

Sunday July 8, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

The Church And Culture

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 Collins

Nursery

Worship I: Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole
& Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Bry Freeman
& Nikki Simpson

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Becky Harris

Worship II:

Andrea Cranmer

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	98
Worship II	104
Total Attendance	202

Offering

General -	\$ 5292.39
Designated -	\$ 792.40
Total	\$6,084.79

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Lillian Shaffer, Brownsdale Manor, 119 Brownsdale Rd., Butler, PA 16001

...But God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

SERVING AS SENDERS

Russ Mitchell Facilitates Seminars on Effective Sending of Missionaries

Russ Mitchell, our own missionary serving with his family in Romania, will conduct this exciting series of seminars intended to equip our congregation to be better senders of missionaries.

Review the following synopsis of the seminars and choose the one/s that will be the best to help you serve as a sender, **then fill out the attached sign-up card and place it in the offering.**

SERVING AS SENDERS – Sunday, July 22 from 4-7 p.m. with dinner included. Based on the book Serving as Senders by Neal Pirolo, 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.

MISSIONS IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

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

There are two great opportunities for you to share God's love with kids in the city of Butler and to reach out to them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is a very important mission field in our own back yard. There will be a meeting **tomorrow, Monday July 9th at 7:00 p.m.** to train teachers, teacher's assistants and volunteers who plan to participate. Come to the meeting and learn how you can be a part of this local mission field. The two events planned are on:

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

DIRECTORY PHOTO APPOINTMENTS BEGIN FRIDAY

Photographers from Life Touch Church Directories and Portraits will be here **July 13th, 14th, 17th, and 18th.** If you scheduled an appointment, you will receive a notice to confirm the date and time of your appointment.

We would like to include some of the memorable events in the past such as recent mission trips, the 100th Anniversary, or any other events that would highlight NSCC events. If you have digital photos that you would like to submit, please e-mail to viv@northstreetchristianchurch.org or you can bring photos to the Church Office. For more information or questions, call Kathy Seaver at 724-282-7700.

CHURCH PICNIC—SATURDAY AUGUST 25TH at 2:00

NOT ALL CHRISTIANS ARE SUPERSTARS

I think it is true for all of us that we tend to naturally look up to the more visible and vocal personalities in our circle of friendships. We may even think from time to time, "I wish I was more like him/her!" There are some great extroverts in this world. And there are some great introverts too! The same is true in Christ's kingdom.

I got to thinking about characters in the Bible and how we know the stories best that are about the people who stand out in vocal and visible ways. Who doesn't know something about David or Nehemiah or Peter or Paul? These and many others are the ones whom God has used to shape the history of His Kingdom and our lives. But there are bunches of others who are quietly used of God. I am thinking of people like Hannah and Elkanah, the parents of Samuel or the temple prophets Simeon and Anna who

waited knowingly and patiently for the advent of the Messiah.

There are two quiet disciples of whom I would like us to contemplate. They are Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. You can read about them in John 19:38-42 and in each of the other Gospels. These two men prepared Jesus' body for burial and laid Him in the tomb. I have asked, "Why wasn't it outspoken Peter?" "Why wasn't it the entire group of disciples?" "Where were the ones who normally were at the forefront?" It seems God works that way doesn't it!?

Both of these men were Jewish leaders. Both are in the background most of the time. We don't know much else about Joseph until this event. He was a wealthy, dissenting member of the Sanhedrin and cared about Jesus. Nicodemus is the same of John 3 who met with Jesus in the night. Interestingly that

scene with him closes without record of his decision, but we find him faithfully serving the Lord here at Jesus' death.

It appears to me that things are often quite the same. Some of us are typically out front leading way. Others are quietly in the background praying and supporting. When there are deeper intimate needs, often the typically visible ones are not so visible and the quiet ones come forward and minister and again without much notice. Praise God for the vocal ones and the quiet ones.

So you see, not all Christians are Superstars! Neither can we say that one type is more spiritual than the other. In God's design of things, He meets the needs of others through His people – both the vocal and visible ones and the quiet, less visible ones.

Serve Him with Gladness,
Pastor Bob

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE—Meet in the Church Parking Lot

This year's Women of Faith Conference will be held in Washington, D. C **July 12th through July 13th**. Ladies who are planning to attend the conference should meet in the church parking lot at **10 a.m. Thursday, July 12th**. The topic this year is "Amazing Freedom." The attendees will learn, it's all about freedom – the kind of freedom Jesus talks about in John 8:36, "So if the Son makes you free, you will be truly free." Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they travel.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES *Mark Your Calendar Now!*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS - WEEK OF July 8

OUTREACH TO KIDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING is tomorrow, **July 9th at 7:00 p.m.** at NSCC. This meeting is for the training of teachers, teachers' assistants, and volunteers for the Island Playground Outreach and for this year's DayCamp.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETING - The organizational meeting for the project to help the Petsingers build a house in East Butler is **tomorrow, July 9th at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Fidelis Hall on Buttercup Road. Please attend this meeting if you can help as a volunteer.

COMMUNITY DINNERS - The first Community Dinner this month is this **Saturday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m.**, the second is on the 21st. Schedules are available at the Welcome Center.

CONGREGATIONAL GAME NIGHT is **August 3rd**. Come out for fun and fellowship with Russ & Cathy Mitchell and family. More details will follow.

PRINCESS CAMP is 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.

Calendar July 8 - July 14

Sun	8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Missions Department Meeting
Mon	6:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	Instrumental Rehearsal Instrumental & Vocal Rehearsal Habitat for Humanity Meeting at St. Fidelis Outreach to Kids Organizational Meeting
Tues	7:00 p.m. -	Elders Meeting
Wed	6:00 p.m. -	Youth Event at Saelors'
Thur	6:00 p.m. -	Butler Bible Institute Class
Fri - Sat		Women of Faith—Washington, D.C.
Sat	5:00 p.m. -	Community Dinner

DEEP VALLEY CAMP SCHEDULE

July 8-14 Jr. Gr. 4/5
July 15-21 Junior High
July 17-23 Senior High

August 7-11 Princess Camp
August 13-17 NSCC Day Camp & VBS
September 7-8 Ladies' Retreat
September 14-15 Men's Retreat