

# Lincoln Park Church of Christ

## Watch For the Owner

Have you ever been house-sitting? Someone, probably a relative, goes on vacation and so they ask you to watch over the house, get their mail, and feed their dog. Of course, the owner never would have asked this of you if they didn't think you were responsible. The owner is coming back to the house at some point, and this person has the hope that the house will still be standing when they return. As a house sitter you are expected to act in such a way that prepares for the owner's happy return. Jesus uses this image to teach His disciples: "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back . . . What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:35,37). What if the owner comes back and the place is a wreck? What if the mailbox is overflowing and important letters have been rained on? What if the dog has starved to death? Then I suspect you don't get paid. (And your house-sitting career is likely over).

Jesus tells us that every Christian is to wait for the return of the owner. "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). We are all called to remember that Jesus will, at some point, return. Remembering this fact is an important part of following Jesus' command to watch. Remembering this fact will encourage you to be responsible with all the things that Jesus has put into your care. Perhaps we will be kinder or more generous or a little more careful to not break things if we remember that we will one day stand before the One to whom we must give an account.

Perhaps the greatest challenge with remembering to watch is how long we have been waiting. The Owner has been away for a long time and these days attention spans are not great. "Where is this 'coming' he promised?" (2 Peter 3:4). Maybe we don't ask this out loud, but is this question found in our heart? Are we still waiting? Are we still hoping and praying for the return of Jesus? Or has the delay led to our hearts turning to the things of this world, things we do not have to wait for? Church, never forget that the owner is coming back. When that happens it will be good for the servants who are found prepared and watching. They will receive their reward.

AM Sermon: Hoping and Waiting (Romans 8)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:23-25

PM Sermon: God Means What He Says

### Sunday A.M.

Feb. 4, 2018      Feb. 11, 2018

Song Leader	Chr. Middleton	R. Alt
Prayer	D. Smith	S. Lance
Communion	D. Thomas	R. Coss
Assist	Z. Thomas	P. VanHorn
Pass	R. Alt	B. Fussell
Pass	R. Castillo	A. Willingham
Scripture	L. Wells	Cyl. Middleton
Usher	T. Brooks	R. Alexander
Usher	T. Raupp	B. Samu
Prayer	E. Stewart	R. Bousho

### Sunday P.M.

Prayer	M. Perry	J. Fussell
Communion	P. Danz	L. Montgomery
Prayer	S. Fiori	B. Smith
Bible Time	T. & A. Brooks	R. & C. Alt

### Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

Feb. 7, 2018      Feb. 14, 2018

Song Leader	D. Smith	L. Montgomery
Prayer	B. Fussell	Z. Thomas

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.



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

**BIBLE BOWL:** The next competition is Sunday, February 11 at 2:30 pm at Gateway Church of Christ. Every one is welcome to attend.

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



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

**LADIES' LUNCHEON:** Saturday, February 24 at 11:30 am at Ramsey's 12552 Dix Toledo Rd. Southgate, MI

**ORPHANS' LIFELINE:** Donations are due on Sunday, February 25 to Randy Alt or Gina DiCarlo.

**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 MAN CAMP:** Man camp will be one of your favorite weekends of the year and a weekend in which you grow closer to God! It is a perfect opportunity for a men's ministry in any church. Don't miss out on this great event. Get a group of friends or some men from your church and head on out to Man Camp this year! April 13 - 15, Cost - \$85 per person for ages 14 and up (ages 14 - 17 must have a chaperone). Ministers are free. Groups of 10 or more get \$10 off per person.



**MCYC GIRLS' RETREAT:** ♥ MCYC'S annual "Girls Only" retreat is April 20 - 22, 2018, for girls 12 - 17 year old. Cost is \$39 per person. The weekend includes a two night stay, some really cool counselors, food, activities, and crafts. Enjoy a great weekend getting to know girls your age.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



- BETTY PARSONS
- SHERYL PROSISE
- MICHAEL DAVIDSON
- DOUG CLAY
- TIMOTHY STEVERS



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CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Paula Colburn, Jimmy Colburn, 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, Don & Rosie Mandernach, Randy Mathews, Rita McGreevy, Jackson and Shirley Montgomery, Matt Nasceif, Mae Perry, Al Petrovich, Faye Porter, Garry Ruphard, Kenzie Smith, Val Toby, Maria Tolbert, Rebecca Vaughn, Raeanne Wells, Jerry White, Canda Wright, Mark Zimbalatti

## ELDERS' EDIFICATION & ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

DID YOU THINK TO PRAY by Gene Taylor



The opportunity to pray, to communicate directly with God, is one of the greatest blessings the Christian enjoys. It is evident that Divinity places a great deal of emphasis on prayer and its power. While on the earth, Jesus prayed often both showing and instructing His disciples that they ought to be people who pray (1 Thes. 5:17).

Prayer is the general term for addressing God. Since it is possible for His children to talk to Him, He asks them to call upon Him often (Luke 18:1-8; Ephesians 6:17-18; 1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Prayer is both the privilege and duty of the righteous (James 5:16). The model prayer given by Jesus in Matthew 6 shows that prayer was designed for children of God (v. 9). Only those who are trying to live righteously have their prayers heard and approved (1 Peter 3:10-12).

Prayer is asking, seeking, and knocking with the assurance that the Father is ready, willing, and able to respond (Matt. 7:7-11).

Prayer is an act of faith (Luke 18:1-8; Jas. 1:5-7). By praying to God, one shows he believes that He is real, that He loves His children, and that He hears and answers their prayers (John 9:31; 1 John 5:13-15).

Prayer is an expression of worship because praise, an integral part of worship, is a major component of prayer (Matt. 6:9). The very fact His children seek Him in it and pray that His will be done demonstrates their respect and love for God thus worshiping Him in prayer.

As stated above, prayer involves adoration and praise. It eulogizes God (Acts 2:47; Matt. 6:9).

Prayer includes petitions, pleas for one's needs (1 John 5:15). These can be such things as supplications (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), confession of sins, and pleas for forgiveness (1 John 1:9-2:2). Another essential of prayer is thanksgiving for blessings received from God (Phil. 4:6). Intercessions, pleas for others, are also an element of prayer (1 Tim. 2:1).

Since prayers can be hindered by many things, Christians must constantly be on guard against those things which would hinder their prayers. Such things as lack of faith (Jas. 1:5-7), wickedness (Psalms 66:18), selfishness (Jas. 4:3; Luke 18:9-14), improper attitudes toward others (Matt. 6:14-15; 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 3:7), and the substitution of prayer for obedience can all hinder the prayers of the church and its members.

Holy living is a must for God to hear your prayers.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty

<sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91:1-2

### SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:23-25

**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 FEBRUARY**



*Communion Preparation:* Randy & Linda Coss

*Care of Baptismal Clothing:* Linda Coss

*Closing the Building:* Randy Coss

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**MINISTER**

Doug Wells

**ELDERS**

Russ Bone Randy Coss  
Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

**THEME** for 2018

**Who's next?**

**FEBRUARY**

**Birthdays**

Helen Siegel  
John Loera  
Marla Nicoletti  
Jamie Davidson  
Dianne Lande  
Stephanie Barry  
Russ Bone  
Charlie Fussell  
Martha Davidson  
Betty Parsons  
Sherry Bousho  
Diane Middleton  
Randy Alt

**Anniversaries**



Roger & Sherry Bousho  
Louis & Butchie Montgomery  
Ernie & Yvonne Ibarra  
Tony & Gina DiCarlo

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY**

- 1) Leviticus 1-4
- 2) Leviticus 5-7
- 3) Leviticus 8-9
- 4) Leviticus 10-12
- 5) Leviticus 13
- 6) Leviticus 14-15
- 7) Leviticus 16-18
- 8) Leviticus 19-21
- 9) Leviticus 22-23
- 10) Leviticus 24-25
- 11) Leviticus 26-27
- 12) Numbers 1-2
- 13) Numbers 3-4
- 14) Numbers 5-6

- 15) Numbers 7
- 16) Numbers 8-10
- 17) Numbers 11-13
- 18) Numbers 14-15
- 19) Numbers 16-18
- 20) Numbers 19-21
- 21) Numbers 22-24
- 22) Numbers 25-26
- 23) Numbers 27-29
- 24) Numbers 30-31
- 25) Numbers 32-33
- 26) Numbers 34-36
- 27) Deuteronomy 1-2
- 28) Deuteronomy 3-4

**CONTRIBUTION**

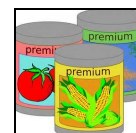
**WEEKLY BUDGET**

\$3,400

01-07-18	\$4,362
01-14-18	\$3,890
01-21-18	\$6,510
01-28-18	\$2,555



**FOOD PANTRY**



Needed items

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