



# NORTHEAST NEWS

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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.

## HOMECOMING REUNION

Our Homecoming Reunion will take place the weekend of **Aug. 29 & 30**, celebrating Northeast's 40th anniversary. There will be a picnic on Saturday at Spindler Park and a hot dog lunch after morning services at Northeast on Sunday. In order to plan for enough food, we would like you to sign up on the homecoming bulletin board if your family plans to be at these events. There is more information on the Homecoming bulletin board in the hallway about how you can help.

**REUNION COMMITTEE:** There will be a **meeting this morning** following services. Lunch will be served.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE



**Tonight** at our 6:00 service Stan will continue the parenting class. Tonight's topic will be not exasperating your children. Childcare will be provided.



**Arless Wilson** is in St. John Macomb Hospital having tests and treatment for a tumor in his back.

**Dwayne Jones** is at the Church of Christ Care Center Nursing Home, room 105.

**Thomasine Townsend** is in St. John Senior Community, 18300 E. Warren, Detroit 48224.

**Luann Hall**, Byron Bledsoe's sister, will have surgery tomorrow in Indiana.

**Misty Woodard**, Bob Murray's cousin in Tennessee, is home from the hospital and receiving hospice care.

### **BABY SHOWER**

Ladies, you are all invited to a baby shower for **Amy Mickey** on **Tuesday** at 7:00. Ken and Amy have registered gift ideas for their baby girl at Babies R Us. Ladies, please join us as we share in their excitement.



### **WEDDING INVITATION**



Everyone is invited to the wedding ceremony of **Tammy Cleveland** and **Joe Mannella** on Saturday, **Aug. 8**, at 3:00 at our building.



### **REQUESTING PRAYERS**

*LaDonna Wheeler*

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Betty Townsend**  
14133 Edmore Drive  
Detroit 48205  
313-332-0039



### **ELDER CHAIRMAN**

The chairman of the elders for this quarter is **Ted Schollenberger**.

### **NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?**

Call LaDonna Wheeler at 586-612-1883.



### **STEAK & CORN ROAST**

The Church of Christ's 22nd Annual Steak & Corn Roast will be held on



**Saturday, Aug. 22**, at 6:00 p.m. on the Care Center grounds. Join in on



the "Pirates and Parrots" theme as area Christians

join together to raise funds for the Nursing Home entertainment and enhancement program. Tickets are \$80 and can be purchased from Mike Serilla or Roy Wolfe.

### **Dinner helpers needed!**

Volunteers are needed for Steak & Corn Roast There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board with a list of jobs. All volunteers are treated to a free meal (subs and extras) before the dinner. If you have any questions please see Jeannette Schiele.



## **YOUTH ACTIVITY**

**ATTENTION TEENS !**

You are all invited to a youth activity and devo **next Sunday night** at the Wilson's. Details next week.



The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at our building on **Friday, Aug. 14 from 1-7 p.m.** Sign up sheets are available in the hallway if you care to donate.

## **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.

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## **FOCUSING ON CHRIST**

Peter, in Matthew 14:25-33, was struggling with putting his focus solely on Christ. We find Jesus miraculously walking on the waters of the Sea of Galilee. After the disciples realize it is Jesus, Peter quickly requests permission to join Him out on the water. Peter understood that, left on his own abilities, he would sink and probably drown, but he had confidence in Jesus. He understood that Jesus can help us do amazing things if we just believe in Him and focus on following Him. Peter, however, lost that focus. Noticing the fierce winds and waves, he began to sink.

Today we face storms in our lives that tempt us to lose our concentration. These storms can come in the forms of health problems, pink-slip at work, family issues, etc. And much like Peter we are reduced to make a desperate, child-like plea for help that no one but Jesus can give. We will all certainly make mistakes, and there will be times when we take our eyes off our Lord and begin to sink. If we don't give up though, Jesus will grab our hands and pull us up.

Pete took several detours on his way in following Christ, but he kept his focus on Christ and was able to become an effective servant. Christ has a place for each of us in His Father's house, if we can maintain our focus on Him through the storms of this world.

Evan Burns

