

Sunday December 16, 2007

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# North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

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## Today's Message

"What They Said About Jesus:  
The Shepherds & Simeon and  
Anna"

Pastor Jeff

## Today's Schedule

9:00 Worship Service  
10:30 Sunday School

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship Service:  
The Ogdens &  
The Fergusons

### Nursery

Worship Service: Paula Les-  
ney & Trevor Hempfling  
Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

### The Lord's Supper

Worship Service:  
Paula Bauer

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 111  
Worship II 95  
Total Attendance 206

## Offering

General - \$12,379.00  
Designated - \$ 2,100.10  
Total \$14,479.10

## Send A Card

Send a card of encourage-  
ment to Thomas Bell, 530  
Federal St., Butler, PA 16001.

## Flowers

Our thanks to Cathy Thomas  
who donated today's flowers  
in memory of her parents,

For my eyes have  
seen your salvation,  
which you have pre-  
pared in the sight of all  
people, a light for reve-  
lation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your  
people Israel.  
Luke 2:30-32

## COME TO WORSHIP

Join us again next Sunday December 23 at 9:00 for Sunday worship. The message is entitled What They Said About Jesus: The Magi and Herod. Sunday School will follow. On Monday December 24 we will gather at 7:00 for Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship. The message is entitled: What They Said About Jesus: What Do You Say About Jesus?

On Sunday December 30 Sunday worship will be held at 9:00 and the message is entitled Cleaning Up From Christmas. Sunday School will follow.

On Sunday January 6 we will return to the regular schedule of Worship at 8:15 and 10:45 with Sunday School at 9:30. The message is entitled From Old, Dead and Smelly to New, Fresh and Clean!

Present Sunday School Options are as follows:

**Having a Mary Spirit - Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out** - This Ladies' Class is taught by Sam Tait and Sherry O'Donnell in Room 103.

**Fundamentals of the Faith** - This class is open for all Junior High Teens, their families, and those who want to learn more. Taught by Terry Hartman in Room 102.

**Demolishing Strongholds** - The Senior High Teens and their families will continue their lessons from Answers in Genesis material. Taught by Curt and Megan Duffield at Legacy, 232 W North Street.

**Divine Intervention: How to Minister to Friends and Families Dealing with Addictions** - A study of the book Divine Intervention (by Mark Shaw). Taught by Pastor Jeff in the Library.

**A Biblical Understanding of the Nature and Work of Christ** - In this class, lecture time will be devoted to understanding the Biblical view of Christ's life and purpose. Join Pastor Bob each week in the Dining Room for this study. No text other than the Bible will be needed.

## THE CHRISTMAS GIFT by Rondi Morder

An original poem by Rondi Morder will be shared during worship today. She will share the story behind the inspiration to write it. Here is a copy for you to take home to share with others:

It's Christmas time around  
the world  
and things just don't feel  
right.  
It's now a big material  
show,  
and not a holy night.

We must go shopping and  
spend it all,  
to get that special toy.  
We don't remember what  
the angel said,  
to the shepherd boy.

We have news of joy to  
share with you,  
so listen with no fear.  
In a manger wrapped in  
swaddling clothes,  
is the Lord we love so dear.  
He came to save us from

our sins,  
to die, so we can live.  
But when it comes to  
Christmas time,  
to Him we never give.

We spend everything on  
needless things.  
Every year it is the same.  
We stuff our faces and  
have a drink,  
and we do it in His name.

I say this year let's change  
it back,  
to the way it was before.  
Let's make it all about the  
Christ,  
the Savior I adore.  
Let's give the gift of love  
this year,  
and tell of all his glory.

And when they ask you  
for their gift,  
give them the Christmas  
story.

Tell them He gave the  
greatest gift,  
and then just watch their  
face.

Then let them know they  
can be saved,  
by accepting His sweet  
grace.

So I say Merry Christmas,  
friends,  
and thank the Lord  
above.

For giving me my favorite  
gift,  
His never ending love.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING TONIGHT

Join us tonight at 5:30 to visit various folks from North Street Christian Church and some other folks too. We will be knocking on some doors, sharing some Christmas songs and prayer with those who don't get out much these days. We will meet at Legacy for rehearsal and take off in different directions from there. After caroling to the north, the east, the west and the south we will return to legacy for hot chocolate and cookies. Everyone is welcome.

**COOKIES FOR THE PRISON CHRISTMAS PARTY ARE STILL NEEDED AND WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH DECEMBER 21ST AT NOON!**

## FORGIVENESS: The Best Gift

*“To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.”*

The best gifts are not bought. The best gifts somehow always have to do with the giving of time and the giving of self and with words and works. That is what God did when He came. In fact the prophet Isaiah said about Jesus – He shall be called Immanuel which means – GOD WITH US! His Word became flesh! He gave HIMSELF!

Division in relationships spells emptiness, sadness, loneliness and desire; that is desire for restoration. When God sent His Son, He came to reconcile the relationship between God and man, once and for all. This gift set an example for all relationships.

In our one-another relationships, offense and injury occur and when they do there is resultant separation. The division grows larger and the weight grows heavier with every insult, with every reminder. Time is allowed to pass - days turn into weeks, weeks into months and month into years. The hurt grows into resentment. The resentment grows into bitterness. The isolation becomes insulation.

We go on – seemingly unaffected – but that is not true. Soon

there is a grudge that has the potential to turn to hatred. Strife, enmity, hostility mark the gravesite of a *past* relationship. YOU have the power to change that!

This Christmas, why not set your captives free?! Why not, in the pattern of the greatest gift of all, open the door to forgiveness and reconciliation? You have the power to release yourself and your captive/s from the chains of unforgiveness, resentment and bitterness. Bill Eliff said, “Bitterness robs us of joy and peace. It hijacks us, taking us places we never wanted to go, doing things we never wanted to do and making us people we never wanted to be.”

The power is yours - just obey Colossians 3:13. “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Why not give forgiveness for Christmas this year!

Freedom is only seconds away!

Pastor Bob

**NOTICE:** Those who ordered poinsettias are reminded that they will be used to decorate our auditorium on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 24th. Please be prepared to take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve Service.

**Also,** our new website will be explained by Ken Kalberer after worship next Sunday, Dec. 23rd. Those desiring to know more about navigating it are invited to remain in the auditorium before going to Sunday School. Check it out at: [northstreetchristianchurch.org](http://northstreetchristianchurch.org).

## MISSIONS DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP

In 2008 we will be recruiting Mission Prayer Teams for each of the missions supported by North Street Christian Church. We would like 6-10 people to pray daily for each of our missionaries and their specific needs throughout the year. Participation would include receiving emails from the missionaries or your prayer team leader and promoting their particular prayer needs to the Church etc. In addition, there will be at least quarterly gatherings for prayer.

When the Mitchells were home this summer, there was a statement made that resounds in our ears. The state-

ment was, “We know people pray for us, but we don’t know who they are.” Russ and Cathy went on to share with us that it would be wonderful to have a few dedicated prayer partners with whom they could share needs more often and with more specific information.

**Prayer Teams are needed for:**

**OCI,** Russ and Cathy Mitchell, Bucharest Romania.

**Teen Missions,** Brent and Beth Houten, Merritt Island, Florida

**Trinity Gospel Church Association,** Barnabas and Martha Saengsirikhun, Chiang Mai Thailand

**Casas Por Cristo,** Scott and Jonna DeWitt, El Paso Texas/Juarez Mexico  
**Pressing On Ministries,** Dan and Pam Smith, Butler, Pennsylvania  
**New Directions Farm,** Mars Hill, North Carolina

If you are willing to serve on a Prayer Team for one of these missions, please pick up a form at the table at the rear of the auditorium or at the Welcome Center and fill it out and drop in the offering or mail it to the Church Office at 226 West North Street, Butler, Pa. 16001. For more information, please see Pastor Bob or Jim or Dale Riemer.

## REMEMBER THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you would like to send cards to our service people, their addresses follow. Ashley Tack will be home for Christmas at 44 Grant Ave., Butler, PA 16002, but until then her address is: **Private A. Tack,** Delta Company 787MPBN, 2230 Iowa Ave., Bldg. #934, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473. We would like to remember **Scott Moore,** 436 Winding Bluff Way, Clarksville, TN 37040 and **Daniel Smith,** MEHTAR-LAM PRT#8, APO Base AE 09354.

## Calendar Dec. 16th—Dec. 22nd

<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School/Christmas Caroling Christmas Caroling
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
<u>Tues</u>	10:00 a.m.—12n. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	BBI Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 8:40 p.m.	BBI Girls Basketball Game Boys Jr. Division Basketball Game Boys Sr. Division Basketball Game Team #1
<u>Fri</u>	6:30 p.m.	Prison Party

YOUTH CORNER

The Legacy Youth Ministry will not meet on December 26th and will announce their Holiday Schedule in the News Sheet as plans unfold.

A trip to the Creation Museum December 28-29 will take place if there is enough interest. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. The Zitzman’s have offered their home for the evening and there are twelve passes available. Sleeping bags will be needed. If you have any questions or information, call Fi Saeler at 724-283-7535 or go to the website at <http://www.creationmuseum.org/>.

Plans are also being made for a concert by Micah Klutinoty sometime early in January.

**Holiday Schedule for Wednesday Night Groups:** Pioneer Clubs, Young Believers in Christ and the Adult Bible Study will be on break from December 19th through January 9th.

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