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# North Street News

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## Today's Message

"Cleaning Up From  
Christmas"

Pastor Bob

## Today's Schedule

9:00 Worship Service  
10:30 Sunday School

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship Service:  
The Ogdens &  
The Fergusons

### Nursery

Worship Service: Karen  
Munko & Katie Kremer  
Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

### The Lord's Supper

Worship Service:  
Paula Bauer & Kathi Huber

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship Attendance: 253

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Doug & Marian Corvin, 544 Brownsdale Rd., Butler, PA, 16053.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
Matthew 28:18-20

## Matt Eckert and Ken Nogan to Lead Worship

Sunday January 6 at 8:15 and 10:45

Join us next Sunday morning for either time of worship. Ken Nogan and Matt Eckert led worship together at the concluding banquet for the Men of Honor study. Those present were brought into the Lord's presence in a wonderfully worshipful and mighty way. Ken on guitar and Matt on keyboard are prepared to again lead us to the throne of God's grace next Sunday morning. The message is entitled From Old, Dead and Smelly to New, Fresh and Clean. We will consider the way of salvation in the life of those who have come from unbelief to belief. *For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.* II Corinthians 2:15,16a

## THE HOUTEN FAMILY AND TEEN MISSIONS

During Sunday School Today

Brent and Beth Houten will speak during Sunday School today in the Dining Room. The Houtens will be sharing about their ministry with Teen Missions, their thankfulness for missions support from NSCC, their personal needs and future plans. The class is open to all who want come. Learn more about their lives as missionaries to youth and become one of their prayer partners today. Join us immediately after today's worship.

## FUN NIGHT AT FAMILY FIRST

Youth Activity

Come join us for a fun night of games, fellowship, and food this Saturday night, January 5, 2008 at Family First.

Bring your favorite games and your favorite snacks to share. Pizza will be provided. Be sure to invite your friends to come too.

Watch the News Sheet for events that are coming up. When we get enough people to sign up, there will be a weekend trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Debbie King as a member of NSCC. She came forward to place her membership on Sunday, December 23rd.

In addition, we welcome the Horwat Family, Dennis, Cyndee, Dayne, Cameron, and Seth, who were baptized, Thursday, December 27th at NSCC. Welcome to our family.

## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

There is a Church Directory for each family. Be sure to pick one up in the Church Annex at the Welcome Center.

Thank you Kathy Seaver and crew for all the work you did to make it happen.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2008

You can pick up a box of Offering Envelopes in the Church Annex at the Welcome Center. The envelopes are not numbered so sure you put your name or number on each one as you use them. If you do not know your number, just call the Church Office.

## Butler Bible Institute News

Beginning a New Year

We are beginning our 5<sup>th</sup> year at Butler Bible Institute by offering two courses that begin in January 2008. One will begin on Tuesday, January 8th from 10 AM until Noon. The other on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The first course is entitled "Doctrine of the Kingdom". The second is "Genesis: The book of beginnings".

The history, the presence and the future of man and of earth are connected to their relationships to their Creator and King, Jesus Christ.

Taking both or either course may open your mind to God's word, the Holy Scriptures, and develop in you an ability to express the Truth of the Gospel of Christ to an ever growing number of people who are searching for HOPE. We disciple you, so that you will have the courage to disciple others. Call Bob Ogden, President of BBI at 724-283-3413 for more details.

## OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Pete Kovach and his family on the loss of his wife, Phyllis, who passed away Monday, December 24th; to Randy Stephenson and his family on the death of his father December 23rd; and to Elsie Wight and her family on the death of her son, Chris, who died December 26th.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOON DECEMBER 31ST THROUGH JANUARY 1ST

## An Audience of ONE

When we gather for worship, it is natural to consider those on the platform to be the performers and those in the pews to be the audience. From Heaven's perspective I would imagine that God does not see it that way. It has been said that He alone is the audience! The best way then to see things is that both the people on the platform and those in the pew are the performers – so to speak. Those on the platform are the *prompters* of those in the pew – but all are striving to present authentic worship before the Lord.

God is serious about worship. The whole Old Testament Tabernacle was about the worship of God. He prescribed it right down to choosing the materials, the weave of the cloth and the colors. He clearly was against people doing worship their own way – consider the *strange fire* offered by Nadab and Abihu. (Leviticus 10) God's consuming fire took care of the possibility of their profane worship being

offered again! Most of Israel's problems came about from not having their eyes focused on God ALONE. They often turned to the left or to the right. They often forgot that there is but ONE GOD and that His name is JEALOUS. He shares His glory with no one ever!

In the New Testament, Jesus very clearly taught that the worship that His Father seeks comes from the pure hearts of sincere worshipers. (John 4) He said that the place that matters is the sanctuary of the heart. He said that true worshipers are those who worship in spirit and in truth. When we worship according to truth, our worship is to be focused on God as revealed according to the Scripture and centering on Jesus Christ. When we worship according to the spirit it means that there is more than external conformity but with a right attitude of the heart – the seat of our mind, will and emotions.

Prepare yourself for today's worship – shift gears now and rather than critiquing those on the platform (whether it be those who pray, lead in music or preach) why not humble yourself to be led by God to the foot of the cross? Pray right now, confessing your sins. Ask God to humble your proud heart. Put your watch in your pocket. Open His Word – even now and read Psalm 51. Get your mind on the Lord. Ask God to speak to your heart today. When you do, you won't have time to be thinking of what could have been better and what didn't go right. You are on stage before an AUDIENCE OF ONE!

Our God is and Awesome God!  
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*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*  
Psalm 51:17

## THANK YOU!!!

**“Thank you so very much for the gift card for my family Christmas. I'm so blessed by God and His fellow Christians who not only speak God, but also act on God's words. God Bless You! A Merry Christmas! Love, Bridget, Justin, Stephanie, & Dalton**

*There are so many people to thank for making this Christmas so memorable. First of all, the Worship Department for the presenting “One Small Child” on December 23rd and for the music during the Christmas Eve Service. We are blessed to have such talented and dedicated people. We would also like to thank the Nursery Attendants who take care of the children during worship. They, too, are a great blessing.*

**“Thank you to my Church family here at North Street for remembering me with the generous Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated.”  
In His Love,  
Kim Gaiser**

*Pastor Bob and Kathi and Pastor Jeff and Erin and families would like to thank the congregation for the many ways we are remembered at Christmas and throughout the year. Thank you for the congregational gift presented to us on Sunday, December 23rd. It makes us feel really good and really appreciated to receive such a wonderful blessing.*

## LEADERS FOR 2008

If you have a seen servant's heart and ministry mindset in a man or woman at NSCC and you believe they meet 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.

## Calendar Dec. 30th—Jan. 5th

<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School
<u>Mon</u>	12:00 Noon	Office Closes
<u>Tues</u>	New Year's Day	Office Closed
<u>Wed</u>	6:00 p.m. 6:50 p.m.	Girls Basketball Game Boys Basketball Game, Jr. Div.
<u>Thur</u>	5:00 p.m. 8:40 p.m. 8:40 p.m.	BBI Boys Basketball Game, Sr. Div. #2 Boys Basketball Game, Sr. Div. #1
<u>Sat</u>	5 p.m.	Family First Game Night

## CONGRATULATIONS



To Rob and Stacy Milliron on the birth of their new daughter, Paris Olivia. Paris was born on Friday, December 21st at 12:30 a.m. We also congratulate big brother, Ty.



Also, to Amanda Spinneweber and John Morrison on their engagement to be married. Plans are to be married in the fall of 2008.