



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.

FOOD BASKETS

Again this year we will distribute food basket to families in need. Your turkeys and donations purchase the items for these baskets.

If you can help, please see Paul Wooldridge or Paul Klemczak.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER



The dates for our current round of Guess Who's Coming To Dinner is

Dec. 4 or 5. If your family wants to be included, you need to let Cindy Wilson know which date is best for you. You will not be included if you don't make the contact. If you have never been a part of this fellowship opportunity, sign up today. See Cindy for details.

PIE FELLOWSHIP

The Wednesday night before Thanksgiving we will have a devo upstairs for everyone, kids and adults, instead of our regular classes. Everyone bring a pie, and after our devo, we will all enjoy pie and fellowship.





Arless Wilson is in St. John Macomb Hospital.

Jack Cardwell had a pacemaker put in last week.

Barb Kramer has been diagnosed with Lyme disease.

Deanna Graves will have out-patient hand surgery this Tuesday.

Jim Kopjo, JoAnna's husband and Vicki Loftis' dad, had gall bladder surgery last week and is waiting for biopsy results.

Kelsi Spurlin, Cheryl's 5 year old granddaughter and Jill Mostek's niece, will have major facial reconstruction surgery on Dec. 1.



“My mom and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and especially the prayers on behalf of my dad. A course of treatment is still to be determined, and we ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers.”

Vicki Loftis

IT'S A GIRL

Congratulations to **Mike and Karen Serilla** on the birth of their granddaughter, Evelyn Ray, born Nov. 11, to their son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Julie Serilla. Evie was 5 weeks premature, weighing 5 lb 5 oz, and is doing well.



SECRET PAL PARTY



The Ladies' Secret Pal Revelation Party will be **Monday, Dec. 7**, at 6:30 p.m. The hostesses will provide the meat and beverage and you are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. We hope all ladies will be attend, even if you don't have a secret pal. You can bring a \$10 grab bag gift and join in the festivities.

COOKIE EXCHANGE



Ladies, get out your favorite cookie and get ready to bake! We will have a cookie exchange on **Tuesday, Dec. 15**, at 7 p.m. here at the building. There is a sign-up list in the hallway. It is important that you sign up if you plan to participate so we will know how many cookies to make.

BETTY'S BOOK



Betty Spaltensperger, a former member of this congregation, has written a book about her life in Germany and the years she and her family spent in a concentration camp. We have a copy of Betty's book, *Voices from the Grave: Still Follow Me*, in our library, and you can buy your own copy. The cost of the book is \$15.85, and it will be necessary to pay in advance for the book. Please see Mary Jean Langford or Vicki Loftis today if you want to order one.

ELDER CHAIRMAN

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

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 **Roy Wolfe** and his dedication to sending cards on behalf of our Northeast family. Thanks, Roy, for remembering us on all kinds of occasions.



NORTHEAST WEBPAGE

Just a reminder to visit Northeast's webpage, **necofchrist.org**, and thanks to Ellen Frink for creating and maintaining it in such an excellent way.

LIVING FOR CHRIST By Richard Mansel

Knowledge and awareness are indispensable to walking in Christ. Growing in service to God and developing a healthier perspective on Christianity can rejuvenate our spiritual lives (2 Peter 3:18).

Many believe in the principles and foundations of Christianity and can recite facts about them. Yet, the Christian life is far more than a trivia game. It is a life lived with passion and a healthy perspective in Christ. Grace, mercy and the forgiveness of sins are ideas emboldened by the presence of Christ in our lives, giving them flesh so we can walk strongly and confidently. *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16).

God is the sole source of peace, forgiveness and blessings and we cannot exist without them. Jesus' blood cleanses us from our sins and we have a new path to walk and a fresh purpose in our step (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:9; John 3:3-5). In doing so, we will truly feel the new birth coursing through our veins and the Gospel will come easier to our lips as we move among the lost.

Living for Christ means that we face challenges that Satan puts in our path. They include moral, ethical, physical and spiritual obstacles that can derail our faith. God will not remove all of them from our lives, but He will provide us with a way to overcome (Hebrews 13:5; Luke 13:1-5). We should not worry about tomorrow's problems because today's are challenging enough (Matthew 6:34).

People face these challenges, often alone and uninformed about what God desires for us. Too often, we fail to teach about cultural or ethical issues for two reasons. We fear offending others and we may not wish to do the work required to find the right answers.

The charge of our lives as Christians is to glorify God through our teaching and our lives (Eph. 3:20-21). This has to be our focus if we will be the shining lights that God needs in this world of such vivid darkness (Matthew 5:14-16). Let us do so to the best of our abilities and start today.

