

Sunday August 19, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

Trusting God for the Strength

Pastor Jeff

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

The Mangels

Worship II

Rondi Morder

Nursery

Worship I: Josie Hartman &
Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &
Paula Lesney

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Paula Bauer

Worship II:

Jennifer Davis

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	68
Worship II	169
Total Attendance	237

Offering

General -	\$6345.36
Designated -	\$ 163.00
Total	\$6508.36

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Thomas Bell, 530 Federal St., Butler, PA 16001.

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.
Isaiah 40:29

THE MITCHELLS ARE HOME IN BUCHAREST

Following their summer furlough here in the US, the Mitchells departed from Pittsburgh International Airport on Monday August 13 and arrived in Bucharest Romania on Tuesday. Cathy sent this note:

Hello!

We've arrived safely back in Bucharest. We got more sleep than expected on the flight. Jon had a great quotable on the way to the Pittsburgh airport... "Goodbye good restaurants... hello good bread." They haven't had any "good bread" yet, but are looking forward to it! :O)

We do thank everyone for the hospitality shown to the Mitchells while they were here at their home Church. We also thank those who attended the ministry seminars which were presented by Russ. We have gained greatly from his teaching.

SCHOOL STARTS SOON!!!!

Christian Education in Need of Helpers

As kids start to moan and groan that their summer is almost ended and parents collectively rejoice that school is about to begin, the fall semester is rapidly approaching. As we draw nearer to the start of the next semester, the Christian Education Department is in dire need of filling some key positions so that we can run some key programs for the fall.

Not everyone needs to be a teacher in Christian Education in order to help make the department run smoothly. We are in need of a coordinator of Children's Sunday School and a coordinator of Children's Church. Both of these positions would schedule teachers and order materials for each semester.

As always though, we are in need of teachers for the fall semester for Children's Sunday School and Children's Church.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Matt Ferguson at 724-234-2659 or Terry Hartman at 724-794-1266.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED

For Preschool Open House

We are looking for bakers! If anyone in the congregation is interested in baking/donating cookies for the Preschool Orientation Day on Sunday, August 26, it would be greatly appreciated. This special event is an opportunity for Preschool parents and members of our congregation to meet the teacher and preschool aides, as well as the enthusiastic and dedicated people behind the scenes - the Preschool Board Members and the Principal. It is also the perfect time to check out the newly arranged classroom!

This fall marks the beginning of the fifth year the Preschool has been in existence. We pray for continued blessings.

The Open House will immediately follow Worship II on August 26th. School starts September 5/6th.

To ensure that we will have plenty of cookies interested bakers should contact Fi Saeler at 724-283-7535 or Michele Grooms at 724-482-2253 by Friday, August 24.

SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH LIVING TOGETHER?

A Biblical Response to Cohabitation by Pastor Jeff

"So What's Wrong with Living Together? A Biblical Response to Cohabitation" is a manuscript that Pastor Jeff worked on during 2006. Focus Publishing is in the process right now of working out the contractual end of things and forwarding a prototype to Pastor Jeff for approval so the book can see print as soon as possible. As Focus Publishing works closely with NANC (National Association of Nouthetic Counselors), this booklet will be part of their "Hope and Help" line of booklets.

"This is a resource that we have been needing in ministry, so the Lord assigned us to work on it. Pastor Bob and I talked a couple of years ago about doing this, and now the Lord has opened the door to make it available." PJ

Check out Focus Publishing's website at: www.focuspublishing.com

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH PICNIC

August 25th at Connoquenessing Park

Plan to come to the Annual All Church Picnic Saturday, August 25, at Connoquenessing Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meal will be served at 5:00. The Church will provide fried chicken and coffee. Each family is asked to bring food to share. If your last name begins with letters A-H, please bring a dessert; I-P is asked to bring salads or pasta and Q-Z is asked to bring casseroles or side dishes. In addition each family should provide place settings and soft drinks for their own family members. Enjoy playing, fishing, eating, and fellowshiping.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE TO BE HELD LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Sunday, September 2, Sunday School at 9:00 and Worship at 10:15

GOD IS AMAZING!

Hebrews 12:12,13 which says, "Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, **and the feeble knees** and make straight paths for your feet, **so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.**"

The Hebrew writer was mindful of the words of Isaiah 35 which addresses a people who, according to Clark Commentary, were almost worn out with sickness and fatigue, whose hands hang down, whose knees shake, and who are totally discouraged. These are exhorted to exert themselves, and take courage, with the assurance that they shall infallibly conquer if they persevere.

In recent days, since my total knee replacement, not only have I been dependent upon the Lord for spiritual encouragement, strength and smooth spiritual ground but I have become dependent on the Lord for the *literal next steps* that I have taken using a "feeble dislocated knee" that is being healed with each step.

I want to thank everyone for the visits, the cards of encouragement, flowers and other gifts during and following my hospital stay. Above all, I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR PRAYER before, during and since the surgery. I also thank everyone for praying for my mother the week before my surgery. Without answered prayer, there is not explanation, for the miraculous recovery my mother made (when she came so close to death) and for the amazing recovery I am experiencing with my new

knee. It would be interesting to be able to measure just how it is that the wonderfully dedicated doctors and other health care professionals do work hand in hand with God's will and power. But that is beyond my comprehension. I know this, GOD IS AMAZING! He is over all, through all and in all. He has answered YES to our prayers in these two cases.

In addition I want to say that none of this would be going so well without the dedication of the loving, self-sacrificing wife I have in Kathi. I love her more as each day passes. We celebrate our 35th Wedding Anniversary today, August 19 - married here at NSCC at 11:30 a.m. - I was 18, she was 19 - I'm now 53 . . .

Progress Report: The day of the surgery, I woke up feeling good and excited to get to the next steps. I sat in a chair for about 35 minutes that day. Next day - walked with a walker and did my exercises. Third and fourth days - did my exercises and advanced to using a cane (when accompanied by the therapist) to take longer walks and use steps. On the fourth day I even used a stationary bicycle for a few minutes. Day five - came home. Day six went to Church and visited my mother at her home!

Presently, I have PT three times per week and have home exercises to complete. After outpatient PT this past Monday, the therapist told me that I

should begin to use one crutch and that I am strong enough to take steps (around the house and on level ground) with no other aid. I feel better everyday and the more I do, the better I feel.

Interestingly, on August 6 (the day of my surgery), the Daily Bread devotion was entitled A Good Stretch and was written by someone who had had a knee replacement and compared the painful necessity to gain full range of motion after knee-replacement with how God stretches us spiritually and how that leads to a stronger walk. (Thanks to Cathy Gaiser for a copy of the devotion.)

I can testify that after knee surgery, the first leg lift (day after surgery) feels like someone has parked a bus on your leg and there is no way to lift it. Through determined thinking, constant effort and *gutting it out* and hot sweat, the leg finally lifts. Eventually through continued exercise, the pain turns to a good feeling and the leg lifts are challenging and even fun.

I can also testify that the same is true in the spiritual disciplines of our lives. What may be painful at first becomes our pleasure.

Looking forward to continued steady progress in every way. Thanks again.

Love in the Lord,

pb

MEN OF HONOR BIBLE STUDY-BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17TH AND 22ND

The invitation of Men of Honor is for men to take seriously the challenge to "cleanse himself from the latter," that he might be highly useful to God and very effective in his service and/or leadership to others. This four week study for men by Mike Cleveland will be held beginning September 17 and 22. Men can attend on Monday evenings or Saturday mornings. Week 1 is entitled: An Invitation to the Thirsty. Week 2 is Foundations of Freedom. Week 3 is Repentance versus Remorse. Week 4 is Walking in the Light. Sign up will begin mid- August.

Get ready for preaching, teaching, celebrating and applying as we begin a new Sermon Series and Small Group Studies entitled, Road to Financial Freedom: A Church-wide Journey October 7 - November 11, 2007. Adults will benefit through reducing stress, improving marriages and drawing close to the Lord. College Students will learn how to get on the right tract before beginning careers and families. Teens will learn to make practical life decisions and plan their future. Children will learn wise principles to set them on a life-long path of managing money wisely.

Calendar August 19-25

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
<u>Tues</u>	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	7-10:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Bowling Meridian Lanes Elders Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Sat</u>	5 p.m.	All Church Picnic

END OF SUMMER EVENTS FOR THE YOUTH

There are many more opportunities for summer fun before school starts on August 28th and during the first week of September.

on August 22nd we will be bowling from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Meridian Lanes. The cost is \$4.00 per person and everyone is asked to bring a snack and drink to share.

The last event for August will be on the 29th at the Hubers' from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner.

On Labor Day, September 3rd, the Junior and Senior High Youth Group will be enjoying a day of fun at Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom in Aurora, Ohio. We would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to come too. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission for adults is \$22.95 and only \$10.00 for youth. Park hours are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Transportation is available. A bus will be leaving the church parking lot at approximately 7:00 a.m. **A sign-up sheet** is located on the table at rear of the auditorium. Please sign up by Wednesday, August 29th. For more information call the Saelors at 724-283-7535.

The final event for the summer is on September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.