

Sunday April 29, 2007

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North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

Today is Friendship Sunday CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP Welcome to NSCC

Today's Message

We All Need Friends Like That

Mark 2:1-12

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters

The Winters & Barbara Carson

Nursery

Sunday School:
Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship:

Karen Munko, Nikki Simpson & Brooke Rhodaberger

The Lord's Supper

Jane Ogden & Paula Bauer

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	111
Worship II	148
Total Attendance	259
General Offering	\$3590.00
Designated Offering	\$439.46
Total	\$4029.46

Senior Member of the Week

Send a card of encouragement to Mary H. Phillips at 750 Belmont Rd., Butler, Pa. 16001.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

May	1st
	3rd
	7th
	17th
	25th
June	1st
	5th
	15th
	18th
	29th

All games are at 6:15 and are doubleheaders

Today is Friendship Sunday! We welcome everyone and especially the guests who have joined us. Our God is the God of RELATIONSHIPS! From the time of creation when God formed Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sarai (the family through whom God would make a mighty nation), to the 12 tribes of Israel, to Jesus and His Disciples, to the Church (the assembly of the "called out" ones), we see that God has intended people to have good horizontal relationships while we live on this earth. We are a "one another" kind of people!

Friendship does not only ex-

tend person to person. Friendship has a wonderful vertical application. As believers, we become known, as Abraham was, as a FRIEND OF GOD! How amazing is that?!

Here are just a few words from the Scripture about our horizontal and vertical friendships:

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

A friend loves at all times . . . Proverbs 17:17

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. Proverbs 27:17

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed

*God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the **FRIEND OF GOD.** James 2:23*

*Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. **YOU ARE MY FRIENDS** if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant 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. John 15:13-15*

Let's CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP as God intends, and thanks for coming today!

Ladies Banquet is Saturday May 5th

LAST SUNDAY TO GET TICKETS FOR LADIES NIGHT OUT

Tickets available following today's worship.

The NSCC Annual *Ladies Night Out* Banquet will be held this Saturday May 5th at 5:00 p.m. at the Family First Resource Center.

Theme: *Accessorizing*

Menu: Pasta Bar

Guest Speaker: Carol Booth with Premier Designs Jewelry

Tickets: \$5 for ages 12 and over, \$2 for ages 2-11, and under age 2 are free. Available today from Michelle Zang or Stacy Milliron.

Decorate a Table: 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!

Bring a Side Dish: Another

way for ladies to help is by volunteering to bring side dishes to compliment the pasta bar. See Stacy or Michelle for suggestions.

Extra incentive: women who volunteer 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 helping with either the tables or the side dishes, please contact either Michelle Zang at 724-283-8761 or Stacy Milliron at 724-295-5468.

We did it!

HUNGER WAS STARVED at NSCC

Thanks for your support.

Thanks to the prayer and financial support of the congregation of NSCC and friends and family of our youth there will be ?___? hungry children somewhere in the world who each will now eat for a month! Thank you for helping us raise the funds to feed them!

Our youth (and some adults) fasted for 30 hours from Friday at noon through the evening meal served last night at 6:00. Friday evening was spent in fellowship, worship and prayer. Much of Saturday was spent in Christian service. It was a wonderful spiritual experience for everyone involved. Now, if you

wish, you have an opportunity to get involved in a more personal way. Through child sponsorship you can help save the life of one special child in need.



Did you have your MAD COW VACCINE?

By creating a relationship with a child living in poverty, you can answer God's call to serve the poor. God created each of us to serve Him by making a difference in Christ's name. Sponsorship involves you directly in God's work as you help prevent suffering, bring hope, and demonstrate the gospel to children, their families, and their communities.

Sponsorship changes the life of a child forever, and it will change your life, too. For more information check out World Vision's website at www.worldvision.org.

A word to the men!
Pursuing Success That Matters
Men are tired and bored but have no time to THINK!

Acquisition is the name of the game if by observation an onlooker would coin a phrase to describe men and their pursuits of success. But it seems that even though many men are attaining the goals they set for themselves that they are not yet satisfied and best evaluation would say that it is because they are attaining success that really doesn't matter! After months and months of planning and training and work, Sir Edmund Hillary reached the summit of Mt. Everest - and he only stayed 15 minutes! That is a good picture of how the meaningless pursuits of our lives seem to be so worth it until we attain them! Once attained - it's on to the next thing!

Too often, the bored and tired eventually move on not just to a new hobby, or a new career but abandon their faith and their wife and their children looking for something or someone else who can make them happy. Men who have done so, in a moment of perfect honesty, would admit they still haven't found what they are looking for, but most times personal pride won't allow them to say it.

Experience teaches us that *life does not go in a straight line*. No matter how well prepared, how talented, how educated, how *successful* we are - life does not always go as planned. Here are some keys to finding success that matters:

1. **Significance** - answer the question, "Whose am I?" before answering "Who am I?" Find significance in viewing life from God's perspective rather than simply from an earthly view. God uses men who first come to the end of themselves. *Prioritize everything you do based on who will be crying at your funeral!*
2. **Career** - somehow we convince ourselves that success is having a dynamic career and that money will solve most problems. NOT! No amount of success at work can compensate for success at home. A dynamic career and more money are not the deepest needs of your wife and children - what they want more of is YOU!
3. **Home** - A child's deepest need from their own father is encouragement, which rightly defined means - to inspire courage! Men are experts at either too much structure or too little structure - what kids need more than more rules or less rules is a relationship with their DAD. Use encouraging words, (learn to say *I love you* and *I am proud of you*) spend time with your kids and pray for them.

Your wife wants you to give her first place in your life in the same

way she gives you first place in her life. Unconditional acceptance, listening deeply, spending time with her alone, hearing encouraging words, being best friends are just some of the things that are big on her list! Get out your wallet - really - have a picture of your boss? Nope, I'll bet it's the wife and kids.

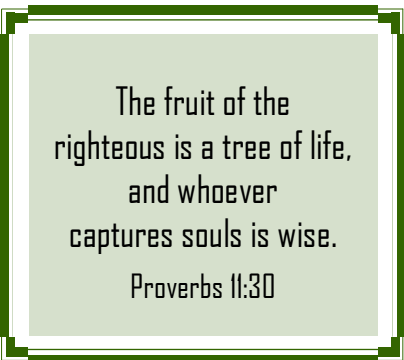
So men, do you want success that really matters? Live life by a higher, deeper motivation. Find significance from an eternal view rather than a temporal one. Make home a priority - be the leader, the protector, the provider. Speak to God about the family and to the family about God.

But that's not all - we all need to stay spiritually sharpened. We must go deeper in our personal relationship with God and must rub shoulders with other Godly men. That will be the subject of next week's column.

Until then - BE GOD'S MAN!

Pastor Bob

Resource:
 Man in the Mirror Ministry



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29

PLEASE PRAY FOR DAN SMITH, the brother of Ashley Smith who is stationed in Afghanistan presently. Send a card of encouragement to him at Daniel Smith, MEHTAR-LAM PRT 8, APO Base AE 09354.

2007 GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be **Sunday, June 3rd**. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS needs cakes or cupcakes (no nuts, raisins or icing). You can leave them at the Church on Sunday, May 6th for early Monday morning, May 7th. Barbara Carson will pick them up and deliver them. Any questions, call Barbara at 724-283-2472.

THE NEXT HOME BIBLE STUDY will begin **May 20**. This five-week study on I John will be presented in several homes on different days of the week. Please check your schedules now to decide which time will work for you. Next Sunday we will present a list of all times and locations. We want everyone to be involved, seeking the Lord in His Word. If you would like to host and/or lead a study, please contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700.

HELPERS NEEDED for First Chance Camp at Deep Valley **June 10-12**, kids second and third grades. If you are interested, or want more information, call Sonya Kremer at 724-637-1132.

SUMMER CAMP - It's time to begin thinking about signing up for a week of Church Camp at Deep Valley in Slippery Rock this summer. Full weeks are \$120.00 and you get a free T-Shirt if you register two weeks prior to your event. A second week of camp is only \$75.00. Campers who have registered in years past should have received a brochure in the mail. Brochures are available at the Welcome Desk or the Church Office.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - The 56th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place **this Thursday, May 3, 2007**. The theme for this year is "America, Unite in Prayer" and is based on the verse from **II Chronicles 7:14**. NSCC will be open between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for prayer. **"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14**

Calendar April 29-May 6			
<u>Sun:</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	- - -	Sunday School Worship Service Girls Bible Study
<u>Tues:</u>	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	- -	Softball Game Elders Meeting
<u>Wed:</u>	6:30 p.m.	-	Pioneer Club, Student Ministry & Adult Bible Study
<u>Thurs:</u>	6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	- -	Butler Bible Institute Class Softball Game