

Sunday April 22, 2007

North Street Christian Church  
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Pastor Jeff Miller

# North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

## Today's Message

The Calm Assurance Found  
Only In God  
John 15

## Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship II  
2:00 Mexico II Meeting  
5:00 Mexican Dinner and Mercado

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship I :  
Don & Marlene Winters  
Worship II :  
Barbara Carson

### Nursery

Worship I :  
Brooke Rhodaberger & Kathy Twerdok  
Sunday School :  
Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole

Worship II :  
Shannynne Bergbigler & Joan Cole

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I :  
Jane Ogden  
Worship II :  
Paula Bauer

## Last Week at NSCC

Attendance:  
Worship I 94  
Worship II 139  
Total 233  
General Offering \$4,814.00  
Designated Offering \$1116.38  
Total \$6201.18

Our thanks to Maxine Jackson who has donated today's flowers in memory of loved ones.

Send a card of encouragement to Marcella Patterson at 350 West Airport Road, Butler, Pa. 16001. Marcella is our Senior Member of the Week!

## Tickets Now Available

### Ladies Night Out Banquet

Saturday, May 5 at 5:00 at Family Resource Center

The NSCC Annual Ladies Night Out Banquet is being held on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the Family First Resource Center. This year's theme is *Accessorizing*.

The evening will begin with a delicious Pasta Bar featuring a variety of pastas, sauces, and toppings. In other words, you'll be able to accessorize your pasta.

Following dinner, we will hear from our lovely guest speaker, Carol Baker Booth, a consultant with Premier Designs Jewelry. Carol will be giving us her advice on the best ways to accessorize and look our best using jewelry, scarves, clothing, etc.

And that's not all; the evening will be filled with irresistible door prizes including jewelry from Premier Designs.

As has been done in past years, we are asking ladies to volunteer to decorate one or two tables for the evening in line with our *Accessorizing* theme. Items you choose may include anything that is considered an accessory. For example, costume jewelry, purses, broaches/pins, hats, shoes, and scarves. You could also choose an accessory theme, such as wedding (veils, gloves, and pearls), little girl, beach, or princess...use your imagination! At the beginning of the evening, all guests will vote for their favorite table. The designer of the table with the most votes wins a piece of Premier Designs jewelry for their prize! As an extra incentive, women volunteering to decorate at least two

tables or to bring at least three food items will receive their ticket of admission for free!

If you are interested in 1) decorating a table or 2) helping prepare a side dish for the dinner or possibly even both, please contact either Michelle Zang (724-283-8761) or Stacy Milliron (724-295-5468).

Tickets are \$5 for ages 12 and over, \$2, for ages 2-11, and under age 2 are free. Please see Stacy or Michelle to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Welcome Center in the Annex.

Please do not miss this special evening. With this event only one week before Mother's Day, it is the perfect opportunity to treat your Mom, Grandmother, Daughter, Aunt, or Special Friend to a fantastic Ladies Night Out!

## Student Ministry of NSCC Joins 30 Hour Famine

### WORLD HUNGER ATTACKED THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

**YOU can feed a child for a month for \$30.00!**

The youth and some adults of NSCC will stop eating this Friday at noon and not eat until 6:00 Saturday evening. WHY? To help meet the need of the world's hungry by participating in **World Vision's 30 Hour Famine Weekend**. Pledges are being taken NOW! If you can pledge even \$1.00 it will help meet the need. Each participant has a pledge kit and will gladly receive your contribution. When you are asked to contribute, please

prayerfully consider helping to meet the need.

Statistics show that 29,000 children die every day to hunger and hunger related disease! That's 1200 per hour, 20 per minute or one child dying every three seconds - WOW!

During the 30 Hour Famine, participants will spend time learning more about World Hunger, studying the Word, worshipping and doing Christian service.

Of course, HUNGER will be

experienced by the group as they go without food for 30 hours. That will "rev up" COMPASSION for those who live in hunger daily (and not by choice) and drive the participants toward a greater reliance upon the Lord. There is no doubt, that it will be a new feeling for many.

The group is ready and excited to get started. Will you join in the joyful enthusiasm to help STARVE HUNGER? It's not too late!

## Friendship Sunday is April 29

**Will you bring a friend to Church next week?**

Let's fill up the Church next Sunday! It's Friendship Sunday and everyone is encouraged to invite friends, neighbors and family to join us for worship. Sunday School will be at 9:00 and Worship will be at 10:15.

Following a joyful time of worship, Pastor Bob will preach a message entitled, We All Need Friends Like That. The text is taken from Mark 2 and follows the story of four men who carried their friend into the presence of Jesus. They even had to dig through the roof of the house in order to get it done. The challenge will be for us to be friends like that. An invitation to become a friend of Jesus will be offered to all.

So, could you take the time to think about who you could invite and then pick up the phone and give them a call? You would be a good friend for sure. Why not make a day of it and invite you friends for lunch and an afternoon of fellowship? It will make God glad and do the same for you and for your friend. Jesus said, "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant



### Make Friends Now and Forever!

Shannynne, Nikki and Josie  
Adventure Camp 2006

does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

## Our Strength for the Journey

### Trust In the Lord/Focus on the Destination

**Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.**  
**Psalm 84:5**

Some meditation on the verse above teaches us that we serve God best when we find our strength in Him and keep our hearts set on the joy of our final destination. The verse interpreted speaks of those who, having their minds on serving the Lord, awaited times to travel up the hill of Mt. Zion for worship. *The highways were in their hearts* as they excitedly lived day by day looking more excitedly toward the next time they would ascend the winding ways to Jerusalem. Taking a pilgrimage to Jerusalem brought thoughts of delight and those thoughts were motivating for trusting God for each day, finding strength in Him, until the next reviving worship journey.

We can relate - here we are, living an everyday life, awaiting our final pilgrimage. One day we will ascend to the Heavenly destination where serving the Lord and the worship will never end. Then, our delight becomes eternal - perfect satisfac-

tion!

The key to making it - to living excitedly day by day - is to find our strength in Him and to remind ourselves that at some point we are *outta here!* Think with me:

First, think about how you handle the crises in your life. Do you quickly call out to the Lord and fall on Him to find strength? Or are you apt to take matters in your own hands and fix the problem with worldly solutions?

Charles Spurgeon said, "Men are restless in pursuit after satisfaction in earthly things. They will exhaust themselves in the deceitful delights of sin, and, finding them all to be vanity and emptiness, they will become very perplexed and disappointed. But they will continue their fruitless search. Though wearied, they still stagger forward under the influence of the spiritual madness and though there is no result to be reached except that of everlasting disappointment yet they press forward. They have no forethought for their eternal state; the present hour absorbs them. They turn to another and another of earth's broken cisterns, hoping to find water where not a drop was ever discovered yet."

It seems to be most people's tendency to fix

things anyway they can. We will be stronger when in our weakness, we quickly resort to the strength found in the Lord. He is able - we are not.

Secondly, think about how we look forward to the next vacation, or cruise or Mission trip. Those thoughts generate enthusiasm for each day as there is the promise of change in the daily pace, a time of fulfillment and reward, a time to celebrate and not be burdened. Apply a higher and deeper meditation to the ultimate trip (pilgrimage) we will make when we ascend to our home in Heaven! There, we will have arrived to the ultimate destination where all of the burdens of earthly living will have disappeared and we will live in perfect harmony with God and with all who have also had *the highways in their hearts*.

I want to encourage you to fall on the Lord often and to keep your mind set on *the trip*. We have the answer and know by faith that the lasting and everlasting satisfaction is found only in Him. To live any other way will only bring disappointment again!

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*"As base a thing as money often is, yet it can be transmuted into everlasting treasure. It can be converted into food for the hungry and clothing for the poor. It can keep a missionary actively winning lost men to the light of the gospel and thus transmute itself into heavenly values. Any temporal possession can be turned into everlasting wealth. Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality." — A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)*

### May 20—June 24

## I John Sermon Series with Small Group Studies

### Standing on the Gospel/Sharpening Our Horizontal Relationships

Next month we will be starting another church-wide small group studies that meet in homes. Our study will be from the Book of I John. We believe a study of this book is so critical right now, for two reasons. First of all, with so much crazy teaching out there, John really lays out a solid foundation of the truths of the gospel. And secondly, and what has really been a strong motivator for this study, John gives such powerful teaching and encouragement regarding love for other Christians.

I believe we do love each other at NSCC, but sometimes

we need to be more deliberate in showing that love. I John stresses how important REAL fellowship, real love for one another, is so central to the Gospel. As we encounter the Word of God and His Holy Spirit is at work in us, we prayerfully look forward to the fruit of love for one another, such as reconciliation (where needed), serving one another, and building friendships.

As before, we are looking for servants of Christ to host and/or teach. Remember: you can choose to host with someone else teaching (I will match you up with a teacher), or you may

want to teach in someone else's home (I will find you a home). You may even decide to do both. We want everyone to get involved and grow together!

We are still working out the fine details. For sure, right now we know that we will begin May 20 and the study will last six weeks. Stay tuned for more information! To volunteer, as a host or teacher, just give me a call at 724-282-7700.

Pastor Jeff

## Mexican Dinner and Mercado Tonight at 5:00!

Mexico II invites you to join us for dinner tonight. Following a Mexican meal, the Mexico I folks will tell of their adventure in building a *two day wonder* and the Mexico II folks will share their hopes and goals for the June trip to Juarez to build another house. Prayer partners will be recruited and an opportunity to make a contribution will be given. All present will then be invited to the *mercado* (marketplace) where the Mexico II group will have homemade items for sale raising further funds to assist with the mission trip.

Sign up this morning by using a Reservation Form found at the Welcome Center or on the table in the rear of the auditorium.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22

**SOFTBALL SIGNUPS** - Anyone 16 years or older interested in playing softball this year, please contact Bill Croup (724-283-4927) or Jim Riemer (724-282-0647). They will answer any of your questions and/or put your name on the roster.

**2007 GRADUATE RECOGNITION** will be **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you know of anyone graduating this year, please call the Church Office.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP CARD MINISTRY** - You can be a part of this ministry by donating all occasion cards (single cards/boxes of cards/home made cards) or stamps for this ministry. A basket will be located in the Welcome Center for you to put your items.

**COMMUNITY DINNERS IN MAY** will be held on the 12th and 19th. See Dale Riemer or Cissy Bergbigler to become a volunteer.

## Calendar April 22—April 28

<u>Sun:</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	- - - -	Worship I Children's Choir Practice Sunday School Worship Service II
<u>Wed:</u>	6:30 p.m.	-	Pioneer Club, Student Ministry & Adult Bible Study
<u>Thur:</u>	6:00 p.m.	-	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Fri:</u>	Noon 6:00 p.m.	- -	30 Hr. Fast Begins Meet at the Church
<u>Sat:</u>	6:00 p.m.	-	BREAK 30 Hour Famine FAST