

Motown Minutes

Detroit Church of Christ

August 9, 2006



Asking for Terms of Peace: Doyle Lewis Conversion Story



I began studying the bible when I lived in California. It was right after I saw two teens get baptized, during a double baptism. That was a Saturday night. I spent the rest of that night and part of Sunday thinking about that baptism and what I wanted for myself.

On Monday, I went to morning quiet time with some of the teens at my high school. Classes started late every Monday, so we met on campus to have quiet times with the teen ministry leaders. Loren was our ministry leader. He had recently moved from Denver

to San Diego and had developed friendships with most of the teens in the short time he'd been there. That morning, Loren asked us what we thought of the baptisms on Saturday. I told him that I thought they were inspiring and that I was thinking about studying the bible. He asked me if I'd like to study with him later that week. I was somewhat taken aback by his question because I'm not one for fast change. But I agreed to the bible study, so we set it up for later that week.

I studied the bible with Loren right up until I moved to Michigan. I did not begin to study here right away, because I wasn't ready with all the changes. I didn't feel like I had a relationship with anyone that was good enough. That was very challenging. Finally, I thought I could study with Terry Ali. I asked my parents what they thought and they said to ask him, so I did.

For a long time, we studied once a week and made some progress. I was open with him about things, had a few things pointed out, and I started to repent. Eventually, I found myself at a wall. I knew that Jesus died for my sins, but I couldn't get emotionally connected. I read and heard about it my whole life. Now, it was my turn to understand and repent, but I didn't have the deep conviction that I wanted and I didn't know how to get it. To try and solve this, Terry and I began to study the cross. Soon after, the biggest turning point in my search for God happened.

I went for a weekend up to Lansing to hang out with Joel, the leader of the Lansing church. I had no idea what Joel had in mind. He planned to take me through every traditional bible study the church does. But not the way I had done them before. He read a parable that Jesus used to describe different aspects of Christianity, and then we lived them out.

One example that we lived out that weekend was the classic scripture on discipleship from the parable of the two kings in Luke 14:31-33. Joel, Nate and I each had wrist rockets and paintballs. Joel and Nate were the two kings coming against me. If I had two paintballs, they each had four, and so on. They gave me a white towel to wave in case I decided to surrender. At first I used the towel to wipe the paint off my face. I didn't want to surrender right away. I wanted to really understand what it meant to fight God, an impossible fight to win. Every time I stuck my head up, I got hit. I got hit in the lip and received a throbbing war reminder. It was awesome! I finally surrendered. That was the most fun, challenging and faith building weekend I ever had. By the end of that Saturday, I was in tears and decided to give my life to Jesus. Joel gave me a royal purple cloth to wear.

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We canoed down the river to an amazing lonely place. The only thing in sight was a wooden cross. I stood there in front of that cross alone and prayed. I put my purple cloth on the cross by the river and surrendered to Jesus forever. Shortly after, I returned home and was baptized into Christ. Now I'm your brother. Amen!

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:31-32."

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location/Time	Details
Family Festival	August 13 th	Kensington Metro Park, South Martindale Beach (next to East Boat Launch)	Come for church, picnic, and a carnival following service. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages; church providing hot dogs and paper products. \$4 per vehicle to park.
Children's Vacation Bible School (Ages 3-5; K-5 th grade)	August 14 – 18 th	St. Paul's School in Royal Oak on Washington Ave., 9 AM – 12 noon	See Bonnie Bem or Wendy Sherrill for more information.
Churchwide Singles Devotional	August 18 th	St. Joseph's Hospital; 7 – 9 PM	All singles in the church are welcome to attend.
Churchwide Singles Dream Cruise BBQ	August 19 th	Karl Rosenblatt's; 4 – 10 PM	Contact Karl for more details.
Marriage Workshop	August 19 th	TBD; 6 – 8 PM	Guest speakers: Mike and Terri Fontenot
Downriver Conference	August 26 th	Clarion Hotel in Romulus	Cost is \$10. Visit www.detroitchurch.org or see Otoma Edje for more information.
Special Missions Walk-a-thon	August 27 th	TBD	Special contribution and collection will be on 8/30; W/O/M bring a dessert to pass; Washtenaw bring fruit or healthy snack. Get your pledge forms online or at Sunday service.
Churchwide Singles Arts, Eats, and Beats	September 1 st	Meeting at the Michon's between 6 – 6:30 PM	Contact Kim or Kevin Michon for more details.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following individuals:

Cancer Patients:

Judy Lewis' mom and uncle	Angela Cobb's father
Lisa Chow's cousin, Monica	The Keyes' friend, Tammy
Kareem Gray's grandfather	Jason Michner's father
Jamie Smit's father and friend, Linda	Lisa Denning's friend, Marina

Other Illnesses:

Dorothy Stankus and Sandra Easley recovering.
Greg Johnson's uncle suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.
Cora Cornwell's daughter may be in need of a heart transplant.
Sharon Larsen's, cousin, Kim suffering from lupus.

Announcements

Lost Item

Lost Item: stainless steel pan with one broken handle, left at Kensington Park on Fathers Day. If you picked it up, please call Vicki Keebler, 734-277-3811.

Baby Shower: It's a Girl

A Baby Shower Honoring Tina Groat on Saturday, 8/26/06, 2.00 - 4.30pm at 49224 Founders Ct. Canton MI 48187
RSVP to Camilla Cherian @ 734-844-8283 or email camilla_cherian@yahoo.com. Registry: Babies `R Us

Found Item

A handheld game device has been found. If you lost this item, please contact Ramayan Saries.

Classifieds

Roommate Needed

Katy Schafer is looking for a place to live, preferably long-term arrangement in western Wayne county. Contact Katy at 313-319-0513.

Ball Room Dancing for Special

Four sessions are \$40/couple or for a night or two for \$16/couple. Call Penny at 248-705-6683 or Email: pennyarbonne@yahoo.com

Apartment for Rent

1 bedroom apartment for rent in Detroit. Mature singles only. Contact Walter Ray for more information.

Bible Talk Groups

Ministry Leadership

Group (MLG):

Allan & Sandy Aubert
 Roy & Lisa Chow
 Rick & Judy Lewis
 Brian & Shann Perkins
 Time & Wendy Sherrill

Office Manager:

Jen Weatherston

Servants of the Church

(Deacons):

Tim & Wendy Sherrill
 Benevolence
 Kevin & Melissa Schlosser
 Kingdom Kids

Wayne County

Bible Talk Groups

East Detroit: Greg & Kathy Moots
 313-345-4553
 Livonia: Brad & Becky Guthrie
 734-462-2134
 Single Mature Women: Betty Towner
 313-835-4009
 Mature Women: Barbara Causey
 248-547-0644
 Downtown: Wayne & April Wright
 313-790-0297
 Novi/Northville: Jason & Tara Michner
 734-968-4458
 Farmington: Doug & Donna Wahr
 248-426-0499
 Southfield: Mike & Terrie Banks
 248-354-7372
 West Detroit: Rex & Pearl Smith
 248-544-0994
 Downriver: Otoma Edje
 248-755-9405
 West Detroit: Eddie & Tracey Anderson
 313-342-6701

Dale & Kathie Norgan
 Preteens
 Bill & Angie Samuels
 HOPE worldwide of Michigan
 Mike & Barbara Magner
 Single Parents Ministry
 Mike & Michelle Dishaw
 Married Ministry
 Allan & Sandy Aubert
 Teen Ministry & Administration
 Otoma Edje
 New Members Ministry

Wayne County:

Brian & Shann Perkins
 Evangelist/Women's Ministry Ldr
 Tim & Wendy Sherrill
 General Servants

Oakland / Macomb County:

Rick & Judy Lewis
 Ministry Leaders
 Mike & Michelle Dishaw
 General Servants
 Roy & Lisa Chow
 General Servants
 Ken Yee – Treasurer

Oakland/Macomb County

Bible Talk Groups

Region Leaders: Rick & Judy Lewis
 General Servants: Roy & Lisa Chow
 248-743-0348
 Food Pantry: Brenda Monfils
 586-773-3554
 Ferndale:
 Shawn & Jennifer Alexander
 248-336-0032
 Troy: Roy & Lisa Chow
 248-743-0348
 Warren: Brian & Kristen Homan
 586-751-1163
 Roseville: John & MaShell Keyes
 586-293-5122
 Southfield: Ajay & Melanie Jacob
 248-644-1377
 Northern Suburbs: Mike & Michelle Dishaw
 248-689-1778
 Northern Suburbs: Ken & Patti Yee
 248-703-1345
 Preteens: Dale & Kathie Norgan
 810-395-7700

Washtenaw County:

Collin & Beth Sherrill
 Ministry Leaders
 Allan & Sandy Aubert
 General Servants
 Le Phan – Treasurer

DCC Board of Directors:

Shawn Alexander
 Allan Aubert
 Otoma Edje
 Bernice Taul
 Doug Wahr
 Wayne Wright

Washtenaw County

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Region Leaders: Collin & Beth Sherrill
 734-487-7163
 General Servants: Allan & Sandy Aubert
 734-451-0459
 Deacons: Kevin & Melissa Schlosser
 734-484-7678
 Mike & Barb Magner
 734-354-6038
 U of M Campus: Gabe Buckery
 646-271-7942
 Eastern Michigan Campus: Collin Sherrill
 734-487-7163
 Married Family Groups:
 Milo & Kristen Thomas
 734-961-6690
 Kevin & Melissa Schlosser
 734-484-7678
 Scott & Carrie Neff
 734-428-0875
 Bruce & Annabel St. Amour
 734-287-4899
 Singles:
 Chad Talo
 734-368-0596;
 Alexis Stranberg
 734-891-0130

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