

April 8, 2007
Easter Sunday Edition

North Street Christian Church
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Butler, Pennsylvania

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Today at NSCC

6:45 Sunrise Worship
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Resurrection Worship

Upcoming April Events

April 11 - Pioneer Club, Student Ministry, Bible Study resume
April 11 - Parent Council for Student Ministries Meeting
April 15 - Encouragement Luncheon for Those Affected by Cancer
April 18 - Missions Department Meeting
April 18 - Student Gym Night after Worship and Study time
April 21 - Community Meal
April 27, 28 - Youth - 30 Hour Famine to Starve Hunger - World Vision
April 29 - Friendship Sunday - Each One Bring One!
SS - 9:00/Worship - 10:15

Thank You

Levi Klutinoty and Simon Bowman for producing the video "Random People" used in today's 10:15 Worship. We also thank all of our platform and behind the scenes worship people who work so hard to "make it happen" on Sunday mornings.

North Street News

Casas Por Cristo - Building Homes, Changing Lives, Saving the Lost **Over 40 People of NSCC Build Houses in Juarez, Mexico** *Join us for Dinner on April 22 !*

One down and one to go! The first group of short term missionaries has returned from Juarez and while there, set a record of building a house in just two days! It usually takes 3 1/2 to 4 days!

Mexico I arrived in El Paso, Texas on March 18th. They entered Mexico on Monday, March 19th and began building an 11'x22' house for a family of four. At the end of the first day, they had the floor poured, the walls and roof ready to assemble on Tuesday. By Tuesday evening, the house was complete with two windows and a front door, electricity, a dry wall interior and stucco exterior! The cost was approximately \$4000.00.

Mexico I members were Jon and Bonna Ray, Eric, Kim and Christina Wick, Sherry, Ariana, Charity O'Donnell, Kathy Twerdok, Daryl Tait, Bill Croup, Owen

Oesterling, Shane Zinn, Paul and Tyler Harbison and Bill Dillon.

Last Sunday, Bill Croup said, "I was blown away and am ready to go again!" It sounds as if that would be the sentiment of everyone who went.

Mexico II is making plans to depart early June to build a house the week of June 11. This group has over 25 people to date and will build a 14.5'x30' house for a larger family.

Group members are Doug and Janet Rodgers, Heath Schreckengost, Chuck and Denise Rath, Dave, Michelle, Melissa, Ashley, Chris Grooms, Doug and Lisa Emmett, Katie Smock, Chad Stephenson, Charles and Bry Freeman, Sue and Nicole Simpson, Andy Bilowich, Julianna Bilowich, Gary and Jess Saeler, Bob, Kathi, Nathan, Isaac, Lisa (Seangsirikhun) Huber and

Christina Wick (she loved it so much the first time, she is going back a second time and will serve as interpreter!)

Mexico II has met and prayed and raised funds and have funds to build their house (\$6000.00) They still need some help with housing and transportation while there. *The Lord will provide through His people as always,*" says Pastor Bob.

On Sunday afternoon, April 22 at 5:00 a Mexican Dinner will be served in the Church Dining Room. The menu will include tacos, nachos, salsa salad, and dessert. After the meal, members of Mexico I will tell of their adventure and Mexico II will speak of their aspirations. Prayer partners will also be sought. Donations for the Mexico II will be received. A reservation form is in today's bulletin. A Mexican Market will be open also.

Help Our YOUTH TO STARVE HUNGER on April 27, 28

You may be wondering why students would be willing to not only give their time, but also give up eating to fast for 30 hours when they participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. It's simple: they are going without food so others can eat.

But there's much more about the 30 Hour Famine. It's not easy going without food for 30 hours. But one of the many reasons groups do the 30 Hour Famine is to grow closer together . . . to create camarade-

rie by working side-by-side toward a common goal.

Another tangible result of the Famine is this simple act of going without food on behalf of children half way around the world also draws participants closer to Christ. They experience **compassion** — feeling the pain alongside children who don't have a choice about their own circumstances. Just as Christ chose to suffer on behalf of the whole world.

Please pray for the students (and adults) in our congregation as they prepare to participate in the 30 Hour Famine. Maybe you will want to join us in the fast! Please consider how you can support their efforts to save kid's lives through World Vision's 30 Hour Famine!

Sponsoring our students as they participate in the 30 Hour Famine will begin next Sunday, April 15. For every \$30.00 raised, a child somewhere in the world will eat for a month!

A Core Value Discussed

The Value of Letting the Word Speak

A Word from Pastor Bob Huber

Three stated core values of NSCC are the Bible as the Word of God; the expository preaching of the Word; and affecting culture with Biblical truth. All three have to do with the view of Scripture and its ability to bring about spiritual transformation.

I would like to spend some time discussing the value of Expository Preaching of the Word. Most often when people are asked why they have remained at NSCC, they answer that it is the way the Word of God is handled in preaching. We have a high view of the inspiration and authority of the Word. We would believe that the preacher does not have a need to dumb it down or fancy it up. The preacher's goal in preaching is to interpret, explain and apply the Word in such a way that what God has spoken becomes more clear and understandable to the listener. Stated simply, the goal is to **LET THE WORD SPEAK!**

The longer I preach, the more I realize that I have no good thing to say. I have no anecdotal material to add to make the Word better or more palatable. I have no meaningful wisdom to add to what God has already spoken. I have nothing to add or take away. My goal is receive and understand it so that I may expose its truth and power to others. As the Word of God receives first place and the preacher becomes a

servant to the inspired text, God goes to work allowing the Word to speak according to His will and way.

An axiom of mine is that *when true preaching takes place, Pentecost happens!* By that, I simply mean that when the Word is correctly proclaimed, each listener hears in his own language - of sorts - similar to what happened at Pentecost in Acts 2. Translated I mean that one person could have a spiritual need and the person next to him have another need, but that through the same message and messenger, God nearly miraculously meets both needs! One would look to the other and say of the preacher, "He had to have followed me around this week!" When the Word is allowed to speak - the transmitter and the receiver match up and a strong and clear signal is received. I can testify that it works even through interpreters on the mission field!

Lives are not changed eternally through men's lofty speeches or through the use of the orator's good rhetoric. A preacher operates best in weakness, in awe of God and in trembling before Him. Lives are changed then by the demonstration of the Spirit found not in the wisdom of men rather in the power of God. (See I Corinthians 2:1-5) This kind of preaching is somewhat of an *incarnational* event which involves the man as much as it involves his message.

You have a most important part also. Please pray as the preachers preach. Pray for his life preparation, his ability to stay out of God's way, the preparation of his message and the effectual reception of the Word by the hearers.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH on Friendship Sunday, April 29

People will not care how much you know until they know how much you care!

Have you ever thought about why people attend Church? Is it because it's the right thing to do? Because it's an obligation? Because it makes them feel better? Because the Church makes a difference in their lives?

One of the top ten reasons why people don't go to Church is stated something like this, "I've been thinking I'd like to go to Church, but

there are so many Churches to choose from. I don't know anyone. And I don't know what to do, where to go, or what to expect when I get there."

The NUMBER ONE reason people attend a Church is because they were personally invited by a friend with whom they already have an established relationship. Now that makes a lot of sense doesn't it?

Would you invite your friends to worship with us on Sunday April 29? Since it is a 5th Sunday, we will have Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:15.

The message is entitled, *We All Need Friends Like That*. We will be talking about being the kind of friends who love like Jesus loved. To have a friend, first be one! He showed us the way.

The only master who is not harsh and enslaving is Christ Himself. In fact, even though we are his servants, the actual experience of this servitude is so joyful and blessed that it is called liberation.

Edward T. Welch

Family Guidance Marriage Conference with Dr. Henry Blackaby

Making "For Better" . . . Better

Christ Church at Grove Farm - April 27,28

Learn how to take your marriage to the next level - - to where God wants you to be. Whether you are newlywed, not-so-newlywed or not-yet-wed, this conference is for you. Dr. Henry Blackaby, and his wife Marilyn will help God's people to experience the marriage God designed for them to enjoy, prepare for the challenges of each season of marriage and to build a marriage to bless their children. Dr. Blackaby is the author of over a dozen books, including the best-selling *Experiencing God* Bible studies. He also serves as the president of Blackaby Ministries International - - a global preaching, teaching and speaking ministry. Subjects of the marriage conference include *Beginning Well, Running Well and Finishing Well*. Dr. Melvin Blackaby will also share in teaching at the conference and speak about *Leaving a Spiritual Legacy for Your Children*. Brochures with a registration form are available in the Church Office and at the Welcome Desk in the Annex. Cost is \$50.00 per couple.

**Be sure to get your gift of 50 Reasons Why Jesus Came To Die by John Piper
Thank you for worshiping with us this Easter!**