



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.

HELPING THE HOMELESS



Tonight our MCREST guests arrive at 6 p.m. During the coming week we will provide them with shelter and food. There are still spots open available for volunteers to do a number of different jobs. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. We respectfully ask that if you make a commitment to work a shift that you please follow through. If you can't make your designated shift, please let Bill Nocita know as soon as possible. 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

There will be no Sunday evening tonight due to the housing of our MCREST guests. Also, this week there will be no men's Bible study on Tuesday night, and no Wednesday evening service.





Arless Wilson is home from the hospital and receiving radiation treatments.

James Kopjo, JoAnna's husband and Vicki Loftis' father, is in St. John Macomb Hospital.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers are with the *family of Carla Murray* on the death of Bob's cousin, Misty, in Tennessee.

OLD SONG BOOKS

If you wish, you can have one of the old blue or red song books. They are located on the upper landing by the elevator.



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 & Deanna Graves. If you are interested in joining this group, please sign up in the hallway.

GUYS' NIGHT

Hey guys ! You are all invited to a night of fun and fellowship at the home of Mark Nelson on Saturday, **Nov. 14**, beginning at **4 p.m.** There will be plenty of food and games. Sign up today.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a Halloween party for all ages on **Friday, Oct. 23**, from 6:30 - 8:30 at the building.

Donations are needed for this event. If you can help, see Sherry Walker or Bill or Karen Nocita.



ALZHEIMER'S WORKSHOP

The Church of Christ Care Center is pleased to offer a free educational workshop on **Tuesday, Oct. 13**, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The Alzheimer's Association will present a discussion on "Understanding Difficult Alzheimer's Behaviors."



Topics will include an overview of dementia, understanding behaviors, effective communication, and coping skills. The workshop will be held at the Assisted Living facility on the 3rd floor. Please RSVP to 1-800-272-3900. Light refreshments will be served.

ELDER CHAIRMAN

The chairman of the elders for this quarter is **David Walker**.

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. Tickets are \$65 and only \$30 for students. Other options are also available. See Lori for tickets and more information.

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.



Many people do many things behind the scenes, such as **Shannon Filipiak**, who recently help out a needy family. We want to acknowledge all those who help out, but we also recognize our limitations in specifying every individual. To all those who have helped in many ways, we are grateful for your Christlikeness and example.

WHY NOT PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?

Do you pray often enough? I doubt that you do. I also doubt that you could find one Christian who would claim that he prays as often as he should. I suppose it's indicative of the hurry-up lifestyles of modern Americans. We're just too busy to participate in the crucially beneficial works of life. This is depressing for at least two reasons: (1) The Bible instructs us to pray continually; and (2) we miss an opportunity to help one another by our prayers.

Paul told the Thessalonians to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). The apostles committed themselves "continually to prayer" (Acts 6:4). After Peter had been thrown into prison for the cause of Christ, "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him" (Acts 12:5). Paul gave ethical instructions to the church at Rome that included their "continuing instant in prayer" (Roma. 12:12). We also need to follow the apostle's prayer we will grow spiritually by drawing close to God (James 4:8). Therefore, we will be far less like to become snared by sin.

Aside from the personal blessings derived from giving ourselves continually to prayer, our heavenly petitions will also be beneficial for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul mentioned Epaphras as a "servant of Christ;" who was "always laboring fervently for you (the Colossians) in prayers that ye might stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12). Epaphras worked for the well being of the church at Colossae. How? Through his prayers! Every Christian is capable of strengthening the Lord's church through prayer! Throughout Colossians, Paul mentions the practical benefits that come as a consequence of regular and faithful prayers (Col. 1:9; 4:2-3).

It is a wonderful truth that the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Why then are we not praying more and for one another like those first century Christians?

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