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North Street Christian Church  
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# North Street News

## Celebrate Friendship at North Street Christian Church

### FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY is April 29, 2007

*A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than an brother.*  
**Proverbs 18:24**

#### Today at NSCC

- 8:15 Worship I
- 9:00 Children's Choir
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Worship II
- 6:30 Teen Girls Bible Study @ McIntyres

Message: Directions for Life: Now and Forever by Pastor Jeff. John 14:6 - *I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life*

#### Greeters

Worship I D & M Winters

Worship II B Carson

#### Nursery

Worship I K Twerdok

Sunday School K Twerdok & J Cole

Worship II L Bilowich & S Bergbigler

#### The Lord's Supper

Worship I J Ogden

Worship II P Bauer

#### Last Week at NSCC

Sunrise Worship 57

10:15 Worship 309

Offering:

Unified Budget \$11,306.00

Designated \$ 1,214.06

All who attend North Street Church are asked to bring a friend to Church on Sunday, April 29! Now, get a paper and pencil! Start thinking of all of those people about whom you have said, "You know, I ought to invite them to Church some Sunday." Write their names down, pray about it and start calling to make an invitation.

Those invited might be people who have worshiped at NSCC previously and are not *regulars* any longer. They might be long time or short time friends. They might be neighbors or co-workers. They might be family members who have gotten out of the habit. Maybe friends from school or other acquaintances.

The idea behind **Friendship Sunday** is a simple one - to CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP- with no hidden agenda! Along with the invitation to Church may be an invitation to lunch at a hosts home or at a restaurant. Perhaps the invitation would include watching a movie together or just spending the afternoon in conversation and becoming better friends. Or maybe a hike or a bike ride or picnic at one a local park. (Hopefully better weather will have arrived by then!) Be creative and make a day of it. Friendship is worth the investment.

Being that April 29 is a fifth Sunday, Sunday School will be held at 9:00 and Worship at 10:15. Pastor Bob will

preach a message is entitled, We All Need Friends Like That from Mark 2:1-11.

The value of Godly friendships for this life and into eternity will be emphasized. An invitation to become one of God's friends through His Son will be offered. Use this opportunity to let your friends know how much they mean to you and to have them hear that Jesus opened the door for them to become His friends. (John 15:13-15)

Let's fill up our auditorium as we celebrate friendship in the name of the Lord! If each one brings one - we of course, will double our normal attendance! There is room for you and your friends too!

### Join Us for Dinner next Sunday April 22

## Dinner in Olde Mexico

### Casas Por Cristo—Mexico II Group Benefit

The Mexico II group of short-term missionaries invites the congregation and friends to enjoy a Mexican Dinner and Market on Sunday, April 15 at 5:00 in the Church Dining Room. Guests will enjoy a sit down meal of tacos, (soft and hard shells) salad, nachos, cheese, salsa and dessert served with our famous citrusade or Mexican coffee. Following the meal, guests will learn of Mexico I's great adventure in building a *two day wonder* and

of Mexico II's aspirations for the June trip to Juarez. Prayer partners will be recruited and an offering received to help Mexico II on their way. A Mexican Market will be set up with homemade items to be purchased, helping each vendor raise funds for the trip.

Sign up for the dinner by filling out a reservation form. Forms are available in the Sunday bulletin, at the Welcome Center or at the Church Office.

### COMMUNITY MEAL OUT-REACH NEEDS HELP FOR SATURDAY APRIL 21

Donations are being received for this week's Community Meal Outreach. Needed items are: lasagna noodles, cheddar cheese, velveeta, green beans, onions, butter, applesauce and salad dressings. Funds to help buy the meat and produce can also be donated. Call Dale @724-282-0647 or Cissy @ 724-283-6689 before purchasing items to avoid duplications. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

## ***A word from Pastor Bob*** **TUNED IN TO ONE VOICE** *Discernment in the voice of Christ*

Recently I read an account of a missionary who distributed 800 radios to a remote African village. The radios were unique in that they were capable of receiving only one radio station. That station was a Christian one and the hopes were high as to how God would use the creative idea. Sadly rebels from a nearby village stole all 800 of the radios. Incredibly though, over half of the 1000 people in that village came to Christ as a result of tuning in to the only station the radios received!

Options, choices, variety are valued by us. Freedom to exercise our preferences are nearly a right in our minds. From the kind of vehicle we drive, to the places we choose to shop and eat, to where our kids will go to school, to our style of dress - there is so much sub-culture in our culture. (*Interestingly, the choices made in our freedoms seem to communicate a cultural homogeneity more than individuality.*) Similar options are also visible in Church culture. Music, dress, architecture, media, preaching style, formality, informality all communicate to others just where we fit and what kind of people we are.

In the midst of our exercising of these freedoms, I would like to cry out as a watchman to say that more importantly than exercising all of the options that are ours, we must decide ahead of time that God has

told us through His Word that there is only ONE VOICE that is truth and provides the freedom of righteousness - of course that VOICE is the voice of Jesus, His Son.

There are so many choices that come to us in the name of Jesus. They may come in the form of the latest book, a concert or seminar or new study or retreat. Please use discernment in making your choice as to whether you should be influenced by the message promoted. Compare the message to the Word of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask, "Is this the voice of Jesus?"

*A.W. Tozer said, "Many tender-minded Christians fear to sin against love by daring to inquire into anything that comes wearing the cloak of Christianity and breathing the name of Jesus . . . Gullibility is not synonymous with spirituality. Faith is not a mental habit leading its possessor to open his mouth and swallow everything that has about it the color of the supernatural. Faith keeps its heart open to whatever is of God, and rejects everything that is not of God, however wonderful it may be. Try the spirits is a command of the Holy Spirit to the Church . . . To appraise things with a heart of love and then to act on the results is an obligation resting upon every Christian in the world. And the more as we see the day approaching."*

Before making any other choices, first tune in to the ONE VOICE of Jesus Christ, found in the Word, and then all of the spiritual options will be more easily aligned. To what channel have you been listening?

## ***The Time Has Come to Starve Hunger*** **YOUTH OF NSCC TO ENDURE A 30 HOUR FAMINE** ***Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28***

Assuming that it takes two minutes to read this article, forty children under the age of five will have died by the time you have finished. FORTY CHILDREN! And those deaths are from hunger and hunger-related diseases which are completely preventable. It's a problem, but the youth of your Church have decided to something

about it: World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

The problem is huge, but the solution is not. \$30 a month, roughly \$1 a day, can feed and care for a child in most developing countries. - a mere \$360 per year.

As our students go for 30 hours without food, they'll get a taste of what it's like to

be hungry, all the while reaching out to others in need. And as they do that, their compassion will grow for people around the world, and right here at home.

Please help us by praying for and supporting our Famine Participants. It's through your gifts that lives will be changed forever. God bless you as you support the ef-

We welcome **Mr Robert Rath** as a new member of NSCC. He was immersed by his son Chuck on Saturday, April 7 and placed his membership the same day. We also welcome **Austin Stephenson** as a new member. Austin was immersed by his brother Brandon on Easter Sunday and joined NSCC the same day!

## ***Ministry Opportunities*** **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** ***Every member is a minister!***

**TRANSPORTATION NEED:** Shannon Hartman needs volunteers to take turns transporting her grandmother, Lois Karenbauer, from her residence on Beck Road (422 E) to Butler for kidney dialysis from 11:30 - 2:30 on Saturdays. Please call Shannon at 724-794-1266 if you would be willing to lend a hand.

**SHUT IN MINISTRY:** The Congregational Care and Fellowship Department needs help in monthly visitation and serving the Lord's Supper to shut-ins. If you are interested in making a new friend and being highly appreciated by an elderly person from NSCC, please contact Doug Emmett at 724-586-2042 or Lisa Henderson at 724-283-9762.

**COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEERS:** The Missions Department is always in need of more volunteers to help with cooking and serving the free community meals on the second and third Saturdays of each month. If you would like to be put on the schedule, please contact Dale at 724-282-0647 or Cissy at 724-283-6689.

**PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:** The Evangelism Department needs more teachers and helpers to be trained and approved as Prison volunteers. We hold a weekly study presently. As the prison expands so will the ministry. For more information contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700.