

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

## Sunday

	<u>Sept. 7, 2014</u>	<u>Sept. 14, 2014</u>
Prayer	P. VanHorn	S. Danz
Scripture	M. Davidson	B. Castleman
Communion	P. Danz	B. Mullins
Assist	L. Montgomery	E. Stewart
Pass	B. Smith	B. Smith
Pass	R. Alt	Z. Thomas
Usher	T. Brooks	D. Clay
Usher	J. Fronczak	D. Mandernach
Prayer	D. Thomas	G. Maldonado
Song Leader	N. Middleton	C. Middleton
Nursery	B. Montgomery	K. McGreevy

Evening Worship

Prayer	R. Coss	M. Perry
Communion	D. Smith	T. Brooks
Prayer	S. Lance	J. Fronczak

Bible Time Will resume in October

## Wednesday (Midweek Bible Study)

	<u>Sept. 10, 2014</u>	<u>Sept. 17, 2014</u>
Prayer	N. Middleton	D. Thomas
Song Leader	L. Montgomery	D. Smith
Devotional	S. Lance	G. Maldonado
Prayer	Chr. Middleton	R. Coss

# Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Oh, to be like Thee - Seeking the Lost  
Matthew 28:18-20

In a large city there was once a prominent church building. It was a beautiful four story structure that dominated the city block on which it stood. It was well known in the community for its beautiful building, its dignified and well educated preacher, a choir with professional quality, and a congregation of filled with wealthy and important people.

And in the foyer of their church building there was a beautiful 10 foot tall marble statue of Christ with his arms outstretched. It was an impressive congregation, but unfortunately, it was also a congregation that was slowly dying. Why? Because they didn't try to bring people to Jesus. They thought people would come to them because they'd be impressed with their building, their preacher, their wonderful singing and membership.

One night a fire broke out, and the building went up in flames. The floor under the statue of Christ gave way and the statue crashed into the basement of the church building. The next afternoon, after the fire department had doused the flames workmen started to clean up and remove any surviving valuables. It was then, that they found the statue of Jesus in the basement. It had hardly a mark on it. Gently they got a cable around it, lifted it out with a crane and set it on the sidewalk.

Two businessmen were passing by and they looked at the ruins of the church and at the statue of Christ. One said, "Well, looks like Jesus is all they've got left." Dave McFadden

I'm reminded of the comment Paul made about the Church being built on the foundation of Jesus Christ: *"If anyone builds on this foundation (Jesus) with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is."* I Cor 3:12-13

APPLY: In that big impressive church nothing survived the fire --- except Jesus. Love, Russ

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

**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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, September 13 at 9:00 am at Charlies.

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

**HELPING HANDS:** Rescheduled for Monday, September 15 at 10:00 am

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:**  
Steve Banules

### FALL QUARTER BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

*Beginning SUNDAY, SEPT. 7*

Auditorium

Thou Art With Me

Louis Montgomery & various teachers

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 & various teachers

High School Class

Boys: Teacher - Randy Coss

Girls: Teacher - Barb Brooks

### DOWNRIVER LIFE ENRICHMENT

**SERIES:** October 5-8 at Gateway Church of Christ. **STEVE CLOER**, of the Southside Church of Christ, in Fort Worth, TX is the speaker. See the flyer at the back of the auditorium for more information.

**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

DAVID CASKEY

DON SANDERS

VIRGINIA BONE

JIM MULLINS

MITCHELL DYBALSKI

TERRI BAKSA



### 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, Bill Saylor, Scotty Smith, Pauline Suggs, Paulette Sweet, Val Toby, Leila Wallace, Linda Weick, Bonnie and Jerry White.



ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

How Beautiful Heaven Is Going To Be!

It's amazing to see the world through our children's eyes. A few weeks ago, Diane and I experienced this very thing while visiting Chicago IL, for Ma-Pa Camp 2014. Leading up to this event, Diane began to tell the kids we would be going someplace they had never been before. This really had them trying to guess where we might be going, and with that the questions began. We decided to give them clues, without giving away the place or what they might see. As the trip began they experienced their first train ride on Amtrak, 'Oh the look on their faces was priceless'. As the train approached Union Station, they talked of seeing several other cities, Lake Michigan and the skyscrapers of downtown Chicago. We knew we had their attention because their eyes were wide open and probably hadn't blinked for fear of missing something. The windows of our 15th floor hotel room faced Lake Michigan, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, Sheds Aquarium, Buckingham Fountain, and of course Michigan Ave. At every turn for the next 48 hours, both kids were ecstatic with screams of joy. They just couldn't believe how huge and beautiful everything was. I'll share a secret with you, so were Diane and I!

In Revelation 21 and 22, John writes to us a picture of what Heaven is going to look like and what we can look forward to. Now that you have read these verses, doesn't this fill your soul with excitement and overflowing blessings, that God's promise will be fulfilled on that glorious day of Judgment? Find your songbook and read the words again that speak of Heaven. #885, How Beautiful Heaven Must Be, #884 Earth Holds No Treasures, # 893 Beautiful Isle of Somewhere, # 896 Ivory Palaces.... I look forward to this day as I also believe you are too. Not only will we reacquaint with our loved ones who have gone on before us, but also with those who will follow us.

Love, Chuck

**AUDITORIUM CLASS**

Theme: For Thou Art With Us! Scripture: 23rd Psalm (read)

Lesson 1: *Abiding in God means we trust in Him and live with our entire lives centered on our Lord. This is more than lip-service "faith"; it means putting our money where our mouths are when we face everyday difficulties. But we can't do this under our own power. God fills us with His Spirit so we can abide in Him. When life doesn't seem to be going in the right direction, abiding can be a real challenge. But we abide either in Christ or in something else. How we're living tells us and others where our lives are focused. Where is our trust today?*

Please come prepared to share your scriptural experience and grow closer to Him who loves us.

Louis Montgomery



WORDS OF WISDOM

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned Meat
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pancake Mix
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Potatoes
- Tuna/Chicken



## SERVICES

Sunday  
Bible Study 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

## OFFICE INFORMATION

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## SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER

Communion Preparation: Suzanne Smith  
Care of Baptismal Clothing: Suzanne Smith  
Closing the Building: Deron Smith



## THEME FOR 2014

People Reaching People

Taken from "Traditions of Men vs. the Word of God" by Alvin Jennings

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

### Brief History (continued from last week)

Charles Taze Russell's first book was published in 1886 which he entitled Millennial Dawn. The name was changed to Studies in the Scriptures in 1916, but the disciples of Russell came to be known in the early states of the movement as "Millennial Dawnist," "Russellites," or "International Bible Students."

After 'Pastor' Russell's death in 1916, his adherents were slowly called out and pushed out of the newer organization now headed by Judge Rutherford. Russell's old Watchtower Society passed into oblivion by federal court order in 1918. Finally, with all of Russell partisans out of the way, it was evident to all of Rutherford's adherents that a new name would have to be selected. This new name was given at a convention held at Columbus, Ohio, October, 1931 (Theocracy, p. 34).

In an effort to cover up the newness of the name, it was contended that Jehovah had witnesses from the time of Abel, and that Isaiah 62:2 prophesied the giving of the new name in 1931. Each issue of the Watchtower magazine carries these words on the cover: "You are my witnesses, says Jehovah- Isaiah 43:12."

Without the Watchtower hierarchy, the slaves would pass into oblivion as sheep without a shepherd... and this is precisely what the Watchtower said would happen to a man who lays Russell's books down and reads the Bible only! "Within two years he goes into darkness!" (September 10, 1910, p. 298).

Today, the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society with main headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y., prints over 100 million copies of their material in some 80 languages each year.