



# NORTHEAST NEWS

September 20, 2009

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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.

## HELPING THE HOMELESS



On Oct. 4-11 we will house the homeless at our building through the MCREST program (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team). The sign-up lists for service and for items to bring are located in the hallway. Check to see where you can help and what food items you can donate. Cindy Wilson will oversee the kitchen this year, so if you have any questions about that area you can see her. If you have any questions about volunteering you can see Bill Nocita. We have been a part of this program for many years, and it's a very valuable work. Pray for this effort and the lives that it touches.

### Men's Bible Study



**This Tuesday night**  
7:30 in the Teen Center  
Teacher: Jeff Jackson

## POTLUCK NEXT WEEK

Everyone is invited to stay services **next Sunday** morning for a potluck meal.





**Arless Wilson** has pneumonia and remains in St. John Macomb Hospital.

**Jerry Lynch** had tests last week.

**Alan Riddle**, Betty's son, has started chemo treatments.

**John Bizovi**, our former custodian, is having health problems. Cards would be appreciated: 17810 Roseville Blvd., Roseville 48066.

**Jim Beversdorf**, Marilyn Jones' cousin, is in Mt. Clemens Regional Center Hospital in serious condition with a heart attack.

**Paul Whitney**, a friend of Marilyn Jones and Ollie Bateman, in Florida, is having problems following eye surgery.

**Ken Mickey's sister, Julie**, was expected to have her baby this weekend.

## **SMALL GROUP**



A Small Group Bible study, taught by Mike Messier, will begin

Sunday, **Oct. 18**, at **5:30 p.m.** at the home of Terry and Deanna Graves. If you are interested in joining this group, please sign up in the hallway.

## **ELDER CHAIRMAN**

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

## **LADIES' CLASS BEGINS**

The Wednesday night ladies' class will begin **this week**. Deanna Graves will be teaching from the book, "The Fragrance of Faith: Discovering the Aroma of Christ in the Beatitudes" by Casandra Martin. All women are invited to be part of this class. You can pick up your book today from Vicki. The cost of the books are \$15 each, and if you can it would be helpful if you can pay all or part of that back.



## **NEW SONG BOOKS**



This week we ordered new song books. The book, "Songs of Faith and Praise", includes more songs than our current book, and also many new songs. These new books were purchased with the remainder of a donation made to the church.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Food out of our pantry has been given to needy families.



Food items are always welcomed and needed to carry on this work. If you wish to donate any items they can be placed on the cart at the bottom of the front stairs in the basement.

## **MCYC STEAK DINNER**



Michigan Christian Youth Camp will hold their annual **steak dinner** to raise funds for the camp on Saturday, **Nov. 7**, from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. If you purchase your ticket before Oct. 1 it will only be \$60 (\$30 for students), and after Oct. 1 the price will be \$65 (\$30 for students). See Lori Mason for tickets.

## 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.



We appreciate **Karen Nocita** for taking care of our welcome table and guest packets. Thanks, Karen, for your help with this special service.

## **BILLS, BUDGETS & BURDENS**

The Royal Oak congregation is offering the "No Debt, No Sweat!" seminar on **Oct. 4-5**. It is designed to help everyone with sound Biblical advice on your finances. More details are in the lobby.



## **GETTING MORE OUT OF BIBLE CLASS**

By Jeremy Sprouse

It is a sad fact that many Christians do not take advantage of Bible classes. These are great opportunities to become students of the Word. These are less formal settings that enable us to dive deeper into God's Word, ask questions, discuss ways we can follow the Bible closer, and encourage each other to do so. Let's take time to reflect on how we can get more out of this valuable time. First, you need to come. No matter how great a class is, you get nothing if you are not there. In addition, others will get less out of class if you are not present. Hebrews 10:25 is a well-known Scripture used to emphasize church attendance. The point of this verse, however, is to teach forsaking times of assembly is the opposite of our goal "to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24). Second, you need to prepare. What we get out of Bible study is often dependent on what we put into it. If you have read and studied the topic/Bible passage you will be able to follow the teacher's thoughts better, you will be able to prepare questions to ask, and think of comments to make. Most importantly, you will know if the teacher has strayed from the Bible's teachings. The Bereans were called "noble-minded" because they searched the Scriptures daily - they were checking to make sure Paul's teachings were accurate. Too often we rely on what others say rather than studying God's Word for ourselves. The Bible is to be our guide, not preachers and commentaries! Third, you need to contribute. No matter how much the teacher knows about a passage or topic, he does not know it all. Each of us has had different experiences in life that give us different insight into the Scriptures. If you share these insights you add depth and interest to the Bible class. You may have questions that the teachers did not fully cover or did not explain clearly. Often these questions will be shared by others, but a question cannot be answered unless someone asks it. Following these principles helps Bible class to be more engaging. They help you to learn more and contribute to the health of the body of Christ. Bible class will greatly improve relationships with God if we will but take the time to come, prepare and participate.

**FOR THE RECORD**  
Sept. 13, 2009

Bible School	82
Sunday Morning Worship	148
Avg. attendance for 2009	165
Sunday Evening Worship	37
Mid-week Bible Study	48
Contribution	\$4,467.40
Avg. contribution for 2009	\$4,277.57
Budget	\$4,262.00
Shults-Lewis milk money	\$32.16
Total for 2009	\$1,120.18

**WORSHIP ATTENDANTS**  
September 20, 2009

Opening Prayer - Tom Cardwell  
Table Talk - Bill Nocita  
Song Leader - David Walker  
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for September

Shane Brown	Rocky Elswick
Jeff Jackson	Mark Nelson

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The Royal Oak Church of Christ invites all men to a prayer breakfast **this**



**Saturday** at 8:00 a.m. If you plan to go, please sign up in the hallway.

**TIMES OF SERVICES**

Sunday

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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