

WELCOME VISITORS We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES Plan to return tonight to lift your voice in praising God at our monthly singing and devotion at 6:00 pm.

OCTOBER 30 – 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK Our potluck meal this month will be on the 5th Sunday, October 30, following the morning service. Each family should bring a main dish and either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Widows and singles should bring 1 two liter of pop and either a large salad, vegetable or dessert. Plan to stay, enjoy great food and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Remember, there will not be an evening service on October 30.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30 ~ 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION After meeting with Dr. Moses, the elders have decided to use the contribution on October 30 for Obong University. Please make every effort to increase your regular contribution on this date and dedicate it for missions. Dr. Moses has worked his life for the Lord in Africa. The Gospel is preached daily from this University and our money will help spread the Good News. This university is the only Church of Christ University in Africa. This will be our only special contribution asked for this year. God has blessed us; let us pass this blessing on to others. ~ The elders

ELDERS / DEACONS MEETING There will be a meeting for elders and deacons today at 4:00 pm.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP There will be a senior citizen trip to Shiphewana on Monday October 24. Please sign up on foyer bulletin board if you plan to go; the bus will leave at 8:30 am.

TREATS FOR KIDS All children are invited to stay after the 5th Sunday potluck meal to dress up, show off costumes and receive candy.

WIDOWS LUNCHEON There will be a widow's luncheon on November 1 in the life center at noon. Pat Thomas and Debbie Jeffers are hosting the luncheon.

NWOCYC—ELDERBEERMAN BOOKLETS November 11 and 12 brings Community Days again at Elder Beerman. Coupon booklets only cost \$5.00. Please see Audrey Edens, Laura Long, Nancy Myers or Paula Miller for coupon booklets.

"GIVE ME THE WISDOM FROM HEAVEN IN 2011"
James 3:17

"DISORGANIZED RELIGION"

I wish I had a nickel for every time someone said to me, "I can't stand organized religion." It seems to me that more and more I am hearing this statement. One of the first instances in which I heard this statement came about 15 years ago when I spoke with my father about Christianity. He related to me a bad experience he had in a certain church back in the 60's. My father was so upset he just decided to stop going to church. He also blamed God for what happened.

I tried to explain to him that the religious leader that he had a run in with actually did not have Bible authority for what he did. I tried to explain to him that this group's leadership was not even a true Biblical model, but my dad however was too frustrated about what had happened to listen to what the scriptures had to say. Since then, I have heard countless times negative statements about "organized religion." Just last week I spoke with a man about God and invited him to come to church. His reply was, "I don't think that I need to be a part of organized religion...I do believe in Jesus though." He had also had a negative experience with religion organized by man.

As Christians we must prepare to talk to people about God's true and Biblically organized religion... We must try to help people understand that what often makes "organized religion" bad is that it is organized according to the will and plan of man instead of the will and plan of God. Jesus said, "I will build my church." (Mt.16:18) The church Christ spoke of was by His authority and by His design. Later in the scriptures we read that His inspired apostles and Bible writers gave the blueprint for building God's church. They spoke about the leadership of the church and how it was to be organized with Elders and Deacons... (I Timothy 3 and Titus 1).

We also learn in the scriptures how we are to conduct ourselves as the church of Christ. God designed His religion to be organized; the problem is that it is so often disorganized by those who seek to build it outside of God's design. Things are not handled the way they should be and people know enough about how God's people should act to know the difference. This often causes people to be turned off or discouraged about God's church. Let's help all who we come in contact with to understand about the true church of the Bible which will so bless their lives if they seek it and become a part of it.

~Nathan Wolfe

- R.C. McElwain—at home
- Michelle Vogt—St. Luke's Hospital, she is the sister of Mike Lunsford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Anna Copass, R.C. McElwain, Ruth Ragland, Maggie Clouse, Norma Gonzalez, Johnnie Brown, Jim Thomas, Tony Ramos, Don & Marian Loertscher, Carmen Wright, Jim Hall, Mike Borysiak, Alan Cluckey, Jason Grimes, Doug Clouse, Michelle Vogt and Bertha Wells.

BIBLE READING October 23, Luke 4-5; October 24, Luke 6-7; October 25, Luke 8; October 26, Luke 9; October 27, Luke 10-11; October 28, Luke 12-13, October 29, Luke 14-16.

RECORDS OCT. 16, 2011			
9:00	111	N.E.	4
10:00	236		
6:00	116		
Wed.	77		
Contribution	\$5,988.06		
Missions			
Building Fund			
Total	\$5,988.06		
Weekly Budget	\$5,444.62		

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study