

January 28, 2018

Issue 4

# Lincoln Park Church of Christ

## Hope for Victory

Sin causes all kinds of problems, there are all kinds of negative effects. One of these effects is damage to our moral compass. The Bible describes people "whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:2). Perhaps you have noticed that the first time you do some specific wrong thing feels a lot worse than the second time. That's conscience damage. I'm sure some consciences are damaged so much that "wrong" doesn't even register anymore. However, there are many others who are not there yet. People who desire to do good. People who still know that evil is wrong. And yet, these good-hearted people cry out along with Paul, "For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing" (Romans 7:19).

Even when we know the right way it is still a terrible fight to live it. The problem is that the fight is against yourself. (How can you win a fight against yourself?) If we are not careful this fight can wear us down and lead us to despair. "What a wretched man I am!" (Romans 7:24). Our knowledge can produce sorrow. Others may sin and be happy about it due to their spiritual ignorance. But we know the right way! Our goal is to try to walk the right way! And so when we sin we clearly know that we have failed ourselves and failed God.

So what is the answer? Putting more effort into following the rules has mixed results. If we fix our eyes on the commands the wicked part of our hearts cries out to break that command. So, instead I suggest we "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). Don't get me wrong, I want you to follow God's commands. Every single one of them - I don't want you to leave out a single letter. I also know you can't do it if you view them as a list of rules. If the Word is only "law" to you then you won't be able to resist yourself for long. But if you view the Word as a message from the risen Christ, whom you love, then sin will lose much of its appeal. "So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God" (Romans 7:4).

If you want relief in the fight against sin you can always give in. Give up long enough and eventually your actions won't bother you anymore. But I hope you love God enough to go a different way. There is also rest from this fight in the arms of Jesus. The fight is over in heaven but even here, knowing you belong to Christ, the desire to sin is replaced by the desire to bear fruit to God.

AM Sermon: Belong to God, not Sin (Romans 7)

Scripture Reading: Romans 7:18-19

PM Sermon: God Means What He Says

### Sunday A.M.

Jan. 28, 2018

Feb. 4, 2018

Song Leader	Chu. Middleton	Chr. Middleton
Prayer	R. Coss	D. Smith
Communion	J. Fussell	D. Thomas
Assist	B. Fussell	Z. Thomas
Pass	D. Boze	R. Alt
Pass	T. DiCarlo	R. Castillo
Scripture	R. Bousho	L. Wells
Usher	Cyl. Middleton	T. Brooks
Usher	R. Alexander	T. Raupp
Prayer	S. Danz	E. Stewart

### Sunday P.M.

Prayer	Chr. Middleton	M. Perry
Communion	P. VanHorn	P. Danz
Prayer	S. Lance	S. Fiori
Bible Time	NO Bible Time	T. & A. Brooks
	MDYC concert	

### Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

Jan. 31, 2018

Feb. 7, 2018

Song Leader	L. Montgomery	D. Smith
Prayer	C. Fussell	B. Fussell

## ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**SAMARITAN GROUP:** Every Wednesday at 10 am in room # 5. All are welcome.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Tuesdays at 7:00 am at the McDonald's on Allen & Goddard in A.P. and Thursdays at 4:00 pm at the Tim Horton's on Allen & Goddard in Taylor.



**MCYC WINTER CAMP:** Our weekend for Winter camp is January 26-28. Cost is \$64 for students & \$29 for adults. Teens and families with younger children are welcome.

**LADIES' LUNCHEON:** Saturday, January 27 at 11:30 am at Luke and Lulu's 7706 Allen Road, Allen Rd, Allen Park, MI 48101. Contact Carole Johnson for more information.

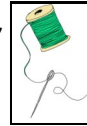
**METRO DETROIT YOUTH CHORUS CONCERT:** Sunday, January 28, 2018. Our service begins at 5:30 pm and the chorus at 6:00 pm. Our chorus members are Sidney Williams and Elitta Middleton.

**ORPHANS LIFELINE:** Donations are due on Sunday, January 28 to Randy Alt or Gina DiCarlo.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 am at Charlie's and song leading class at 10:00 am.

**E&D MEETING:** Sunday, February 11 at 4:30 pm.

**HELPING HANDS:** Monday, February 12 at 10:00 am.



**LADIES' DAY:** All ladies are invited to a Ladies' Day on Saturday, March 17 from 9:30-11:30 am in the fellowship room. Our topic is "Finding Beauty in the Broken". Kristin Arbuckle will be our guest speaker. Continental breakfast will be served and we will be making a beautifully mended craft.

**MCYC GIRLS' RETREAT:** ♥ MCYC'S annual "Girls Only" retreat is April 20 - 22, 2018, for girls 12 - 17 year old.

**BIBLE BOWL RESULTS:** On Sunday, January 21, at the 1st competition, our primary team took 2nd place with 980 points. Perfect scores: Zachariah Thomas, Levi Wells (on 2 teams), Liberty Wells (on 2 teams), Selena Castillo, and Amaris Willingham. Congratulations to all! Great job! The next competition is Sunday, February 11.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



DOUG CLAY

DERON and BRANDON SMITH

ROSIE MANDERNACH



♥  
CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Paula Colburn, Jimmy Colburn, Michael Davidson, Laura Farr, Connie Fleischer, Brenna Fry, Alberta Gabor, Fay Gallagher, Bill Hoffman, Yvonne Ibarra, Dennis Johnson, Linda Johnson, Yolanda Joiner, Jerry Lance, Kim Landry, John Loera, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Randy Mathews, Rita McGreevy, Jackson and Shirley Montgomery, Matt Nasceif, Mae Perry, Al Petrovich, Faye Porter, Sheryl Prosise, Garry Ruphard, Kenzie Smith, Timothy Stevers, Val Toby, Maria Tolbert, Rebecca Vaughn, Raeanne Wells, Jerry White, Canda Wright, Mark Zimbalatti

## ELDERS' EDIFICATION & ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

There are 1,001 things you can choose to do this day that will lighten the load of someone else's burden and give you a warm feeling of satisfaction that the day has been well spent.

- Do something thoughtful for a sick or homebound person.
- Write a note of appreciation to someone who has helped you.
- Cook, make, or buy a gift for someone. Give it anonymously.
- Offer to baby-sit one night for a young couple.

Salvation is not a matter of doing good things and earning your way into heaven. But those who are Christians find it joyous and rewarding to do things that help others in the name of Jesus.

- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Take someone to lunch that has recently lost a family member in death.
- Do something to make a child smile.
- Hug someone tightly and say, "I love you."

When tomorrow gets here, the chance to do any good with today will be gone. You don't have to cross the ocean or go across town. You can start in your own house with your family.

- Spend a full hour of one-on-one time with your mate.
- Go wherever your child is and communicate your love for and pride in that child for whom he/she is.
- Get out the checker board, Uno cards, and Monopoly board and challenge the entire family to take you on.
- Tell your parents how much you love them.
- Surprise your brother/sister by saying, "I love you and I thank God for putting us in the same family."

"Little things make an eternal difference — whether by being done or by being neglected. Just one loving thing done by you today can make a difference in someone's eternal welfare.

- Write a note to someone who recently asked you to pray for them and let them know that you are doing so today.
- Visit with someone you think is close to becoming a Christian. Encourage them to obey the gospel.
- Call a Christian you know who is struggling right now and let them know you are thinking of them.
- Tell a Bible class teacher how much you appreciate what they are doing.

You can't do all the things above today — but you can do one or two. And you can keep the list handy for tomorrow or next week. Use today for God's glory — before it's gone!

Tim Woodward Church of Christ Smithville, TN



### CALL TO WORSHIP

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10



### SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Romans 7:18-19

**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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**MINISTER**

Doug Wells

**ELDERS**

Russ Bone Randy Coss

Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

**THEME****SERVING THE LORD IN JANUARY***Communion Preparation:* Steve and Candy Lance*Care of Baptismal Clothing:* Steve and Candy Lance*Closing the Building:* Steve Lance**JANUARY****Birthdays**

Chuck Middleton  
 Patrick VanHorn  
 Christine Rowell  
 Doug Wells  
 Denise Bone  
 Tiffany Davis  
 Elaine Danz  
 Drew Boze  
 Anna Brooks

**Anniversaries**

Gilbert and Glenda Maldonado  
 Mary Jane and Dennis Johnson  
 Fred and Kim Landry  
 John and Shelley Loera  
 James and Martha Davidson

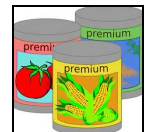
**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY**

- 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**

01-07-18 \$4,362  
 01-14-18 \$3,890  
 01-21-18 \$6,510  
 01-28-18

**FOOD PANTRY****Needed items**

Pork & Beans  
 Canned fruits  
 Mac & Cheese  
 Bagged rice  
 Bagged beans  
 Canned tuna