

Sunday December 9, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"What They Said About Jesus
The Inn Keeper & The People of
Bethlehem"

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: Joan Cole &
Brooke Rhodabarger

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &
Chelsea Daye

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Paula Bauer

Worship II: Kathi Huber &
Lisa Sengsirikhun

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 94
Worship II 136
Total Attendance 230

Offering

General - \$6,173.00
Designated - \$ 325.00
Total \$6,498.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Art and Phyllis Weigle, 136
Park Crest Lane, Butler PA
16001

So from now on we regard
no one from a worldly
point of view. Though we
once regarded Christ in
this way, we do so no
longer. Therefore, if any-
one is in Christ, he is a
new creation; the old has
gone, the new has come!
All this is from God, who
reconciled us to himself
through Christ and gave us
the ministry of reconcilia-
tion.

II Corinthians 5:16-18

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Come and Worship. Come and Worship. Worship Christ the Newborn King!

Join us on Sunday mornings and on Christmas
Eve for Christmas Worship. Here's the Schedule:

Sunday December 16 at 9:00 a.m. – Message:
What They Said About Jesus: The Shepherds and
Simeon and Anna. Pastor Jeff will be preaching.
ONE SMALL CHILD will be presented by the
Christmas Choir. Under the direction of Kim
Gaiser, the singers will sing and tell about one
small baby, one born in a manger, one born to
simple people, well, one born to save us all –
Jesus!

When one thinks about it, what can a new born
baby can do for or in a family? Maybe the child
can bring happiness. Maybe that child can bring
hope for the future. Maybe that child can bring a
visible love into that family. Maybe that child can
bring a sense of purpose to the family. Everyone
can probably state something personal about
what a baby, one small child can bring into a
family relationship.

Plan to be here to listen AND participate in this
special presentation as the choir takes us on a
journey and leads us to the proclamation that
"Jesus Will Reign." JOY TO THE WORLD, THE SAV-

OUR REIGNS! Sunday School at 10:30.

Sunday December 23 at 9:00 a.m. – Message:
What They Said About Jesus: The Wise Men
and Herod. Sunday School at 10:30

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December
24 at 7:00 p.m. – Message: What Do You Say
About Jesus? Special Music. The Lord's Sup-
per will be remembered.

Sunday December 30 at 9:00 a.m. – Message:
Cleaning Up From Christmas. Sunday School
at 10:30

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS:

*But when the fullness of the time had come,
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born
under the law, to redeem those who were un-
der the law, that we might receive the adop-
tion as sons. And because you are sons, God
has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your
hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore
you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a
son, then an heir of God through Christ.*
Galatians 4:4-7

CHRISTMAS CAROLING NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

Morning and Evening Opportunities

Come Caroling with Us! Sunday School classes first grade through Senior High will be Christmas
Caroling during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, December 16th from 10:30–11:30. There
will be no classes held for those grades. The group will be going to Newhaven Court to carol and
pass out cookies. The preschool and kindergarten classes will have class as usual. Call Sonya
Kremer at 724-637-1132 for more information.

In the evening, everyone, from children through adults, is invited to join us for evening caroling.
We will gather at LEGACY (232 West North) at 5:30 to distribute song books and gifts and to divide
into groups. We will then have a brief rehearsal. The groups will travel to various homes of folks
from NSCC and to several personal care homes to share the Good News of Christ's birth through
song. Bring a plate of cookies as we will return to share some goodies and hot chocolate at LEG-
ACY: A Place Where the Love of Christ is Shared with the Next Generation. Call Pastor Bob for
more information.

GIVING, GIVING, GIVING UPDATE

COOKIES FOR PRISON CHRISTMAS PARTY will be received through December 21 the same eve-
ning of the party. See Pastor Jeff for more information. The final distribution of **USED COATS and
NEW HATS AND GLOVES** will be made this Saturday December 15 evening at our Community Meal
outreach held at 5:00 p.m. Bring your coats to the Church Office. The **FOOD DRIVE** goods will also
be distributed at the Community meal outreach this Saturday. Bring food in through Saturday and
place items in the barrels at each entrance. **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MISSIONARIES** will be re-
ceived at the Church Office through tomorrow afternoon. The cards will be mailed on Tuesday
morning. Thank you for giving and giving and giving!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—NOTE LOCATION CHANGES

**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 les-
sons 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.

A WORD FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT NORTH STREET!

We have 60-75 kids and some great youth leaders here at NSCC on Wednesday Nights. We begin with worship at 6:30 and by 7:00 we are in our classes until 8:00.

We would like to grow our Adult Study Group. I want to encourage every leader of the Church and every interested Bible student to join us. Our next study series begins on Wednesday January 16. We will be meeting in Room 102.

We live in a day where we often are looking for quick fixes for money matters, family matters, health matters and every other kind of matter. And we want Jesus to fix it all! He is to be our personal guru to resolve every personal matter no matter what's the matter! We live in a day where the Church in the west has gotten bored with preaching the Gospel and has now added drawing people to worship with the promise of winning something – like a car, a house, a motorcycle or some money while in many other places in the world the Church has gone un-

derground to survive and people are losing their lives because they will not denounce the name of Jesus! WOW what diversity.

Geroge Santayana is given credit with originating the phrase, *"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."* (We all seem to have our own version of that truth!) I would like to lead those interested in a 13 week study of Church History – considering some of its leaders, doctrine, heresies, movements and mistakes. It was Solomon who said, "There is nothing new under the sun." For the sake of the Kingdom join me to find out what we can learn about today and tomorrow from yesterday!

We will begin with the times of the Apostles, journey to the days of Polycarp, Origen and on to Constantine. We will learn of Francis of Assisi and Thomas Aquinas. Not only will we discover the

lives and influence of ancient Church leaders but from more recent Church history we will understand the influence of Martin Luther; the drive of Hudson Taylor and George Whitfield and then onto men like Barton Stone, Charles Spurgeon and Jonathan Edwards. We will take a look at modernism and post-modernism and beyond. Of course, as we go, we will consider the major themes of the Church such as doctrine, theological differences and denominations.

Would you join us? You have lots of time to make plans.

For His Story,
pb

*The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing. What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.*

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned—put together—have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

We would like to encourage you to send Christmas cards to people from our Church serving our country. Please call the Church Office if you know of others not listed. We all are so grateful for all who are keeping our country safe. 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 Windy Bluff Way, Clarksville, TN 37040 and **Daniel Smith**, MEHTAR-LAM PRT#8, APO Base AE 09354.

Calendar Dec. 9th—Dec. 16th

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| <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. 7:30 p.m. | Praise Team Practice One Small Child Rehearsal |
| <u>Tues</u> | 10:00 a.m.—12 Noon | BBI |
| <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 |
| <u>Thur</u> | 5:00 p.m. | BBI |
| <u>Sat</u> | 5:00 p.m. | Community Meal Outreach |
| <u>Sun</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Christmas Caroling |



Our congratulations go out to Amanda Spinneweber who is graduating from Geneva College on December 1, 2007 with a degree in Student Ministry. Following graduation, Amanda will be working at Geneva College as a Financial Aide Counselor.

We would also like to congratulate Brandon Stephenson and Danielle Fisher on their recent engagement to be married. The wedding will be on July 12, 2007. Brandon will complete his internship in Las Vegas at Canyon Ridge Christian Church in June.



A special thanks goes out to Carl, Mark, Eric, Ginny, Meghan, and Andy for helping with Christmas decorations. We also want to thank all the Wednesday night people who helped put the boxes away.

Kim Gaiser

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. The **Legacy Youth Ministry** will not meet on December 26th and will announce their Holiday Schedule in next week's North Street News.