



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 ages 4 years old through the 3rd grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those under 4 years old, 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.

HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE



Due to the Christmas holiday today, there will be no services tonight. Also, next Sunday, New Years day, there will be no Sunday School classes or evening services.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Thank you for your recent wonderful purposing, and support of Northeast's work program. If you did not get a set of contribution envelopes for 2012 you can see Vicki. Please do not start using these until the first Sunday in January.



May you have the gift of faith,
the blessing of hope and
the peace of His love
at Christmas and always.

Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.



Helen Hands is recovering from recent surgery. Kevin Reid's friend, **John**, needs a liver transplant. Ellen Wright's friend, **Johanne**, is being treated for breast cancer.

SYMPATHY



Our condolences go to the family of **Ray Donaldson**, who passed away last Thursday. Keep Susie, Darren and the rest of the family in your prayers.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Due to the holidays, there will be limited office hours for Vicki this week. Also Stan will be on vacation, and in his place Jerry Starling will speak at our morning service on New Years Day. Also, there will be no bulletin next Sunday.

NEW ADDRESS



Ruth Rosario

FOOD BASKETS

Thanks to all of you who brought in turkeys and food for the holiday baskets. And special thanks to **Paul Wooldridge** and **Paul Klemcak** for their work in preparing 32 baskets.



APPRECIATION



Roy Wolfe has been travelling occasionally to different congregations, preaching and teaching. He also works the PA system here. We are proud of you, Roy, and we thank you for all that you do.

THANKS

Special thanks to **Jill Mostek** for teaching the children's class during worship.



TEEN PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Teens, you are invited to a progressive dinner **this Tuesday night.**

ELDER CHAIRMAN

If you have any questions or suggestions, or if you need to communicate with our elders, you can do that by contacting the elder chairman. The chairman for this quarter is **Mark Wilson.**

Name Tags

All members are encouraged to pick up and wear your name tag that is available in the lobby each Sunday morning.

Hearing Devices

If you have difficulty with your hearing and would like to use one of our hearing devices, see Vicki, our church secretary.

Teaching Tools

Our Sunday morning sermons are recorded and available on a CD.

JESUS

The Christ of the gospels is exciting. Have you taken time to really look at him? He has the traits we admire most: genuineness, courage, compassion, honesty, purity, humility, gentleness, faithfulness, generosity.

He was on our side, seeking to lift us to God. He cared deeply. He sought to alleviate suffering. He was merciful toward weakness, but untiringly urged men to be what they should be.

Have you really considered Christ? His was a life of joy and mission and selfless service. He found power in his relationship with his Father. His words give a new perspective, teaching us to look beyond material things, time, circumstances, death. He promised his followers a transcendent quality of life. Every problem the Christian has will ultimately dissolve in his presence. The dream of heaven will someday be realized through him.

Have you really given Jesus a chance in your life? Jesus is the answer to hopelessness, purposelessness, and death. He's the center and substance of God's eternal purpose. He satisfies the hungers of the heart. He's the answer to life's deepest questions.

He fills the heart with love of life. He teaches us to love what he loves, and he inspires appreciation of what is good and right and true. He retrieves lost lives and makes them shine like stars. The more we trust him the less we fear.

I'm not ashamed to be his. He's in my heart, and knowing him leads me to share him. I can't spend my life sitting still and being quiet while I know Jesus.

My religion is meaningful because it's not a religion of forms and rituals, but of relationship and loyalty to a person—Jesus. I'm glad to worship him and be with his people. Few joys exceed helping someone else know him. I'm happy when I please him and saddened when I hurt him.

His word is like food to my soul. I'm refreshed and strengthened and comforted when I pour out my heart to him in prayer. He's a priceless friend. Eternal, infinite, ever-fresh—God, my all in all.

Stan Clanton

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 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.

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Home Bible Study group
5:30 at the Graves' home

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Dec. 25, 2011

Opening Prayer - Ken Whitlatch
Song Leader - Roger Walker
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for December

Shane Brown Vern Wright
John Kaganac Don Smith

FOR THE RECORD

December 18, 2011

Bible School	62
Sunday Morning Worship	no count
Avg. attendance for 2011	153
Sunday Evening Worship	30
(including small group)	
Mid-week Bible Study	40
Contribution	\$4,528.50
Avg. contribution for 2011	\$4,382.54
Budget	\$4,232.00
Shults-Lewis	\$23.00
Total for 2011	\$1,499.43

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