



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.


KIDS CLUB PARTY TODAY

The Kids Club Christmas Party is today beginning **after morning service**. Lunch will be provided. The afternoon will be filled with Christmas crafts, movies, music, and so much more. The party will be over in time for our 5:00 services tonight.



HOLIDAY SERVICES

There will be **no evening service** at our building on next Sunday, **Christmas eve**.

 On **New Year's Eve** we will have a devo at our 5:00 p.m. service and then invite everyone to stay for a **Family Fun Night**. Bring your favorite munchies, snacks, beverages, and games and plan to end the year celebrating with your church family.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you did not have the chance to get a set of contribution envelopes for next year, they are available in the lobby. Please give your completed Purpose Card to one of the elders.



SHUT-INS

Let's remember our senior members:

- Ollie Bateman**
- Joanne Ellis**
- Marie Hershberger**
- Marilyn Jones**
- Bud & Charlene Killebrew**
- Joyce Loftis**
- Pat Mull**
- Jeannette Schiele**
- Milodene Ward**

Cards are always welcome!

GOODIE EXCHANGE



Ladies, our holiday goodie exchange will be **this Thursday**, 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.

HOLIDAY MEAL



Our Northeast family will prepare and serve a meal to 50 residents of the senior housing apartments next door to our building on **Thursday, Dec. 28**, from **4-7 p.m.** It will take place in an activity room in their building. Following dinner there will be time to visit and enjoy some crafts and music with the residents. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you can donate any amount of time, please check the sign-up list in the hallway for the various tasks. You can see Brian or Lori Mason if you have any questions.

CAROLING



Last Thursday night 22 people went to the Care Center's nursing home to enlighten the residents there with some Christmas carols. **Thank you to Hollie Stocker** for organizing this wonderful activity.

WINTERFEST



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

MDYC CONCERT



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus will be at Northeast on Sunday night, **January 21, 2018**. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this opportunity to praise God along with this wonderful group of teens. *The chorus begins their concert season tonight at the Plymouth congregation.* Keep this wonderful group of young people and board members in your prayers as they travel each week to different congregations, sharing God's love through song.

THE MANGER OR THE CROSS?

By Bobby Dockery

In a large department store window, a manger scene was displayed. All the figures had been exquisitely hand-carved by a master craftsman. As people stopped to look, however, they saw something unexpected. Lights had been focused on the display in a way to leave a gigantic shadow of the cross brooding over the whole scene! It was unexpected...but effective!

There is a statement here which needs to be heard. Unless we see Golgotha in the background at Bethlehem, we have lost sight of the whole purpose for which Christ was born into the world! At this season of the year there is a certain emphasis on the story of the manger, but almost nothing is heard about the cross! But it is impossible, in God's sight, to have one without the other! Consider ...

1) Without The Cross, The Manger Is Incomplete. Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" focuses on some little known fact about some person or event in history. The world needs to hear "the rest of the story" about Jesus Christ! The good news which angels announced to the shepherds consisted of more than the fact that a baby had been born (Luke 2:40). The One born was to be a Savior (Luke 2:11)! He would save by dying on the cross for sin. "In whom we have redemption through His blood..." (Ephesians 1:7). It is meaningless for people to talk about the manger when they have no intention of responding to the cross!

2) Without The Cross, The Manger Is Insignificant. The cradle is still important after two thousand years because it led to the cross! Jesus was born to die; it was the cross which made Him what He was born to be (Hebrews 5:8-9). The Cross was the fulfillment of the life and ministry of Christ; it was the vindication of all that He did and taught. It was the act which validated God's attempt to reach lost, fallen humanity with a plan of salvation! The night of Christ's birth was a night of great joy as angels sang. But it must also have been a night of heartbreak and sorrow for God because He was giving His only begotten son to die (John 3:16)! At Bethlehem God committed Himself and the cross became inevitable!

3) Without The Cross, The Manger Is Inadequate. It is an insult to Jesus to celebrate His manger and then ignore His cross (1 Corinthians 1:23-24; 2:2)! Jesus will never sell out for a week or two of casual interest at Christmas-time followed by a year of neglect and indifference (Matthew 15:8-9)! We have no right to talk about the cradle unless we mean to take up the cross—we must go all the way with Jesus!

The manger is a good place to begin...but it is only a beginning! How sad that so many have stopped at the starting point! Of all those around the manger in Bethlehem, only one went all the way with Jesus to Calvary: Mary, His mother (John 19:25)! Her example reminds us that while many are willing to start out with Jesus, precious few are willing to go all the way to the end!

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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 17, 2017

Opening Prayer - Jim Weertz
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
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

December 10, 2017

Bible School	61
Sunday Morning Worship	116
Avg. attendance for 2017	113
Sunday Evening Worship	23
Mid-Week Bible Study	snow
Contribution	\$3,713.00
Avg. contribution for 2017	\$3,634.90
Budget	\$3,872.00
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Total for 2017	\$1,663.48