

Sunday December 23, 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 Wise Men & Herod"

Pastor Bob

### Today's Schedule

9:00 Worship Service  
10:30 Sunday School

### Serving Today

#### Greeters

Worship Service:  
The Fergusons

#### Nursery

Worship Service: Amy Parker  
Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

The Nursery will be available  
for the Christmas Eve Service.

#### The Lord's Supper

Worship Service:  
Paula Bauer

### Last Week at NSCC

Worship Service Attendance:  
177

### Offering

General - \$ 4,461.00  
Designated - \$ 317.97  
Total \$ 4,778.97

### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Mary Ann Cornelius, YWCA, Room 207, 120 W. Cunningham St., Butler, PA 16001.

WISE MEN  
STILL SEEK  
HIM

## NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWS TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE



You don't have to be a computer geek to find excellent resources and be an informed member, visitor, or just a curious browser of North Street Christian Church. Our website is "state of the art" with capability to sit at home and listen to the weekly messages by our Pastor/s. The messages are archived, so you can even go back and listen to past favorites. To view the on-line sermon audio file, use instructions and other new web-page information: Select the RESOURCES menu button and then choose MEDIA HELP & LINKS. There are also links to some of your favorite preachers such as John MacArthur, Charles Stanley, D. James

Kennedy, R.C. Sproul, and John Piper, just to mention a few.

Besides a comprehensive description of what we believe, including our Vision, Mission, a Doctrinal Statement, and a description of all our ministry departments; our weekly News Sheet and prayer list are posted weekly. There is a section for the kids, links to neat coloring books and other good sites.

Visitors can even click on "Find Us" and get a map to our front door. Members, friends who have moved out of town can keep in touch with their old church family and anyone who requests it, can have the News Sheet e-mailed directly to them.

Our thanks to Ken Kalberer who, in collaboration with Pastor Bob, designed the website and maintains it on a regular basis. Way to go, Ken! We are interested in your comments. The web address is [northstreetchristianchurch.org](http://northstreetchristianchurch.org). You can e-mail us by clicking on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the home page.

## Worshipping the Christ at Christmas DECEMBER 23, 24 & 30

Worship today will be led by the Christmas choir as they share One Small Child. As you are led, draw near to the Christ Child - one small baby, born in a manger, born amongst simple people, born to save! This small child is King of King and Lord of Lords! The journey will lead us to proclaim Jesus Reigns. JOY TO THE WORLD.

Tomorrow evening, December 24 our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship will

begin at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to join us. The message is entitled, What Do You Say About Jesus?

Join us next Sunday December 30 for worship at 9:00 and Sunday School at 10:30. The message is entitled, Cleaning Up From Christmas. On January 6 we will return to worship at 8:15 and 10:45 with Sunday School at 9:30.

## WELCOME HOME HOUTENS

The Houtens are home from Teen Missions in Merritt Island, Florida! Two congregational events are planned for you to spend time with them and to learn more about their ministry, their plans for 2008 and their personal needs.

Brent will speak on Friday December 28 at the Micah Klutinoty and About-A-Mile Concert at 6:00. (see details below). Brent and Beth will speak during the Sunday School Hour in the Dining Room next Sunday December 30 following morning worship. Welcome home Houten family, welcome home!

### YOUTH CORNER

#### MICAH KLUTINOTY & ABOUT-A-MILE IN CONCERT- FRIDAY DEC. 28TH AT 6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to a concert and worship event on Friday December 28th at 6:00. Micah Klutinoty (home from Liberty U.) and About-A-Mile Band will lead in worship and share the Word in concert. Brent Houten (home from Teen Missions) will then speak concerning the Lord's work in his life and the life of his family. All teens are encouraged to be here and invite all the friends you have! Let's fill up the place and worship the Lord with all our might!

Following our time in the auditorium there will be a game night with refreshments in the Dining Room and at Legacy. Bring your favorite board game and some snacks to share.

#### FUN NIGHT AT FAMILY FIRST

On Saturday January 5 at 5 p.m. there will be a FUN NIGHT at Family First. Pizza and snacks will be served. Bring snacks to share. Come and join us!

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE. THERE IS ONE DIRECTORY AND A PAMPHLET AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ANNEX FOR EACH FAMILY. BE SURE TO PICK YOURS UP. WHILE YOU ARE THERE, YOU CAN ALSO PICK UP YOUR 2008 OFFERING ENVELOPES.

**“Thank you - It’s Just What I Didn’t Want”**

I recently read a statement something like this, “We are the kind of people who want what we don’t have and don’t want what we do have.” That got me to thinking. I have a green SUV but I would rather have a black one. The one I have has alloy wheels – I think I would rather have those real shiny ones. I don’t have a flat screen TV but I would like to have one – and one of the expensive ones with the clearest of pictures would be great. My, oh my, we are like that – see how we want more and the best – even before we the get the first one, we want the new and improved model! At least I see that in myself – how about you?

I really think these thoughts go deeper than just having or not having “things.” Think about relationships – who wishes they had a different wife or husband or children or parents? Think about your station in life – who wishes they were someone else, lived somewhere else or in a different time? Or had someone else’s

money, property or career? Think about your problems and your health – who wishes they could trade places with someone who seems to glide through? (I’ll bet they have problems you don’t even know about and in the end, once you knew, you wouldn’t want to trade places.)

Some Scriptures helped me settle the matter, maybe they will help you too! Here they are:

**Proverbs 30:15-16** - "There are three things that are never satisfied, four that never say, 'Enough!': 16 the grave, the barren womb, land, which is never satisfied with water, and fire, which never says, 'Enough!'"

**Proverbs 27:20** - Death and Destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of man.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10** - Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

**Ecclesiastes 6:7** - All man's efforts are for his mouth, yet his appetite is never satisfied.

**Philippians 4:12,13** - I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

1 Timothy 6:6-9 - But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Remember the lesson we have learned when you don’t get what you wanted for Christmas or get what you didn’t want!

Satisfied,  
pb

**POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

This year’s poinsettias have been donated in memory of their loved ones by Carl & Irene Divers, the Kalberer Family, and the Owenshine Family; also, Gerry Miller in memory of Dana Miller, Larry & Merry Wagner in memory of parents: Dana Miller, Harry & Margaret Wagner. Jim and Michelle Convery’s poinsettias are honor of the U.S. Military Service Members and their Families and in memory of Dorothy Christie and Marlene Green.

There were also donations made to the Timothy Fund by the Croup Family in memory of Grandmother, Mary E. Leonard and Joan Cole in memory of her husband, Wesley Cole and her and father, George Huff.

Those you wish to take their poinsettias with them should pick them up after the Christmas Eve Service.

**LEADERS FOR 2008**

If you have seen a servant’s heart and ministry mindset in a man or woman at NSCC and you believe they meet the Scriptural qualifications as a deacon/ness or elder, please contact Doug Emmett, Mark McCoy, Bob Seaver, Bob Ogden, or Terry Hartman as these men are receiving recommendations for additional servant/leaders.

**Thank YOU!!!**

I would like to thank all of those who willingly helped us deliver 19 fruit baskets last weekend. With the cancellation of Christmas Caroling (our delivery system for the baskets) it could have left one or two of us with quite a task. Willing servants at NSCC were easy to find last Sunday morning! In hearing back from our delivery people, it seems that all who received them were quite thankful. Praise the Lord for such a congregation.

Pastor Bob



We would like to thank Jim and Dale Riemer and Cissy Bergbigler for leading the way and all who so willingly and joyfully work in Community Meal Outreach ministry. It was amazing to see the effort put into the meal this past weekend and the many ways you blessed our guests. We also thank everyone who donated coats, hats, gloves, food and toiletries. WOW! Remember what Jesus said - *whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.* Thank you for ministering in JESUS’ name!

NSCC Family



Thank you to Pastor Jeff and the men who minister with him at the Butler County Prison each week. We also thank all of those who donated cookies for the Christmas party which was held on Friday December 21.

NSCC Family



Dear Folks,

Thanks for the fruit , also for the plate of cookies. We all enjoy them. Thanks for the couple and family that saw that we got them. Thanks again for thinking of us.

As Ever,  
Wilda



<b>Calendar Dec. 23rd—Dec. 29th</b>		
<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Sunday School
<u>Mon</u>	7:00 p.m.	Church Office Closed at Noon Christmas Eve Service
<u>Tues</u>	Christmas Day	Church Office Closed
<u>Wed</u>		Church Office Closed No Evening Activities
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:40 p.m.	BBI Boys Basketball Game Sr. Div. #2
<u>Fri</u>	6:00 until ?	Concert by Micah Klutinoty & “About–A–Mile” Message by Houtens Family Game Night

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOON DECEMBER 24TH THRU DECEMBER 26TH**