

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday

	<u>Dec. 6, 2015</u>	<u>Dec. 13, 2015</u>
Song Leader	R. Alt	Chu. Middleton
Prayer	S. Danz	E. Sueta
Communion	P. VanHorn	E. Stewart
Assist	P. Danz	D. Smith
Pass	B. Castleman	B. Hoffman
Pass	B. Danz	T. Jarvis
Scripture	M. Perry	Z. Thomas
Usher	B. Samu	D. Mandernach
Usher	J. Toby	T. Brooks
Prayer	D. Thomas	B. Morton
Nursery	B. Montgomery	L. VanHorn

Evening Worship

Prayer	E. Sueta	R. Bone
Communion	B. Mullins	S. Lance
Prayer	R. Coss	S. Fiori
Bible Time	N. & L. Middleton	C. & D. Middleton

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

	<u>Dec. 9, 2015</u>	<u>Dec. 16, 2015</u>
Prayer	R. Alexander	R. Bousho
Song Leader	L. Montgomery	D. Smith
Prayer	J. Fronczak	Z. Thomas

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Fortunes Reversed

Following Jesus was not without difficulty. Sleeping arrangements could be less than comfortable. The treasurer was a thief. Jews were trying to kill you. To be Jesus' disciple you had to leave your old life behind. So yes, there were probably easier ways to go. You could be better off financially elsewhere. You could have a softer pillow by staying at home. Perhaps while thinking of some of these things Peter asks Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" (Matthew 19:27) In other words, we have become last in this life to be your disciples . . . what is our reward? And Jesus answers him by saying that Peter's reward would be great. He would, with the other apostles, sit on twelve thrones in His kingdom. He would have a position of great authority. Jesus teaches that anyone who makes sacrifices in this life to be His disciple would have his reward. And then He says: "But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19:30)

So many think that wealth is so important. Too many think that it's worth taking advantage of others to get it. So people struggle and fight to be just a little better off than their neighbors. Little do they know that acting selfishly doesn't improve your standing, it causes you to fall. Jesus says that if you want to be great you don't need to be greedy, you need to be a servant. He says if you want to be first you have to be willing to put yourself last. Luke 16 tells the story of Lazarus and the rich man. (By the way - I don't think it's wrong to be wealthy. Job was the richest man in the east. I just think it's wrong to be selfish.) Lazarus sat at the rich man's gate and longed to eat the scraps from the rich man's table. But apparently the rich man thought only of himself. Eventually they both die. Lazarus, who was last, becomes first. The rich man who had everything he wanted in this life becomes last. So what SEEMED so important in this life becomes not important at all.

Do you think people will respect you more if you become rich? They might. By becoming rich, beautiful, or powerful you may be favored by this world. In this life you may get put first. But I'm trying to tell you that first in this life is not a great place to be. Be humble church. Be a servant to all. Then God will call you great. "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" (Mark 10:43-44)

AM Sermon: Life Skills from James: Resisting Favoritism

Reading: James 2:1-4

PM Sermon: Learning to Say No

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10 am. ALL ladies are welcome.

MEN'S GROUP: Every Thursday at the Tim Horton's on Allen Rd. / Goddard Rd. in Taylor at 7 am **AND** 4 pm.

POWER FOR TODAY: Subscriptions are \$10 per year. Make checks out to "Power for Today" and give to Helen Middleton by Friday, December 11.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 am at Charlie's in LP

E & D MEETING: Sunday, December 13 at 4:30 pm

SPECIAL SERVICE: Members of the Allen Park Church of Christ will join us on Sunday, December 13 for our evening service. Plan to attend and get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ.

HELPING HANDS LUNCHEON: Monday, December 14 at 11:30 am at Hungarian Rhapsody in Southgate.

HOLIDAY CARDS: Cards are due back by Wednesday, December 16. You have an option this year to forgo buying cards and give a monetary donation to Fran Bone, which will be sent to the Patrick O'Neal Family. Names of those who donated money will be included in the card exchange.

BABY NEWS: Erin and Matt Race are expecting twins in May! Congratulations!



LADIES' CLASS INFO: Remember to pick up your book from last year's class and begin studying on page 55. Contact Diane Middleton if you are new to the class and were not given a book last year.

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Eph. 4:4-6



RECENT BAPTISMS

BECKIE NEZICH was baptized on Wednesday, November 25.

BRYANNA WILLIAMS was baptized on Sunday, November 29.

ROBERTO CASTILLO was baptized on Wednesday, December 2.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Keep **BILL SAYLORS** in your prayers.

Prayers are requested for **AMELIA STONE**, granddaughter of Betty Parsons. Amelia fractured her left arm.

ANGELO CAPPELLA, father of Gina DiCarlo was taken to the hospital on Sunday, November 29. He is home now and doing better. Please keep Angelo in your prayers.

RICK BLISS, father of Leigh-Anna Middleton, had thyroid cancer surgery on Wednesday, December 2 in Minnesota. Surgery went well and no further treatment is expected. Please keep Rick in your prayers.

LYDIA MULLINS, sister of Carole Johnson, had colon cancer surgery on Tuesday, December 1. Surgery went well. Please continue to pray for Lydia's recovery.

GARRY RUPHARD and his father, **COSPER RUPHARD**, former members here, are both having health problems. Prayers are requested.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Jim Akers, Aaron Alt, Wesley Ballard, Jerry Bruno, Anita Clauss, Virginia Clay, William Crilley, Ramona Douglas, George Gabor, Fay Gallagher, Ed & Gera Ingle, Dennis Johnson, Josephine Johnson, Keith & Linda Johnson, Yolanda Joiner, Marion Logie, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Don Mandernach, Randy Mathews, Evelyn Mullins, Jim Pitts, Brenda Prosise, Chad Rollins, Lynn Rinehart, Scotty Smith, Louise Sparks, Paulette Sweet, Val Toby, Kim Tomaszewski, Rebecca Vaughn, Leila Wallace, Gary Watterworth, Jerry White, Jami Willingham



ELDERS' EDIFICATION & ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER



CALL TO WORSHIP

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Spending Minutes Wisely

Lord, make me to know my end. And what is the measure of the days. That I may know how frail I am indeed, you have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is nothing before you; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.

Psalms 39:4-5

In Psalms 90, David shows his mindfulness of his time on earth. He asks God to help him number his days, which ought to be the prayer of everyone. Wise servants work to redeem the time they have.

We should often wonder if the task is worth the time investment. What would happen if we were not doing it? Is there someone else who could do it just as well, and for whom the task would be time better spent? A good servant knows that time is like gold, and good "spending habits" are essential. It's just that in this case the units are minutes, not dollars.

If you don't know where your time goes-- that's a danger signal. If you can save small bits of time and consolidate them into chunks of time that can be spent on something worthwhile—that's like "found money." If we can number our minutes and hours, "numbering our days" will be easier.....

Food for thought!

Love, Chuck

SCRIPTURE READING

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:1-4

WINTER QUARTER ADULT & HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday, December 13

Auditorium: Book of James
Teacher: Doug Wells

High School:
Teachers: Chris & Annie Middleton

Wednesday, December 16

Auditorium: Men's Class (first 3 weeks are Men's Training class)
Teachers: Elders and Deacons

Fellowship room: Ladies' Class - ABC's of a Godly Heart part 2
Teacher: Diane Middleton

High School: Bible Bowl practice
Teacher: Tyler Brooks

SERVICES

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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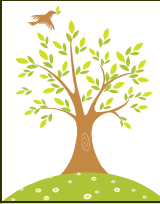
ELDERS

Russ Bone Randy Coss
Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

THEME FOR 2015

Sweet Year of Fellowship

SERVING THE LORD IN DECEMBER



Communion Preparation: Rosie Mandernach

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Rosie Mandernach

Closing the Building: Patrick VanHorn

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Butchie Montgomery
Moiria Clay
Linda Weick
Dick Leimstoll
Judy Stewart
Annalise Middleton
Pat Longoria
Doug Clay



Tom & Barb Raupp

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR DEC.

1) 1 Corinthians 12-14
2) 1 Corinthians 15-16
3) 2 Corinthians 1-4
4) 2 Corinthians 5-8
5) 2 Corinthians 9-13
6) Galatians 1-6
7) Ephesians 1-3
8) Ephesians 4-6
9) Philippians 1-4
10) Colossians 1-4
11) 1 Thessalonians 1-5
12) 2 Thessalonians 1-3
13) 1 Timothy 1-4
14) 1 Timothy 5-6
15) 2 Timothy 1-4
16) Titus/Philemon

17) Hebrews 1-5
18) Hebrews 6-9
19) Hebrews 10-11
20) Hebrews 12-13
21) James 1-5
22) 1 Peter 1-5
23) 2 Peter 1-3
24) 1 John 1-5
25) 2,3 John, Jude
26) Revelation 1-3
27) Revelation 4-8
28) Revelation 9-12
29) Revelation 13-16
30) Revelation 17-19
31) Revelation 20-22

CONTRIBUTION

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$3,400

11-01-15	\$4,536
11-08-15	\$3,094
11-15-15	\$3,317
11-22-15	\$4,446
11-29-15	\$2,810

FOOD PANTRY

We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support and generosity in supplying the food pantry for another year. What we have done for the families of Lincoln Park has been because of you. We also would like to thank our helpers who have taken over for us when we were away. We wouldn't have been able to get away without you.

Roger & Sherry Bousho

