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North Street News

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Today's Message

The Confident Fellowship

"Do I Love My Brother?"

Pastor Jeff

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

The Hempflings

Worship II

The Seavers

Nursery

Worship I: Sue Blumling &
Jessie McIntyre

Sunday School: Karen Meyers
& Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Paula Lesney &
Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Donna McIntyre

Worship II:

Michelle Zang

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	95
Worship II	96
Total Attendance	191

Flowers

Our thanks to Joan Kappeler who has donated today's flowers in memory of Helen Shoup Edinger & Susan Halko

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Edith McGrew, Worthington at Adams, 500 Seven Fields Blvd., Apt. 2, Seven Fields, PA 16046.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22: 37-39

SCHOOL IS OUT! SUMMER BEGINS!

Recreational Activities Planned by the Parent Council

The kick-off of summer activities for the youth began last Wednesday at the Raders'. This was the first of many great events to come. This Wednesday, June 20, there will be swimming, games, food, and a bonfire at the Klutinoty's. Come at 6 p.m. and bring a dish to share.

Throughout the summer, we will be meeting at each other's homes on Wednesday evenings for activities, games, food, and fellowship. For June 27th, there are tentative plans to go to the Wave Pool at Settler's Cabin from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. with pizza after. Then for July, on the 11th at 6 p.m. there will be a wiener roast and swimming at the Saelers' and on the 25th there will be games at the McIntyres'. Everyone is asked to bring food to share at each of these events. So far, definite plans have not been made for July 18th, but more information will follow as plans solidify. Sometime during the summer, if there is a good movie playing, we plan to go to the drive-in on car load night. Watch the calendar, bring a friend, and join the fun.

SCHEDULING OF FAMILY PORTRAITS BEGINS TODAY

Appointments Can Be Made Until July 8th

If you have had to call the Church Office to get the address and the phone number of someone you would like to reach, you know exactly why it is important to update the Church Directory. Also, you may want to place the name with the face of someone you saw in church. It is really great when you can look in the directory to make the connection. Beginning today, and every Sunday until July 8th, you will have the opportunity to set up an appointment to have your family's picture taken.

The professional photographers of Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits will be here on July 13th, 14th, 17th and 18th.

With their help, we hope to document some historical memories of NSCC, highlight our ministries and activities, as well as feature photographs of our church families. The Lifetouch directory program is provided at no cost to our church, and every family who participates receives a free color directory and either a free 8 x 10 portrait or a portrait discount coupon.

MEXICO II GROUP RETURNS

Reception to be Held June 24th

Tired from their week of work, but energized by the prayers and support of NSCC, Group II returned from their mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. They went to build a house 14.5' x 30' for a family of six. They not only blessed them with the house, but they also shared God's love.

During the week, the group ministered to the neighborhood by showing the movie Facing the Giants (in Spanish) and by distributing evangelistic STOP tracts.

The group will be sharing their experiences at the reception to be held following Worship II on June 24th.

TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

Provider, Protector, Encourager

On the third Sunday of June each year, children across the United States take time to honor their fathers with cards and gifts, and perhaps a special dinner. This is a long-standing tradition which goes back almost a hundred years.

Today, more than ever before, we need the leadership of godly fathers in our homes. Time spent by fathers teaching, working, and playing with their children shapes not only the future of their children, but also the communities in which they live. Today as we pay tribute to our earthly fathers, let us take time to remember our heavenly Father and the inspired words written in Proverbs 22:6. *Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

"He didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it." Clarence B. Kelland

DEEP VALLEY CAMP SCHEDULE

June 16	Day Camp Gr. K/1	July 22-28	Campraise
June 24-29	Intermediate	August 7-11	Princess Camp
July 1-6	Adventure Camp	August 13-17	NSCC Day Camp & VBS
July 8-14	Jr. Gr. 4/5	September 7-8	Ladies' Retreat
July 15-21	Junior High	September 14-15	Men's Retreat
July 17-23	Senior High		

CHURCH PICNIC—SATURDAY AUGUST 25TH at 2:00

THE CONFIDENCE WHICH IS OURS

Sermon Series from I John

We are in the middle of a series of sermons from I John entitled The Confidence Which Is Ours. We have found that the word KNOW is very strategic to this short but most important address to the early Church. The word, know, is used 40 times in 5 chapters!

As we have learned, that word is most important to the issue at hand in John's situation as there were some teaching falsely that spiritual knowledge came about more from an inner, deeper mysterious knowledge. The teaching of that heresy led to not only a claim that only the initiated held the secrets of understanding but that there is a separation of matter and spirit and all matter is essentially evil. The teaching further developed into a denial of the true humanity of Christ, which looked upon His earthly life and especially on His sufferings on the

cross as unreal. The heresy is known as *gnosticism*.

John counters that false teaching, building a confidence for the believers who were in danger of being drawn away by encouraging them to stand on what they do know having experienced Christ and His kingdom on earth.

Out of the 40 uses of the word for know, nearly every time, derivatives of the root word "gnosko" are used. Gnosko means to know by having dealt with, having experience with the person or thing. This knowing comes from an active relationship with, through personal and first hand interaction. It is a subjective knowledge and John argues that this common experience with and through Christ leads to an objective knowledge that the truth is reliable.

Others types of knowledge (and there

are Greek words for each) are to know from intuition; to know from reason or logic, to know from wisdom; to know from achieved knowledge or education. Interestingly, in I John 2:29, John says that if believers can know (by achieved knowledge) that He is righteous, then they can know (by experience) that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. And in I John 5:13, he says that he has written to those who do believe that they may know, not experientially, but by absolute achieved knowledge that they have eternal life. That assurance is the greatest confidence we can have for every day living!

Do you know whether you have ETERNAL LIFE? It is our greatest benefit to study and know the Word of God.

You can now easily figure out what the heresy was called "gnosticism!"

Pastor Bob

OUTREACH FOR CITY KIDS

July 23-27th & August 13-17th

There are many ways to share God's love at the two events planned this summer. The first will be at the Island Playground July 23-27 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. We need help to provide supper, recreation, and Bible teaching. each night for about 40 kids.

The second is VBS DayCamp to be held August 13-17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The kids will be bussed to Deep Valley Christian Service Camp in Slippery Rock. We need help to promote the week, Bible teaching, recreation crafts, team leaders, worship leaders, and van drivers to shuttle the kids to the church and back to their neighborhoods.

Call Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700 for questions or to volunteer.

PRINCESS CAMP

August 7-11 at Deep Valley Camp

Girls age 10-12, don't miss the deadline on July 31 to register to attend Princess Camp. You are princesses, daughters of the King of Kings and will be taught many skills including drama, sewing, cake decorating, stamping, flower arranging, signing in worship, glass painting, and much more. These skills will exemplify the lessons for the week which are inner beauty, hospitality, serving others, and overall conduct befitting a princess.

There will be music, recreation, devotion time, and worship daily. Girls will be staying in uniquely decorated cabins that their counselors have prepared for them before their arrival.

Check in is 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7th.

To conclude our time, Mothers are invited Saturday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. as honored guests of their daughters. The girls will serve their mothers at a Princess Tea and will be performing a Fashion Show and Drama.

The cost for the camp is \$70.00 and if moms want to come, we ask for a \$10.00 donation toward the wonderful food our cooks will be preparing. (Moms, if you come, we will find something for you to do to help.) If you have questions, please call Stacy Milliron (your Queen for the week) at 724-295-5468.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - WEEK OF JUNE 17

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP CARD MINISTRY - You can be a part of this ministry by donating all occasion cards (single cards/boxes of cards/home made cards) or stamps for this ministry. A basket will be located in the Welcome Center for you to put your items.

COMMUNITY DINNERS - The Community Dinners for July will be the 13th and the 20th. Menus and information will follow. Schedules are available at the Welcome Center.

GRADUATES who were not present last Sunday for recognition may pick up their gifts at the Church Office.

ESTHER THE MUSICAL will be presented at the Succop Theatre at Butler County Community College on June 29th and 30th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. For more information call 724-284-8505 or go to the website BC3.edu.

LOST AND FOUND - If you are missing a coat or Bible, please check the coat rack adjacent to the Dining Room. Also there is quite a collection of dishes in the kitchen. Please pick up any of the items that belong to you.

COMING THIS JULY Smile! Our 2007 NSCC Family Portrait Directory is scheduled for information and photo updates. Look for additional information and sign-up sheets in the coming weeks.

PRINCESS CAMP is August 7-11. If you would like to help this year, please contact Stacy Milliron at 724-295-5468.

Calendar June 17 - June 23

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	Worship I Sunday School Worship II I John Study at Raders' I John Study at Bilowichs'
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	Instrumental Rehearsal Instrumental & Vocal Rehearsal Softball Game I John Study at Ebaugh's
<u>Tues</u>	6:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	Board Meeting I John Study at Pressing On I John Study at Klutinotys' I John Study at Eckerts'
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. -	Youth Activity at Klutinotys' I John Study at NSCC Elders Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. -	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Fri</u>	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	I John Study at B.Pierce's I John Study at Hartmans'
<u>Sat</u>	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. -	I John Study at NSCC Community Dinner