

Sunday July 1, 2007

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# North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

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## Today's Message

The Spiritual Roots of  
Freedom

## 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 Collins

### Nursery

Worship I: Katie Kremer

& Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole

& Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Erin Miller

& Joan Cole

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Becky Harris

Worship II:

Andrea Cranmer

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 97

Worship II 125

Total Attendance 222

## Offering

General - \$ 4802.00

Designated - \$ 672.00

Total \$5474.00

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Opal Everton, 152 Royal Oak Dr., Apt. 206, McKeesport, PA 15131.

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-15

## TWO OUTREACH EVENTS FOR KIDS

July 23-27 at Island Playground & August 13-17 at Deep Valley

A meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m.** to train teachers, teacher's assistants and volunteers who plan to participate in these two great events. If you have a heart for missions and God is calling you to share His love in this mission field in our own backyard, please come to the meeting and learn how you can reach out to the city of Butler with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The events and needs are:

**July 23-27 from 4:30-7:30** each evening. We will be holding a week-long program for city kids at the Is-

land Playground.

**HELP WANTED: FOOD** - We need to provide supper each night for approximately 40 kids, **RECREATION**, and **BIBLE TEACHING**.

**August 13-17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** each day - We will hold Vacation Bible School DayCamp at Deep Valley Christian Service Camp in Slippery Rock. **HELP WANTED: PROMOTION** - Getting into neighborhoods to invite kids to camp! **BIBLE TEACHING** - Materials have already been purchased. **KITCHEN HELP:** Food and kitchen oversight has already been provided! **RECREATION**

**CRAFTS, TEAM LEADERS** - Responsible for "shepherding" a group of kids to each activity and assisting with the activity. **WORSHIP LEADERS**- Leading the opening time of praise in song, **TRANSPORTATION** - We will be bussing kids from their neighborhoods to the church each morning where they will get on a school bus heading to camp. We need van drivers to shuttle the kids to the church and back to their neighborhoods.

We have many opportunities for you to serve! Please call Pastor Jeff @ 724-282-7700.

## MINISTRY SEMINARS COMING SOON Russ Mitchell Facilitator

**SERVING AS SENDERS** - **Sunday, July 22 from 4-7 p.m.** with dinner included. Based on the book *Serving as Senders* by Neal Pirollo, and assists participants to understand how to be more effective senders of missionaries. If you're into missions, please plan to come.

**NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR** - **Tuesday, July 31 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** Designed to aid local congregations to become healthier. The process involves a survey developed by Christian Schwarz, which accurately describes Church health and suggests a process that assists the church in moving toward improved health and ministry. Eight quality characteristics are identified. They are empowering leadership, gift-oriented ministry, passionate spirituality, functional structures, inspiring worship, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism and loving relationships. Open to all who desire to attend. All leaders are highly encouraged to make this a priority.

**NETWORK SPIRITUAL GIFTS SEMINAR FOR FACILITATORS** - **Saturday August 4 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon.** Will train participants to lead others to identify their spiritual gift/s, their God-given passion, and personal style so as to determine the best place for them to serve in the local church. The goal is for 6-12 interested leaders to use the training to help grow the Church.

**SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING** - **Saturday, August 11 from 8:00 - Noon.** Open to all who lead or plan to lead small group Bible Studies and/or ministry groups. Get the basics and some specialized training in being an effective small group leader.

**Russ will preach** Sunday July 29th. It is a fifth Sunday, so Sunday School will be 9:00 and Worship at 10:15.

## SIGN UP FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY APPOINTMENT-TODAY IS THE DEADLINE

If you have not signed up for your photo shoot for the directory, be sure to see Kathy Seaver at the Church entrance. Today is the deadline! Notices will be sent to those schedule with the date and time of your appointment.

Also, we are collecting information to include in the 2007 NSCC Directory and would appreciate any photos from recent mission trips, the 100th Anniversary, or other events that would highlight past NSCC events. If you have digital photos that you would like to submit, please e-mail to [viv@northstreetchristianchurch.org](mailto:viv@northstreetchristianchurch.org) or you can bring photos to the Church Office.

## PICNIC FOR SR. CITIZENS

Saturday July 7 at 2:30

Rain or Shine, a picnic will be held this coming Saturday, July 7th! Let's celebrate the birthday of our country and also the birthdays of all our seniors. We will be leaving the parking lot at NSCC at 2:30 to go by bus to Moraine State Park. A small fee will be charged to cover a box lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. RSVP by calling Mary Stevenson at (724) 283-4812 or Barbara Carson at (724) 283-2472. Be sure to mention if you need a ride.

## CHURCH PICNIC—SATURDAY AUGUST 25TH at 2:00

## Might You Have A Case of "I-Itis" ?

We are all susceptible to it and it seems to come and go in many of our lives – ever get a case of *I-ITIS*? Technically, *I-it is is an inflammation of self!* For some there is not much hope as they seem to have case of *Chronic I-itis*, but for others it appears to be *Acute I-itis* which may be cured. Even so, there is the possibility of it having to be treated more than once in a lifetime.

We just may have a case of it, when like Moses, being called upon by God to carry out a task in His Name, began to make excuse saying, BUT who am "I" that . . . Moses looked to his own resources and forgot that when God calls us to perform for Him that He also provides the resources! (Exodus 3) Moses had a case of "AMNESIATIC I-ITIS"! He thought it was all about himself and forgot that it was all about God.

We just may have a case of it, when like Elijah (as he battled with the prophets of Baal thought he was the only faithful one left in all of Israel) think that we are the only one left to do the

work of God! Several times in I Kings 19, Elijah says, "I" alone am left." He had his eyes too much on self and not enough on God. (Interestingly, the Lord had just given deliverance over 450 prophets of Baal, yet Elijah was on the run from one wicked woman named Jezebel!) When our eyes are too much on self and not enough on God, we too end up in self-pity and depression and go on the run. When that happens - it's a sure case of "I-itis!" Elijah had a case of "COMPARATIVE I-ITIS"!

We just may have a case of it when like Peter, who declared "Even if all (all of the other disciples) are made to stumble because of You, "I" will never be made to stumble." (Matthew 26:33) think that we are just a little more committed than everyone else. Peter who certainly loved his peers and was a great leader at times here displayed a case of "SUPERIOR I-ITIS" As we know, he quickly thereafter three times denied that he even knew

Jesus! Watch out when you think that you're "in" with God in a way that others are not.

No matter how you diagnose it, the root of *I-itis* is selfish pride. Whether it is approaching a God assignment with fear or believing that YOU are the remaining truth courier or believing that YOU are more committed than anyone else – Pride is the root!

To be PROUD – means boastful, high-minded, arrogant, vainglory, haughty, to appear over

To be HUMBLE – means low lying, brought low, a low degree, of a low estate, cast down

Get lower not higher!

Pastor Bob

*Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

*Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Proverbs 16:18-19

## PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK Habitat for Humanity Project

Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates houses, partnering with people, to develop communities with God's people in need. Habitat for Humanity works to give a "Hand Up" not a "Hand Out". A new project begins in July to build a house in East Butler. This project will serve to assist the Aaron and Kiersten Petsinger family of NSCC and will be led by Jon Ray! YOU can help as a volunteer! Organizational Meeting: July 9 at 6:30 at St. Fidelis Hall on Buttercup Road. If unable to attend contact Cat Loeffler at 724-285-5102 or [butlerhabitatforhumanity@yahoo.com](mailto:butlerhabitatforhumanity@yahoo.com) to schedule a time to work. NSCC work day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Volunteers can of course work additional days.

## COMMUNITY MEAL NEWS July Meals are on the 14th and 21st.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." I John 3:18.

Two fun evenings are being planned for July and we need your help. On **July 14** our menu consists of pizza, tossed salad, corn, and a dessert buffet. The community meal staff members are excited that the youth will be helping serve at this meal! Of course we will still need our regular crew as well.

It's outdoor picnic day on **July 21**. Hot dogs, burgers, baked beans, assorted salads including macaroni and potato, corn on the cob, & ice cream sundaes will be served. We would encourage anyone who is available to come help! There will be lots to do getting everything set up outside.

If you would like to make a donation to either meal please contact Dale Riemer at 724-282-8607 or Cissy at 724-283-6689.

Update from June: We had 42 diners on Sat. the 9th and 61 diners on the 16th. We want to thank Bob Ogden who spoke on June 9th and Pastor Jeff who spoke on June 16th. Our staff and diners were blessed!

## NOTE OF THANKS

I just wanted to thank all of our friends and family in the church that provided meals, sent cards, and have given us support and prayers following the death of my father and our recent move to a new home. I'm so thankful for God's provision. What a blessing to have people that truly love and care about us!

With Love in Christ  
Sue Simpson & Family

## SHEPHERD OF MY HEART Position Open for Teacher

There is an opening for a teacher at our Shepherd of My Heart Pre-school effective this fall. The school has been in existence since 2003 and has helped many families nurture Christian values in their pre-school children.

To receive more information, interested parties should contact Bob Ogden at 724-283-3413 or Jeff Miller at 724-282-7700.

## Calendar July 1 - July 7

Sun	8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	6:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. -	Instrumental Rehearsal Instrumental & Vocal Rehearsal
Tues	7:00 p.m. -	Elders Meeting
Thur	6:00 p.m. -	Butler Bible Institute Class

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES Mark Your Calendar Now!

**July 11th: 6pm** Saelers'—Wiener roast, food, swimming  
**July 18th: 6pm** Horwats'—Games, food.  
**July 25th: 6pm** McIntyres'—Games, food.

### DEEP VALLEY CAMP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 1-6 Adventure Camp  
July 8-14 Jr. Gr. 4/5  
July 15-21 Junior High  
July 17-23 Senior High  
July 22-28 Campraise

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY