

Sunday May 13, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

At Whose Table Are You

Dining?

Proverbs 9

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

Irene Divers

Worship II

The Riemers

Nursery

Worship I:

Sandy & Trevor Hempfling

Sunday School:

Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdod

Worship II:

Kathy Twerdok & Erin Miller

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Debbie Croup

Worship II:

Rondi Morder

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 126

Worship II 152

Total Attendance - 278

Offering - \$5451.25

Flowers

Our thanks to Phyllis Kovach who has donated today's flowers in memory of loved ones.

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Art & Phyllis Weigle, 136 Park Crest Lane, Butler, Pa. 16001.

A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

New Sermon Series with Small Group Studies

THE CONFIDENCE WHICH IS OURS from I John

The Bible emphasizes relationships as God is a God of relationships. In his first epistle, John writes to the church about relationships: their relationship with God, their relationship with one another, and their relationship with the world. In his bold, black-and-white, proclamation of the Word of God, John also lovingly exhorts the church in many other areas, such as dealing with sin, recognizing false teachers, anticipating the return of Jesus Christ, and living in victory with a faith that overcomes the world!

May 20 begins this sermon series and the small group studies. The Sermon Series will lead us through the CONFIDENCE WHICH IS OURS by God's design as expressed in the writings of I John. The message titles are:

May 20

The Confident Message

May 27

The Confident Love

June 3

The Confident Anointing

June 10

The Confidence for the Day of Judgment

June 17

The Confident Fellowship

June 24

The Confident Victory.

At the home groups, we will be studying a chapter a week for 5 weeks. The small group studies break down as follows:

Week 1 - 1 John 1

Conditions for Fellowship

Week 2 - 1 John 2

Cautions for Fellowship

Week 3 - 1 John 3

Characteristics of Fellowship: Righteousness

Week 4 - 1 John 4

Characteristics of Fellowship: Love

Love

Week 5 - 1 John 5

Consequences of Fellowship: We Win!

We Win!

The Home Group Schedule:

Sunday

@ 7:00 p.m. - *Raders taught by G. Rader - 724-282-7534*

@7:00 p.m. - *Bilowich's taught by B. Ogden - 724-283-6336*

Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

J. Ebaugh's - taught by M. McCoy-724-265-7989

Tuesday

@ 6:30 - *Pressing On taught by D. Emmett - 724-283-4444*

@7:00 p.m. - *Klutinyot's taught by J. McIntyre-724-789-9758*

@7:00 p.m. - *Eckert's taught by M. Eckert - 724-445-3985*

Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

NSCC taught by D. Muir and PB Huber - 724-282-7700

***Friday**

@ 10:00 a.m. - *for Ladies at B. Pierce's taught by B. Pierce - 724-282-4547*

@ 7:00 p.m. - *Hartman's taught by T. Hartman - 724-794-1266*

***Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.**

At NSCC taught by PJ Miller - 724-283-1188

Using the information above, please detach the registration form, fill it out and drop it in today's offering.

We want everyone to get involved in studying and praying through 1 John, so please make it a priority to grow in the Lord with the whole church body as we go through this together. For more information or any questions, please call Pastor Jeff at (724) 282-7700.

GRADUATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 AT 10:45

Our graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 3. Please contact the Church Office if you know of anyone graduating from High School or College. Call us at 724-282-7700. To date we will be recognizing Ashton Henderson, Mandy Zalus, Melissa Grooms, Chad Stephenson, and Anthony Blumling. Congratulations to all of our students!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOM!

Did you know that in 1905, in order to honor her mother, Anna M. Jarvis worked to establish a special day to honor all mothers? She wanted to continue work begun by her mother, Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis who was the founder of Mother's Day Work Clubs that were organized to improve sanitary conditions in her city. Eventually, Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day a national holiday in 1914!

Did you know that a mother - the mother of King Lemuel - wrote out the ABC's of a Virtuous Woman sometime before 900 B.C.? We can learn from what she wrote by reading Proverbs 31:10-31. Although it is not apparent in English, interestingly as she wrote, she really did begin each verse using the letters of the Hebrew alphabet in order - *Alef, Beit, Gimel, Dalet . . . I wonder as she wrote to her son- was she making it easy for him to remember his mother's advice as he considered finding a wife? O those Jewish mothers- they always have the best advice - don't they?*

GET YOUR CAR WASHED to HELP US BUILD A HOUSE IN MEXICO

Saturday May 19 from 9:00 til 2:00

On June 11 there will be 28 people from North Street Christian Church who will enter Mexico to build a 15 x 30 house for a poor family of Juarez. To help raise remaining funds, a car wash will be held here in the Church Parking Lot or we can come to your house! For a donation to help us on our trip, we will vacuum, wash and dry your car and clean the glass inside and out! If you want your car cleaned here - just come on down between 9 and 2 on the 19th. If you would like us to come to your house - sign up with Kathi Huber today or call PB at 724-282-7700. A hose connection and electricity will be needed for home car washes.

THE GOSPEL AND CULTURE

God Wants YOU to Tell Somebody!

There is much discussion these days as to how the Church should reach the prevailing culture with the spiritual good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Some would say that we should purposely become culturally relevant using the language, dress, music and media of the day to display that we are not so different and certainly not to be feared. In this mindset, we would *earn the right* to speak by displaying a similar lifestyle and conducting ourselves in everyday life as they do (the same as we do in other mission fields). Others would say that the prevailing culture needs us to be different than they are and that when we become too much like them, that we have nothing of value to offer. In this mindset, we would *lose the right* to speak by becoming too culturally relevant. In either case, the goal would have been to build a relationship, to love them and ultimately earn the right to share the good news of God's love and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

We can find Scriptural precedence for fitting into culture and Scriptural precedence for being different from culture. In

1 Corinthians 9:19-20, Paul reasoned, *For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews. . . In Romans 12:1,2 the same author said, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world. . . These Scriptures illustrate the point readily and simply.*

As Christians we are of course in the world, but are not to be of the world. There is a balance to be found when it comes to just how we fit in the surrounding culture. We can understand that it is not so much in dress and outward appearance where the line is drawn but more in behavior and attitude. But often it is by our outward appearance that we are judged – sometimes accurately and sometimes inaccurately.

I would challenge you to not be so caught up in the message that comes

from our outward appearance, one way or the other. I would encourage you to be yourself and let God use you according to your (righteous) preferences and personality. Remember these words from 1 Samuel 16:7, *The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

If you are a believer, the Lord desires to use you – will you let Him? Paul said, *I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* (Romans 1:16) The importance of the message always supercedes the messenger no matter what. So whether you are the *Ward Clever type*, or the *50 year old hippie type*, or the *jock* or the *biker dude type* who is telling someone about the love of God through Jesus Christ – YOU are allowing God to present His unchangeable message through you, while we live in changing times.

Be not ashamed – go tell somebody!

Pastor Bob

Student Ministry News

OPEN GYM NIGHT is this Wednesday, May 16 at 8:00 following Bible Study.

WHIFFLE BALL EXTRAVAGANZA, Saturday May 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hartmans', 526 Muddy Creek Drive, Slippery Rock. Call Terry or Shannon for directions at 724-794-1266. In case of heavy rain, we will play at the Family First Building instead. This event is for kids of all ages. The little kids think they can beat you!

SERVE– Why not sign up to help at the Community Meals? Get a friend and sign up today!

NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER THIS SATURDAY MAY 19 at 5:00

Our new adventure of serving free community meals on the second and third Saturdays of each month has begun! This Saturday's dinner on May 19th will be chicken casserole, coleslaw, cornbread, fresh fruit, and brownies.

If you can help with supplies, please call first, Dale at 724-282-0647 or Cissy @ 724-283-6689. We already have *some* of the supplies we need. As always, everyone is welcome to come help at any meal.

GET THIS

Barna Group survey finds 33% of adults in "Christian America" (more than 100 million people) are unchurched - meaning they have not attended any type of religious service during the past 6 months. The unchurched rate varies among population segments: 47% of political liberals vs. 19% of conservatives; 25% of African Americans compared with 32% of whites, 34% of Hispanics and 63% of Asians; 37% of single adults vs. 29% of married. 61% of adults associated with a non-Christian faith are unchurched, but just 24% of self-designated Christians. Only 1% of evangelicals do not attend church regularly vs. 32% of adults who call themselves Christian but are not born again. 25% of Catholics and 20% of Protestants are unchurched.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13

GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be **Sunday, June 3rd**. If you know of anyone graduating this year, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

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.

HELPERS NEEDED for First Chance Camp at Deep Valley **June 10-11**, kids second and third grades. If you are interested, or want more information, call Sonya Kremer at 724-637-1132.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE- All games are at 6:15 & are doubleheaders. Games left in May are on the 17th and 25th. For June they will be on the 1st, 5th, 15th, and 18th, & 29th.

CHURCH PICNIC - The all Church Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 25th at 2:00 at Connoquenessing Community Park. The big meal will be at 5:00. *Mark your calendars NOW!*

Calendar May 13 - May 19

<u>Sun:</u>	9:00 a.m.	-	Children's Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	-	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	-	Worship I
	10:45 a.m.	-	Worship II
<u>Tues:</u>	6:30 p.m.	-	Board Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	-	Elders Meeting
<u>Wed:</u>	6:15 p.m.	-	Softball Game
	6:30 p.m.	-	Adult Bible Study
<u>Thurs:</u>	6:00 p.m.	-	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Sat:</u>	1:00 p.m.	-	Whiffle Ball Extravaganza
	5:00 p.m.	-	Community Dinner