

January 8, 2017

Issue 2

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Can You Speak About Jesus?

Let's say you make a new friend at school or at work. This person isn't a Christian. And let's say someone tells you, "Hey, you should have a Bible study with that person and show them how to be saved." What goes through your mind in that moment? Panic? I honestly think some Christians would rather have someone punch them in the face than to talk to someone about Jesus. At least it's close. And that's not a good thing! Why do some of us have such a hard time talking about the One who saved us from our sins? Any other good news we would cheerfully share. And we should also share the good news about Jesus: "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God" (1 Peter 4:11).

Of course, we do have our reasons for keeping silent. We know, at some level, that this world does not want to hear the message of Jesus. Some just consider the message foolish. Some are actually hostile toward it. That is nothing new: "we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 1:23). God understands that the gospel will never be popular in the world. But we should speak the truth anyway! For some who hear this message it will make all the difference. To those whom God has called the gospel is "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24).

We need to overcome our fears. We fear we don't know enough. We fear we will be rejected. We fear our reputation will be ruined. But when we look to the cross these fears fade away. Besides, the fears are unfounded. Doing a beginner's Bible study is not difficult, especially after the first few times. I suggest sharing 2 Thessalonians 1:8 to 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 to Romans 6:3-5 to Galatians 3:26-27 to Romans 8:1 to Acts 2:22-41 to 1 John 2:28. These passages make a compelling case for what you need to do to be saved. And yes, people might reject us. But you may be surprised how many people are willing to talk to you about spiritual things if you bring it up in a loving way. But even if they don't we are called to try. So I encourage you to speak the very words of God.

AM Sermon: Fearlessly Make the Mystery Known (Ephesians 6)

Reading: Ephesians 6:19-20

PM Sermon: How to Be a Better Member #3: Pray for your Church to Grow

Sunday

	<u>Jan. 8, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 15, 2017</u>
Song Leader	R. Alt	Chu. Middleton
Prayer	L. Montgomery	S. Lance
Communion	P. Danz	E. Stewart
Assist	M. Davidson	R. Coss
Pass	R. Alexander	D. Clay
Pass	T. Jarvis	D. Thomas
Scripture	Z. Thomas	R. Bousho
Usher	J. Fronczak	B. Hoffman
Usher	T. Brooks	P. VanHorn
Prayer	D. Thomas	S. Danz

Evening Worship

Prayer	D. Smith	T. Raupp
Communion	Chr. Middleton	L. Montgomery
Prayer	B. Morton	R. Alt
Bible Time	No Bible Time (MDYC concert)	M. & L. Perry

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

	<u>Jan. 11, 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 18, 2017</u>
Prayer	R. Castillo	J. Fussell
Song Leader	L. Montgomery	D. Smith

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10 am in room # 5.

MEN'S GROUP: Every Thursday at the Tim Horton's on Allen Rd. / Goddard Rd. in Taylor at 7:00 am AND 4:00 pm.

MDYC CONCERT: Sunday, January 8.



Our evening service will begin at 5:30 pm and the concert at approximately 6:00 pm. See Barb Raupp if you would like to help with the meal to feed the chorus.

HELPING HANDS: Monday, January 9 at 10:00 am.

BIBLE READING GET TOGETHER: Everyone is invited to the home of Doug and Raeanne Wells on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm to kick off our Bible reading challenge for 2017, by reading the book of John. Please bring snacks.



MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 am at Charlie's.

E & D MEETING: Rescheduled to Sunday, January 15 at 4:30 pm.

BIBLE BOWL: The first competition is Sunday, January 22 at 2:30 pm at Gateway Church of Christ.

ORPHANS LIFELINE: Donations are due on Sunday, January 22 to Randy Alt.

MCYC WINTER CAMP: January 27 - 29. Students are \$64 & Adults are \$29. Pricing includes all meals, lodging, leather craft, arts and crafts, and most activities. Sign the list at the back of the auditorium. Contact Matt Perry for more information. No "Teen Night" for January.



LADIES' LUNCHEON: Saturday, January 28, 2017. Location to be announced. Contact Carole Johnson for more information.

5TH SUNDAY SINGING: Sunday, January 29 for the evening service. Give your song requests to any song leader.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are still a few openings to help with communion and baptismal clothing for 2017.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



DON MANDERNACH

SUZANNE SMITH

JIM TOBY

AL PETROVICH

GIL MALDONADO

CHERYL WALLACE



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Virginia Clay, Ramona Douglas, Ryan Douglas, Chris Egan, Margie Frost, Ed Ingle, Dennis Johnson, Yolanda Joiner, Ken Lewis, Pat Longoria, Glenda Maldonado, Randy Mathews, Ben & Peg Morton, Evelyn Mullins, Betty Parsons, Al Petrovich, Faye Porter, Brenda Prossie, Sheryl Prossie, Margaret Rodriguez, Garry Ruphard, Pauline Suggs, Val Toby, Maria Tolbert, Rebecca Vaughn, Jerry White



ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Take My Hand



CALL TO WORSHIP

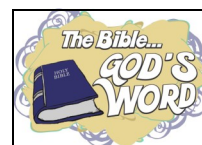
Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:19-20



"Daily Bible Reading" schedules are at the back of the auditorium.

How precious to see hands that are holding the hands of others, hands that are holding the Bible, hands that are folded in prayer, hands that are reaching out, older hands that are gentle and compassionate, and young hands helping older hands. One of the most comforting gestures that God has blessed us with is a simple handshake, when a hand grasps our hand in greeting. What encouragement we feel when a hand pats us on the back for an accomplishment! God gave us hands so that we can reach out to others who are in need. I believe we can all agree that the best hand is when God reaches out and helps us!

Isaiah 41:13 For *I am the Lord, your God who takes hold of your hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.*

Isaiah 42:6 *I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.*

As parents, have you watched your child trip and fall? We react with great urgency as we run to this child and take them by the hand and lift them up. We gently take them in our arms and hold them till they are comforted and reassured that all is well. God is telling us in the book of Isaiah that when we need Him, He will come quickly because we are His children. God promises to take hold of our right hand and we're not to fear for he will help us!

There is a song in our hymn book, number 786, "Precious Lord Take My Hand." When we lift this song up to God, we are giving Him glory and praise, and showing our appreciation for him. He is always there with his hand reaching out to guide us no matter what comes our way. God is leading us home!

When my way growth drear, precious Lord linger near, when my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call hold my hand, lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the shadows appear, and the night draw-eth near, and the day is past and gone; at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thru the storm, thru the night lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

(Thomas Dorsey, 1938)

Isn't it amazing that God has given us hands to do the work we have been called to do! God is good.

Love, Chuck

SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm



SERVING THE LORD IN JANUARY

Communion Preparation: Steve and Candy Lance

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Steve and Candy Lance

Closing the Building: Steve Lance

OFFICE INFORMATION

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MINISTER

Doug Wells

ELDERS

Russ Bone Randy Coss

Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

THEME

"Commit to the Lord in 2017"



Chuck Middleton

Patrick VanHorn

Christine Rowell

Doug Wells

Denise Bone

Tiffany Davis

Elaine Danz

Drew Boze

Anna Brooks



Gil & Glenda Maldonado

Dennis & Mary Jane Johnson

Fred & Kim Landry

John & Shelley Loera

James & Martha Davidson

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

- 1) Genesis 1-3
- 2) Genesis 4-7
- 3) Genesis 8-11
- 4) Genesis 12-15
- 5) Genesis 16-18
- 6) Genesis 19-20
- 7) Genesis 21-23
- 8) Genesis 24-25
- 9) Genesis 26-28
- 10) Genesis 29-30
- 11) Genesis 31-32
- 12) Genesis 33-35
- 13) Genesis 36-38
- 14) Genesis 39-41
- 15) Genesis 42-44
- 16) Genesis 45-47

- 17) Genesis 48-50
- 18) Exodus 1-3
- 19) Exodus 4-6
- 20) Exodus 7-9
- 21) Exodus 10-12
- 22) Exodus 13-15
- 23) Exodus 16-18
- 24) Exodus 19-21
- 25) Exodus 22-24
- 26) Exodus 25-27
- 27) Exodus 28-29
- 28) Exodus 30-32
- 29) Exodus 33-35
- 30) Exodus 36-38
- 31) Exodus 39-40

CONTRIBUTION

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$3,400

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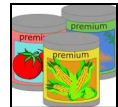
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FOOD PANTRY



Needed items

Boxed milk

Complete meals

Canned meat

Soups