

Sunday July 29, 2007

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Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

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North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

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Guest Speaker

Russ Mitchell

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters

The Ogdens
The Collins

Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole
& Kathy Twerdok

Worship : Karen Munko, Erica
Record, & Walker Hartman

The Lord's Supper

Becky Harris
Andrea Cranmer

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	94
Worship II	<u>146</u>
Total Attendance	240

Offering

General -	\$ 5317.76
Designated -	\$ <u>809.50</u>
Total	\$ 6127.26

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
Marcella Patterson,
350 W. Airport Rd., Butler, PA
16001.

We celebrate the
birth of

**RYAN MATTHEW
ECKERT**

Born July 26th
at 2:55 a.m.

6 lb 5 oz. 20" Long

Happy Parents,

Lacey & Matthew
Eckert

UPDATE FROM POLAND

A Report from the Houten's and Teen Missions

Hello, from Poland!! Everything is great here in this beautiful country! The team got to see just how beautiful it is on Monday, July 23rd as we visited one of the historic castles in the area. We also got to explore the caves by foot and a boat that Hitler had built to use on an escape route. That was a fascinating time. It was cold inside and we didn't bring coats. We will remember that if ever there again!

We then got to relax with the people from the church at a friend's home. There the team had a picnic and swam in the

lake. It was a fun day for all.

We are now back to work today. The team is working hard at digging drainage ditches and laying bricks on the floor to prepare it for pouring concrete.

The team got to share music and puppets on Sunday evening in the park. They all came back to a campfire, s'mores and warm cocoa. (yes, I'm a mom, can you tell?)

There are no injuries or sicknesses to report. Praise God!!! The kids are all in good health. The weather

has been beautiful-mid 80's during the day and cool at night. Perfect weather for laboring

We have had a kid on the team, Tyler Norris, make a commitment to the Lord! He told us all that he never really made that decision until now. Praise the Lord! It's neat to see him grow!

We have many things planned for the week. We will continue work on the building. We will also have our Christmas in July on Thursday. We have invited our missionaries to dinner.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

This Tuesday Evening July 31, 6:30-9:00

The congregation is encouraged to join us this Tuesday evening for the Natural Church Development Seminar presented by Russ Mitchell. The seminar follows a study by Christian Schwarz whose goal in researching Church growth was to find out what traits growing churches had in common. His work covers 23 countries and over 10,000 churches, making it one of the most significant studies of its kind. The trends cross denominational and cultural lines.

The building blocks come in the form of the following questions:

- What should we do?
- When should we do it?
- How should we do it?
- Why should we do it?

Schwarz then identifies eight quality characteristics, which are common to growing Churches. They are empowering leadership, gift oriented ministry, passionate spirituality, functional structures, inspiring worship, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism and loving relationships.

Working together will lead to the development of action steps for ministry which will lead to natural church growth! As a result of our learning and application of the principles NSCC will become an even stronger, healthier, more kingdom minded Church. All leaders are highly encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Ministry Seminars:

NETWORK SPIRITUAL GIFTS SEMINAR - This Saturday August 4 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon. Light breakfast included.

SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING - Saturday, August 11 from 8:00 - Noon. Light Breakfast included.

Registration cards for any of the above ministry seminars are found on the table at the rear of the auditorium and at the Welcome Center in the Sunday School Annex. Drop completed cards in the offering.

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE MITCHELLS

Cook Out/Game Night Begins Friday at 4:30

The evening begins at 4:30 with a cook out of hot dogs and hamburgers. If your last name begins with A-M bring a side dish or salad, N-Z is to bring a dessert. Bring your favorite board games also. For more information call Sam Tait at 724-355-5696

VBS/DAY CAMP - August 13-17

Sign Up Today/Registration Attached

Join your friends for GAME DAY CENTRAL and become a hero on and off the field! All children from 6 years old through 13 years old are invited to attend. Bible lessons, worship, crafts, recreation, food! Older TEENS are needed as small group leaders. See PJ!

All Church Picnic is Saturday August 25 at Connoquenessing Park!

**Building Strong Marriages
Whose Job Is It To Change Your Mate?**

There is no doubt that in marriage, many husbands and wives find themselves at odds with one another concerning certain habits, or personality traits or daily patterns. (If not these, they will find something to fight about and hold against one another.) A wife exclaims, **"If he would just . . . !"** and a husband retorts, **"If she just wasn't so . . . !"**

Couples find their own style in learning to handle these differences. Some surmise, *"He/she will never change, so why bring it up?"* So they **clam up** instead. Others never let it die. He makes sure that she knows just how displeased he is and she gets even by holding back emotionally and other ways. They will **fight it out** to the bitter end. Still others have ways of communicating their displeasure with **cutting remarks** in front of others or by using **hurtful sarcasm** – which is seen as humorous to everyone except to the offender and his/her victim! They both know the real hurt intended, and it be-

comes the ammunition for the next battle. Know anybody like any of these?

The root issue is **who is in charge of change?** I think that we would all humbly agree that it is not our job to change our mate. Then it must be up to each one of us to change ourselves – right? To some extent yes, but actually **CHANGE IS THE ROLE OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT!**

In marriage, we are to view our mate as God's chosen gift. Trusting that God has not made a mistake and that He intends us to grow in oneness is the foundation of trusting Him for further changes. Remember that our rights in life (and also in marriage) are yielded in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. With His Lordship, comes the conviction, counsel and comfort of His Holy Spirit. He is the change agent! He will make your mate who he/she needs to be. Our role then becomes **servicing one another in love** and that is more important than getting

our own way or refusing to change.

Tired of being at odds all of the time? Has the stand off lasted long enough? Tired of verbally beating up each other? Enough hurtful sarcasm? **YIELD YOUR RIGHTS!** Renounce the responsibility to change your mate and turn it completely over to God. Let Him work on your mate and while He does, He will probably be working on you at the same time!

So whether it's *"she won't make gravy like my Mom did,"* or *"he won't pick up his socks and underwear,"* give up the fight and turn it all over to God.

Helping You Build A Strong Marriage,
Pastor Bob

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.

Galatians 5:13

COME TO THE SHEPHERD OF MY HEART CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, August 26th at Noon-Register Preschoolers 3-5 Years Old

Even though Shepherd of My Heart Preschool classes for 2007 begin September 5th and 6th, registration remains open throughout the year. Fi Saeler, our new teacher, will be holding classes Mon. Wed. Fri. mornings for 4, & 5 year olds and Tues. & Thurs. mornings for 3 & 4 year olds. Cost: \$75/month for 4 & 5 year olds; \$55/month for 3 & 4 year olds. If you want to learn more about the school and meet the teacher, come to the Open House on August 26th following Worship II, or call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

Calling All Daughters of the King for PRINCESS CAMP 2007!
Girls 10-12 / August 7 - 11 / Registration Deadline is Tuesday July 31!

Princess Camp is next week, August 7-11 at Deep Valley Camp for girls ages 10-12. They are taught that they are princesses—daughters of the King of Kings! The deadline for registration is July 31st, space is limited. Pick up your registration form at the Welcome Center and turn it in as soon as possible. The cost for the week is \$70.00 and if moms want to come, we ask for a \$10.00 donation to cover the wonderful food our cooks will be preparing. For information, please contact Stacy Milliron at 724-295-5468.

MEN OF HONOR
Noble/Holy/Useful/Prepared

All men are encouraged to join Pastor Bob for a four week study for men beginning September 17 and 22. Men can attend on Monday evenings or Saturday mornings.

The study written by Mike Cleveland revolves around these lessons:

- An Invitation to the Thirsty
- Foundations of Freedom
- Repentance versus Remorse

Road to Financial Freedom
A Church-wide Journey

NEXT ALL CHURCH SMALL GROUP SERIES

Road to Financial Freedom: A Church-wide Journey
October 7 – November 11

Sunday morning sermon series with small group studies.
Preach, Teach, Celebrate and Apply

Calendar July 29–August 4

<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. - 6:00 p.m. -	Instrumental Rehearsal Instrumental & Vocal Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	6:30-9:00 p.m.	Natural Church Development
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. -	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Fri</u>	4:30 p.m. -	Fellowship with the Mitchells
<u>Sat</u>	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Network Spiritual Gifts Seminar for Facilitators

DEEP VALLEY CAMP SCHEDULE

PRINCESS CAMP August 7-11 NSCC VBS/DAY CAMP August 13-17
LADIES RETREAT September 7,8 MEN'S RETREAT September 14,15