

August 31, 2014

Issue 35

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday

August 31, 2014   Sept. 7, 2014

Prayer	E. Sueta	P. VanHorn
Scripture	N. Middleton	M. Davidson
Communion	E. Stewart	P. Danz
Assist	B. Castleman	L. Montgomery
Pass	K. Johnson	B. Smith
Pass	B. Mullins	R. Alt
Usher	J. Nance	T. Brooks
Usher	J. Toby	J. Fronczak
Prayer	M. Perry	D. Thomas
Song Leader	R. Alt	N. Middleton
Nursery	A. Clauss	B. Montgomery

### Evening Worship

Prayer	B. Benham	R. Coss
Communion	Chr. Middleton	D. Smith
Prayer	T. Brooks	S. Lance

Bible Time   Will resume in the fall

Wednesday (Midweek Bible Study)

Sept. 3, 2014   Sept. 10, 2014

Prayer	S. Lance	N. Middleton
Song Leader	D. Smith	L. Montgomery
Devotional	J. Fronczak	S. Lance
Prayer	S. Fiori	Chr. Middleton

# Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Oh to be Like Thee - Cheering the Fainting  
John 5:1-15

Bethesda = "House of Mercy"

The "House of Mercy" was a house of misery for many. This pool was situated where there were intermittent mineral springs. (The moving of the water) A descending angel is disputed by liberals for this reason, however we read in Rev.16:5 about the "angel of the waters." In some way or another when the waters moved, they had a peculiar power. The effect of the bubbling, moving water upon the afflicted bodies of the people indicated to them the presence of God.

There were 5 porches which were covered areas where the sick folk would await their opportunity to get into the healing pool. Jesus was attracted to one poor sufferer (He never lost sight of the individual)...

Everyone lying around the pool lacked power. The Bible often illustrates sin with disease...because disease to a body is a clear picture of what sin does to a soul. This is not to say that your sickness is because of sin. Some suffer more than others and it is not necessarily because they sin more than others. The devil would like to lay that guilt trip upon us, but we shouldn't go there.

Truth is, all sickness and even death is because of sin in general, and the curse upon this world. Now, personal sin often does carry direct consequences. For instance, putting harmful agents into our body can make us sick. Our body is God's temple, so we shouldn't defile it.

But we are way out of bounds when we get judgmental about an afflicted person.  
Love, Russ

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**SAMARITAN LADIES:** Every Wednesday at 10:00 am - All ladies are welcome to attend.

**LADIES' LUNCHEON:** Saturday, August 30 at Olga's, on the hill, in Allen Park at 11:30 am - All ladies are welcome.

**5TH SUNDAY SPEAKER:** JEFF FRONCZAK will be our speaker on Sunday evening, August 31.

**LABOR DAY PICNIC:** Monday, September 1 at Lion's Park in Southgate. Please bring a dish or two to pass. We plan to eat at noon.

**BIBLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS & FALL QUARTER KICK OFF:** Join us on Sunday, September 7, for a delicious continental breakfast and classroom tours beginning at 8:30 am. Student Bible Achievement Awards will be presented between class and worship.

### FALL QUARTER BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

*Beginning SUNDAY, SEPT. 7*

Auditorium

Thou Art With Me  
Teacher - Louis Montgomery

Fellowship room

Young Adults, Crazy Love  
Teacher - Nick Middleton

High School Class

Teachers - Deron and Suzanne Smith

*Beginning WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10*

Auditorium

Slavery To Sonship Coordinator:  
Deron Smith and various teachers

High School Class

Boys: Teacher - Randy Coss  
Girls: Teacher - Barb Brooks

**HELPING HANDS:** Monday, September 8 at 10:00 am

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, September, 13 at 9:00 am at Charlie's

**E & D MEETING:** Sunday, September 14 at 4:30 pm

**WALK 4 WATER:** Our Walk this year will be at Council Point Park on River Drive, in Lincoln Park, on Saturday October 11th, from 10 am - 1 pm. Registration, coffee, donuts, yard games, face painting, etc begins at 9 am. There will be a Potluck style lunch during and after the Walk. We are also in need of empty & clean milk jugs for the walk as well. **Also, you need to sign up for the walk online at [walk4water.org](http://walk4water.org).** By doing so, you will be able to select a t-shirt size, which is free to all who sign up online.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

VIRGINIA BONE

BILL SAYLORS

MITCHELL DYBALSKI

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18



### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Ida Akers, Eva Arbuckle, Robert Banules, Lilly Bumpus, Nolan Caddell, Virginia Clay, Vera Danz, Emmett Griner II, Linda Johnson, Rhonda Jones, Paul Lance, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Rosie Mandernach, Randy Matthews, David McCain, Leroy Moore, Erma Noe, Betty Parsons, Pat Pugh, J.D. Roberts, Margaret Rodriguez, Scotty Smith, Pauline Suggs, Paulette Sweet, Val Toby, Leila Wallace, Linda Weick, Bonnie and Jerry White.



## ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

### YOUTH AND OLD AGE

*For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him - Genesis 21:2*

Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. Sarah, Abraham's wife, was well past her child-bearing years when Isaac was conceived.

It is evident that no one was more surprised by this event than Abraham and Sarah themselves. Sarah even says, shortly afterward, "Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age"

It truly was an amazing and unthinkable blessing, that God would help Abraham and Sarah to see, even in their old age, fruitfulness.

But many elderly men and women today seem equally surprised at the possibility that God could use or bless them, when they seem to be past the most fruitful, and productive, and energetic years of their lives. But, while God may not give them the ability to bear children at 100 years old, God is still able to use them mightily and joyfully in His kingdom.

Perhaps you don't have the strength you used to have. Perhaps you don't feel as useful in the church as you once were. But there are still prayers to be offered up, grandchildren and great grandchildren to be taught the ways of God, and encouraging phone calls and visits to be made.

God can make you fruitful, even in your old age. Sarah was so shocked by this revelation, she literally giggled with glee. She said, "God has made me laugh." May you find the joy of godly usefulness, even in old age! (Crosswalk Devo)

Love, Chuck



### WORDS OF WISDOM

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28



### PANTRY NEEDS

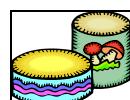
Pancake Mix

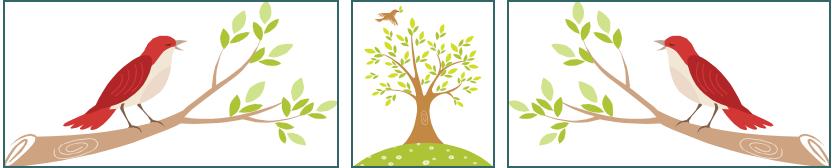
Soup

Crackers

Canned Fruit

Canned Meat



<p><b><u>SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>SERVING THE LORD IN AUGUST</b></p> <p>Communion Preparation: Gina DiCarlo Care of Baptismal Clothing: Sherry Bousho Closing the Building: Russ Bone</p>			
<p><b><u>OFFICE INFORMATION</u></b></p> <p>313 928-5810 or 313 928-3398 Office Hours M—W &amp; F 9:00 am—2:00 pm (office) lpcoc@sbcglobal.net karen.lpcoc@sbcglobal.net suzanne.lpcoc@sbcglobal.net lincolnparkchurchofchrist.org</p>	 <p><b>THEME FOR 2014</b></p> <p>People Reaching People</p>			
<p>Taken from "Traditions of Men vs. the Word of God" by Alvin Jennings</p>				
<p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES</b></p> <p><b>Brief History</b></p> <p>The organizer of this movement was Charles Taze Russell (1854-1916). He embraced Adventism early in life, but at the age of 20 abandoned it primarily due to his opinion that the date fixed by Wm. Miller for the second coming of Christ was erroneous. He insisted that the date of the second advent was 1874, the same year he began to preach (Studies in the Scripture, Vol. II, p. 240). In our opinion, it seemed not to matter to him that Jesus had said that neither the Son nor the angels knew, but "the Father only" (Mark 13:32).</p> <p>"Paster" Russell formally organized his followers in Pittsburgh in 1872, with himself as President. Headquarters were moved to Brooklyn, New York, in 1909. It is reported that about 13,000,000 of Russell's Studies in the Scriptures (Volumes 1-6) have been circulated. These laid the foundation for the new sect known before 1931 as Millennial Dawnist, International Bible Students, and Russellites.</p> <p>In his six volumes (he prophesied he would write seven, but death overtook him before the task was finished) he maintained that the plan of God was unfolded and made known through him "as never before," and added that "the opening of the books of divine revelation will soon be completed" (Vol. 2, p. 189). In addition to this claim of "divine revelation," Russell maintained that probably never before had anyone (this would include the apostles!) "understood any part" of the book of Revelation (I, p. 27).</p> <p>It is the old story of an ambitious man claiming that the Bible truths are hidden "from all except the consecrated" (Finished Mystery, p. 65), and saying, "Lo! Here is my writing, the long-awaited true explanation."</p> <p>To be continued next week</p>				