct proportion between how much we prosper and how much we give. Our giving is accepted by God “according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have” (2 Corinthians 8:12). Each is to give “according to his ability” to give (Acts 11:29; cf. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3). The Old Testament principle stated it this way: “...they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you” (Deuteronomy 16:16-17). “As the Lord blesses you” is the measure for giving. So, here's the question: Are you giving according to your ability to give, according to how the Lord has blessed you?

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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

December 3, 2017

Opening Prayer - Jim Weertz
Song Leader - Mark Wilson
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for December

Jay Kramer Ken Mickey
Dean Stewart Mike Yuchasz

Audio visual servitor for December

Scott Smith Jamie Nelson

FOR THE RECORD

November 26, 2017

Bible School	63
Sunday Morning Worship	108
Avg. attendance for 2017	113
Sunday Evening Worship	23
Mid-Week Bible Study	43
Contribution	\$3,805.10
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,637.71
Budget	\$3,872.00
Shults-Lewis	\$32.85
Total for 2017	\$1,600.48