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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 4 years old through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs.
- ▶ If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to our minister or one of our elders.


## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

*Sunday a.m. ~ Zechariah 4*  
*Ron Sanders*  
*Sunday p.m. ~ Miracles of God*  
*Joe Mason*  
*Wednesday night ~ 1 John 3*  
*Bill Nocita*


## GUEST SPEAKER

Welcome to **Marico Benson**,  who will bring us our morning lesson. Marico has preached at the Annapolis Church of Christ in Westland and plans to attend Memphis School of Preaching beginning this summer. We are grateful for the opportunity to help him with his support during this time.

## CARE CENTER SERVICES

 Northeast has the opportunity to lead worship services **this afternoon** at the Church of Christ Care Community **Assisted Living building at 2:00** and at the **nursing home at 3:00**. We encourage you to join us as we fellowship with the residents and their guests!

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The weekly ladies Bible study, led by Deanna Graves, will begin again on **Wednesday, March 12**, at 1:00 at the building. 

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

26 - Judy Eldridge  
Pam Stewart  
27 - Cheryl Diggs  
28 - LaDonna Wheeler  
29 - Gary Loftis



## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**John Kaganac** had an MRI last week & the results show that the swelling in his brain is going down. He continues to experience fatigue.

**John Roy**, Pearl's husband, spent time in the ER last week with a painful, lingering cough. All tests came back negative & doctors feel it's a muscular issue caused by an unspecified cough.

**Naomi Apollonio**, Gloria Conti's mother, is in hospice care at the Assisted Living facility at the Church of Christ Care Community.

### *Sympathy*

Our thoughts & prayers are with **Gina Tate** on the recent death of her father.

#### *Continue to pray for . . .*

*Dean Hampton ~ John Kaganac ~  
Lorraine Mayberry ~ Brenda McCraw ~ Brenda Neisz ~  
Nina Sims ~ Bill Skelding ~ Benny & Linda Welch*

#### *Remember our shut-ins . . .*

*Judy Eldridge ~ Marie Hershberger ~  
Chuck & Shelby Ragland ~ Beth Stocker*

### **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 believe in and 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 an elder.

### **"LONG TRAINS"**

By David Nance

My irritation level kept rising as I sat in my car watching the forever-long-train as it sat blocking the railroad crossing. But I calmed my frustration as I began to think of Jesus' patience with me. Often for years.

And reflecting on Him, a greater sense of calm enters my day.

After all, Jesus is patient with me, so I'll work to be patient too.

The blessing of a peaceful heart is usually my reward, which of course, is a fruit of the Spirit.

***Galatians 5:22***

## **TEMPTED TO SWITCH GOALS**

By Gary Henry

*“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve”” (Matthew 4:8-10).*

Our adversary, the devil, is a master of deceit. He has found some very creative ways to persuade us to move toward him rather than toward God. He knows that what we want is joy, and he shrewdly tempts us to seek it on his terms. His argument runs something like this: “I’m not asking you to desire anything different; I’m just showing you a better way to get what you desire.” But that is a lie. He knows it, and as soon as we take the bait, we know it too. The path he offers is not simply a better path to the same destination; it’s a different destination altogether. The devil is asking us, in the most ultimate sense, to switch goals.

How many people would do what the devil suggests if they knew what he was up to? If we knew that death, and not joy, would be the result of going his way, we wouldn’t go there, would we? But many of us do know what the devil is up to. Why do we let ourselves be seduced into changing the direction of our lives?

For most of us, the answer is not hard to find. When we switch goals, we think of ourselves as doing it only temporarily. After we’ve indulged ourselves, we’ll get back on the path to God. And we naively suppose that since God will see our sin as nothing more than an insignificant lapse, nothing very radical or traumatic will be required of us in the way of repentance. But what we fail to see is how insulting to God’s love our sin is. When we turn away from a God who has loved us to follow His archenemy, we take our place in the ranks of those who’re in rebellion against God.

We need to see sin for what it is: a worshiping of the wrong god. Sin — any sin — is a denial of God. Samuel summed it up starkly when he said to Saul, “Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry” (1 Samuel 15:23). Not many of us would want to be known as idolaters, but that’s what it comes down to when, at the devil’s suggestion, we exchange God, our hearts’ true desire, for anything else at all.

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### TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

Worship - 10:30a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

(at the building)

Our weekly Sunday morning  
worship service, Sunday evening  
class & Wednesday night  
Bible class are live streamed  
on our Facebook page.

### Pray For Our Missions!

- ✝ Imlay City Church of Christ
- ✝ China
- ✝ Church of Christ Care Community
- ✝ Eastern European Mission
- ✝ India
- ✝ Let The Bible Speak TV Program
- ✝ Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- ✝ Nigeria
- ✝ Shults-Lewis Children's Home

### ELDER CHAIRMAN

Joe Mason

### WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

February 23, 2025

Opening Prayer - Byron Bledsoe

Song Leader - Bill Nocita

Sermon - Marico Benson

#### Communion servants

Jimmy Hampton    Craig Sims

Desmond Bass      Tracy Webb

Byron Bledsoe

#### Audio visual servitor

Willis Williams IV

### FOR THE RECORD

February 16, 2025

Bible School	--
Sunday Morning Worship	--
Avg. attendance for 2025	75
Sunday Evening	19
Mid-week Bible Study	15
Contribution	\$1,310.00
Avg. contribution for 2025	\$5,457.43
Budget	\$4,119.00

Shults-Lewis	\$4.00
Total for 2025	\$159.00