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North Street News

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Today's Message

"What They Said About Jesus
The Angels, Mary and Joseph"
Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:
The Ogdens
Worship II
The Fergusons

Nursery

Worship I: Josh Croup &
Kathy Twerdok
Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok
Worship II: Erica Record &
Shannynne Bergbigler

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:
Paula Bauer
Worship II:
Barbara Carspm

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 100
Worship II 111
Total Attendance 211

Offering

General - \$4,580.62
Designated - \$ 211.00
Total \$4,791.62

Flowers

Our thanks to Jim & Dale Rie-
mer who donated today's
flowers in memory of their
loved ones.

Send A Card

Send a card of encourage-
ment to Phyllis Kovach, 808
McKinley Ave., Butler PA
16001.

REMEMBERING OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS HATS/GLOVES/COATS/FOOD/CARDS/COOKIES

We want to remind you that we are collecting needed items to be distributed as Christmas, the celebration of God's gift to us through the incarnation of His Son, draws near. **For our COMMUNITY DINNER GUESTS**, we are gathering up new hats and gloves, used coats and non-perishable foods. Hats, gloves and coats can be brought to worship and placed at the front of the auditorium. Food items can be placed in the receptacles at each entrance. Deadline is next Sunday, December 9. **For our MISSIONARIES**, we are gathering Christmas Cards. Take your Christmas card, write an encouraging personal note, sign it on the inside and place the missionaries name on the envelope and place them in the mail box at the rear of the auditorium. Deadline is next Sunday December 9. Missionaries include The Houtens, The Mitchells, The Saengsirikhuns, The DeWitts, Pressing On and New Directions. In addition, we are gathering cards for Ashley Tack as she completes her training at Ft. Leonard Wood. **For the PRISONERS at Butler County Prison** we are collecting home-made cookies for a Christmas Party to be held on December 21. Cookies can be brought anytime up to the afternoon of the 21st. See Pastor Jeff for more information.

BLESS THE HANDS THAT HAVE PREPARED THIS FOOD... They belong to our Shepherd of My Heart Preschoolers

Last week the preschoolers prepared a Thanksgiving feast for their parents and younger siblings. The kid-made items on the menu included, applesauce, mashed potatoes, pumpkin dessert, snapped beans, corn muffins and homemade butter. The whole hands-on experience was a lot of fun! Giving thanks to God for our families, our yummy food, and our happy tummies.



Guinness Brown



Haydn Best, Nick Lauther, and
Nicholas Vensel



Isaac Thomas

YOUTH CORNER

LEGACY - Passing the Love of Christ to the Next Generation

232 West North Street, dedicated to youth ministry, is now officially known as **LEGACY**. The name was submitted by Mackenzie Houk and chosen by those present at youth meeting on Wednesday November 28. Way to go Kenz!

Here is what Mackenzie says about LEGACY, "Ok, here is where the name came from... the last generation of homebuilders worked hard and gave of themselves. They kept their faith and prayed for their children and grandchildren... We want this house that has been passed down to us to be used to glorify God. We want our legacy to the next generation to be one of Christian love. Hopefully we will grow closer to God and know more about Christ's love and sacrifice for us."

BABYSITTING FOR CHURCH COUPLES: Next Saturday, December 8th, the youth will be babysitting for couples in the church from 2:00 till 8:00. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

CHRISTMAS BREAK TRIP TO CREATION MUSEUM: Sign-up for the Creation Museum trip December 28-29 can be also be found in the Welcome Center of the church. The Zitzman's have offered their home for the evening. Sleeping bags will be needed. 12 museum passes are also available. Questions—call Fi at 724-283-7535. Check out the museum at <http://www.creationmuseum.org/>

"I want to leave a legacy, how will they remember me? Did I choose to love? Did I point to you enough to make a mark on things? I want to leave an offering a child of mercy and grace who blessed your name unapologetically and leave that kind of legacy..." From "Legacy" By Nichole Nordemann

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY

Today is the last Sunday you can place your order for poinsettias. There are forms both at the Welcome Center and at the Church entrance. Please include check for the amount of the order. Write, "Poinsettia" in the memo section of the check.

For nothing is impossi-
ble with God

Luke 1:37

RISKY! EXPOSED! VULNERABLE!

Ministry puts us at risk! Reaching out to do anything in the name of Jesus creates exposure that is costly. Mercy toward the “undeserving” is risky business isn’t it? Whether it is at home or abroad – chances are that what we set out to do probably will not be executed perfectly and most likely the risk-taker will be taken advantage of in one way or another. But the risk is worth it – the job gets done, some real needs are met, blessing is set in motion and Christ is glorified as we have lived like He lived.

Reaching out in the name of Jesus opens the door to letting people into your life. It happens like this: the recipient of your grace feels loved for once, desires friendship, knows your name, your address, your telephone number, what you do for a living, your strengths and weaknesses. You become vulnerable. You are exposed. What if he asks for something more? What if he enjoys the friendship more than you do? What if . . . ? How do I . . . ?

B.B. Warfield, the last of the great Prince-

ton Theologians who died in 1921 made this memorable comparison between our reaching out to the needy and Christ reaching down to us:

Now dear Christians, some of you pray night and day to be branches of the true Vine; you pray to be made all over in the image of Christ. If so, you must be like him in giving . . . though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor” . . .

Objection 1: “MY MONEY IS MY OWN.”

Answer: Christ might have said, “My blood is my own, my life is my own” . . . then where should we have been?

Objection 2: “THE POOR ARE UNDESERVING.”

Answer: Christ might have said, “They are wicked rebels . . . shall I lay down my life for these? I will give to the good angels.” But no, He left the ninety-nine, and came after the lost. He gave His blood for the undeserving.

Objection 3: “THE POOR MAY ABUSE IT.”

Answer: Christ might have said the same; yea, with far greater truth. Christ knew that thousands would trample His blood under their feet; that most would despise it; that many would make it an excuse for sinning more; yet He gave His own blood. Oh, my dear Christians! If you would be like Christ, give much, give often, give freely, to the vile and poor, the thankless and the undeserving. Christ is glorious and happy and so will you be. It is not your money I want, but your happiness. Remember His own word, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

It’s risky business! You may expose yourself to more than you can handle! You might become vulnerable! THAT’S MINISTRY!

Better to burn out than rust out,
Pastor Bob

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY—December—February Elective Classes

Having a Mary Spirit - Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out - You long to serve God with grace and strength, to reflect Christ in every word and action, yet you find yourself continually struggling to bring that vision to life in your daily walk. In this life-changing book, Joanna Weaver, author of the perennial bestseller, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, directs your gaze past your own shortcomings to the God who stands ready, willing, and able to make a new woman out of you. She equips you with Biblical insights and practical tools to partner with Christ, inviting Him into the hidden places of your soul and giving Him full permission to redeem and renovate. This Ladies’ Class is taught by Sam Tait and Sherry O’Donnell in Room 103.

Fundamentals of the Faith - The Junior High Teens will be continuing their study on this excellent workbook that teaches the foundation of Christian doctrine. This class is open for all Junior High Teens, their families, and really anyone seeking to learn the basics or even get a refresher! 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, teaching how to think Biblically concerning the hot topic of “Creation vs. Evolution”. Come and learn the answers and how to present them!

Taught by Curt and Megan Duffield in the Youth House, 232 W North Street.

Divine Intervention: How to Minister to Friends and Families Dealing with Addictions -

When people think of addiction, usually illegal drugs are in mind. Since all sin is addictive, the subject goes far beyond that. Usually people try to minister to the addict instead of to the addict’s family and friends who are also dealing with the fallout damage. This class is for people who need to minister to addicts, whether it is a family member, a co-worker, or a friend. This class will also equip people who may not be dealing with it now, but more than likely will be at some point. Studying the Biblical principles explained in the book Divine Intervention (by Mark Shaw), this will bring encouragement and hope as well as enable you to best help your addicted loved one in a Biblical manner. Taught by Pastor Jeff in Room the Dining Room.

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. Students will be challenged to view Christ’s life from His pre-existence to His incarnation to His ascension to His eternity. Time will be taken to examine some historical views of Christ and then on to His incarnation; His two natures and character; the importance of His death, His resurrection and His ascension. Join Pastor Bob each week in the Library for this study. No text other than the Bible will be needed.

Calendar Dec. 2nd—Dec. 8th		
<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Dedication of Petsingers’ Home
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice <u>One Small Child Rehearsal</u>
<u>Tues</u>	10:00 a.m.—12 Noon 7:00 p.m.	BBI Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	Noon 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Pioneer Club/Young Believers in Christ (YBICS)/Passing the Faith/ Circle of Friends/Adult Bible Study
<u>Thur</u>	5:00 p.m.	BBI
<u>Fri</u>		Gift Wrapping for Habitat for Humanity
<u>Sat</u>	2:00—8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Babysitting by Youth Community Dinner

HOW TO STOP CHURCH GOSSIP

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church’s morals, kept sticking her nose into other people’s business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of getting drunk after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town’s only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing. Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn’t explain, defend, or deny... He said nothing. Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred’s house... Walked home . . . And left it there all night!!! You gotta love Frank!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE DEDICATION

You are invited to the Petsingers’ new home at the top of the hill on Anderson Street in East Butler for a house dedication this afternoon at 2:00! Congratulations Aaron, Kiersten, Aaron, Timothy, William, and Christopher.

Contact Dale Riemer if you would like to help support her trip to Thailand by purchasing Christmas Cookies. Her phone number is 724-282-0647