



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.

"THE BREAKFAST CLUB"



There will be a **short meeting this morning** following services about "The Breakfast Club." The plan is to have a monthly breakfast, beginning on Sunday, May 6, for anyone who needs or wants food. Everyone is invited to be at the meeting to hear some of the details about this exciting outreach effort.

INDIA WORKSHOP



Brian will leave this Wednesday to attend an India Missions Conference in Alabama, where he will be one of the many speakers. After the three day workshop he will take some vacation time. In his absence Ricky Gootam, one of the India missionaries we support, will speak at our morning service next Sunday.

LADIES DAY



Ladies, you are all invited to be part of our Ladies Day **this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** You will be uplifted and edified through this event. Invite your friends to join us.

 **In Our Thoughts
and Prayers** 

Otis Salyer is in McLaren Macomb Hospital. He had a mini stroke and possible meningitis.

Pam Stewart is recovering from a recent fall.

Natalie Kaganac is in the hospital for treatment and therapy.

Pat Mull had eye surgery recently.

Wayne Winkel, Jeannette Schiele's son-in-law, had successful heart by-pass surgery last week. He is recovering in Henry Ford Macomb Hospital.

Kelsi Spurlin, Cheryl's granddaughter, is struggling in her recovery from recent eye surgery.



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mike Serilla** and his family on the recent death of his uncle, Al Barron.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER



We will once again have the opportunity to serve a meal to our senior neighbors in the apartment building next door. They truly appreciated the time we spent with them in December, and we want to continue to keep in touch. The meal will be served at our building and the date is being determined. As the time gets closer, there will be more details on how you can be part of this fellowship.



SENIOR HONORS DINNER



On **Thursday, May 31**, at 7 p.m. we will have a dinner at our building honoring our 2018 graduating high school seniors. This year we have three special guests of honor: **Tim Lauwers, Kara Mason & Madalyn Murray**. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Louis Elliott. Watch for more details about how you can be part of this wonderful occasion.

SHULTS LEWIS CHANGE

You have an opportunity to help the Shults Lewis Children's Home. There are some Shults Lewis change cans located in the back of the auditorium by our missions bulletin board. We invite you to take one or more cans and drop in your change every day. It adds up quickly! You can read more about the work at Shults Lewis in the report on the mission board.



CONVENIENT RELIGION

By David Sproule

There are “convenience stores” everywhere you go. Some may not call them that anymore, but they are still “convenience stores” nonetheless. Think about that name. Why call it that? The “convenience store” is a convenient place to stop and get something quick, without having to go out of one’s way or take more time than is absolutely necessary. Here’s the question: Do we treat Christianity like a convenience store? Are we looking for a short-cut, a quick-fix, a bare-minimum, a when-it-is-convenient-for-me religion? Are we willing to be religious only when it fits our schedule and when its “on our way”?

Are you a Christian? How should you treat your relationship with Jesus Christ? How much of a priority should you give to your “Christian duties”? Being a “Christian” and being a part of the “Christian” religion finds its origin and pattern in “Christ” Himself. Did Jesus only do things when it was convenient? Only when it was a good time? Only when He could cut corners? Think about it.

Jesus served His Father in heaven and His fellow man at all times, and not just when it was convenient! There were times when His “alone” time got interrupted by the needs of others (Matthew 14:23-25), and sometimes He was on His way to do one thing when someone else needed help (Luke 8:41-49). Do you serve only when it is convenient (Galatians 5:13; 6:1-2, 9)?

Jesus prayed at all times of the day and night, and not just when it was convenient! He got up “a long while before daylight” to pray (Mark 1:35), and sometimes, He “continued all night in prayer” (Luke 6:12). Do you pray only when it is convenient to you (Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2)?

Jesus loved at all times, and not just when it was convenient! He loved Judas, who was going to betray Him (John 13:1-5). He loved the rich young ruler, who walked away from Him (Mark 10:21-22). Do you love only when it is convenient for you (John 13:34-35; Matthew 5:44-48; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)?

Jesus is at worship all the time, and not just when it is convenient! Every time the church is singing (Hebrews 2:12) and every time the church is partaking of the Lord’s Supper (Matthew 26:29), Jesus is there. Do you worship only when it is convenient for you (Hebrews 10:25)?

Jesus gave all that He could, and not just what was convenient! He gave “His life as a ransom” (Matthew 20:28), and offered “the sacrifice of Himself” to God (Hebrews 9:26). Do you give only what is convenient for you (Romans 12:1; Philippians 4:18)?

Our relationship with Jesus is not to a “convenience” to fit into our lives, but the absolute core around which to fit our lives! A religion of convenience is not the religion of Jesus!

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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

April 15, 2018

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for April

Jay Kramer Mike Yuchasz
Ken Mickey Dean Stewart

Audio visual servitor for April

Craig Sims Dean Stewart

FOR THE RECORD

April 8, 2018

Bible School	66
Sunday Morning Worship	126
Avg. attendance for 2018	119
Sunday Evening Worship	27
Mid-Week Bible Study	43
Contribution	\$4,231.25
Avg. contribution for 2018	\$3,978.24
Budget	\$3,761.00
Shults-Lewis	\$30.00
Total for 2018	\$592.17