

Sunday May 27, 2007

North Street Christian Church
West North Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

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Pastor Bob Huber
Pastor Jeff Miller

North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

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Today's Message

The Confident Love

"Do I Love God?"

Pastor Bob

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:

Karen Munko & Ashley

Grooms

Sunday School:

Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship II:

Arianna O'Donnell & Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Debbie Croup

Worship II:

Rondi Morder

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 106

Worship II 116

Total Attendance - 222

Offering

General - \$5139.58

Designated - \$1231.00

Total \$6370.58

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Mary Cornelius, YWCA Room 207, 120 W. Cunningham St., Butler, PA 16001.

WE WELCOME The Huffmans

Neil, Raylene, Kelly, & Emily
105 Lazalea Drive
Butler, PA 16001

GRADUATES FROM NSCC TO BE RECOGNIZED

June 3 Worship II

High school graduates to be honored next Sunday are Anthony Blumling, Melissa Grooms, Ashton Henderson, Sarah Kiser, Rebekah Souzer, Chad Stephenson, Ashley Tack, Brittany Winters, and Mandy Zalus. In addition, two of our members are receiving advanced degrees. Lacey Eckert is graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Masters of Arts in Music Education, and from Butler Community College we honor Paula Lesney.

Sunday School Classes June–August

SUMMER ELECTIVES

Bible Interpretation or Battling Unbelief

BATTLING UNBELIEF - No one sins out of duty. We sin because it offers some promise of happiness. The promise enslaves us. Join us in waging war against the sins of anxiety, lust, bitterness, unforgiveness, and impatience by cherishing the precious and very great promises of God. This class, tutored by Pastor Bob in the Dining Room, follows a DVD workbook series entitled, Battling Unbelief by John Piper. When we wage war against such sins as anxiety, pride, shame, lust, despondency, and more; we are really waging war against unbelief. Sin's power is broken when we trust the grace of God. When faith flickers, stoke the fire.

BIBLE INTERPRETATION - What did God say and what did He mean? Throughout history many people have claimed to believe the Bible is true and live by it. But how can the KKK, Jehovah's Witnesses, Evangelical Christians, and so many other groups believe in the same book, but have such radically different beliefs? The key to interpreting the Bible properly is understanding what the Holy Spirit *meant* as He wrote the Bible. This class for teens (and anyone else interested) focuses on how to properly read, interpret, study, understand, and apply the Word of God. Taught by Pastor Jeff in Room 102.

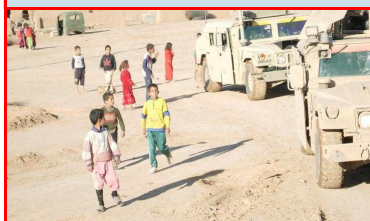
BINS OF BLESSING

Summer Food Shower for Mitchells

Not all of us can go out of the country to spread the Gospel, but everyone can support those who have dedicated their lives and made sacrifices to do what we cannot. This summer we can make sure that the Mitchells have some of the blessings we enjoy every day. Imagine, saltine crackers being so important to the Mitchell children!

Donations of non-perishable food, cereal (Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes, Fruit Loops), soup, saltines, noodles, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, taco shells, taco seasoning, salsa, tortilla chips, granola bars, pretzels, peanut butter, coffee, sugar, etc. and household items will be received on the following Sundays: May 27, June 3, and June 10. They also need to borrow one single bed and one set of bunk beds. **There are red collection bins in four locations, at the west side entrances, in the Narthex, and in the Sunday School Annex.** If you want more information, call our Missions Department representative, Dana McCoy at 724-259-2002 or email her at mdmccoy@zoominternet.net.

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN IRAQ



Through Simon Bowman's influence, several folks from NSCC helped to brighten the day of some soldiers in Iraq by joining the efforts of a concerned brother in Christ who led the way in preparing some care packages to be shipped. Following is the thank you we received. We are part of the "etc.").

May 2, 2007

Thank you and the members of CCUMC, etc. for the "well" thought out and complete care packages sent to members of our unit. While distributing them, we asked the soldiers what size shoe they wore before getting the package which led to initially believe we were distributing shoes. It made it humorous. But, on behalf of the soldiers these care packages truly were appreciated and it was quite evident that a lot of time, care, thoughts and prayers were involved. Please share this sincere thank with all those that were involved.

The Spring City Pennsylvania Army National Guard has been deployed here in the Iraq Diyala Province for over 8 months and an additional 3, some of us 4 months in State side preparation at an Army base prior to this mission. As American citizen soldiers we are retaining our sense of moral and ethical values and remain committed to the tasks that we were assigned to do in aiding the

Iraq people. Our unit members come from all parts of PA, all walks of life and have bonded together in this stressful environment with a common purpose. Such an old ancient place with so much history it is so sad that mixed religious views among other factors continue to interfere with the progress gained in assisting the Iraq peoples trying to protect and govern themselves. I just hope and pray that they will one day be able to at least tolerate these differences and see what freedom is truly like. It is extremely gratifying to have the support of those back home during this difficult period of divided opinions. Your thoughtfulness has provided that added encouragement to continue on. We know that we will return home soon to be with our families and resume our commitments to the betterment of our society.
Sincerely,
Sergeant First Class Robert A. Mealand

CHURCH PICNIC—SATURDAY AUGUST 25TH, 2:00—?

JUDGED IN THE LIGHT

Last week during Pastor Jeff’s sermon, he shared a quote from Charles Spurgeon. It follows. *“Everything is true in God, and everything is seen in its reality by His all-discerning eye. Because He is light, He deals with things in the light, treating them as they are. If God is to deal graciously with us, we must each one stand in the light, and present ourselves before Him as we are. If there be upon our lip a false word, or in our heart a false thought, or in our mind a knowingly false judgment, so far we are out of the sphere in which God can have fellowship with us.”* - C.H. Spurgeon

I was taken with the thought that each one of us is judged by God in the light. What a motivating thought. When any of us consider the subject of the judgment of God, I am sure that our minds most often turn to the thoughts of the reality of future judgment. The Scripture

teaches that there is a future judgment for believers and one for unbelievers. Those who do not believe will be judged at the great white throne at the end of the millennial reign. (Revelation 20:11-15) The redeemed will not stand at the great white throne judgment rather as victors before the throne of Christ at the consummation of the Church age. (Romans 14:10; I Corinthians 3:9-15; II Corinthians 5:10)

Turning from the thoughts of future judgment, let us consider the present judgment of God by considering just one word from the Word. That word is SINCERE. Sincere carries behind it the meaning of “one source” or “from one root.” We of course know it to mean pure, genuine or undefiled. I understand that in ancient times when dyers of cloth wanted to test their work that they would hang the dyed cloth in the bright sun and look through it to see if

the dye had taken sincerely (uniformly and without blotches) to the cloth. In this case we could define sincere as “judged in the sunlight.” To be sincere then is to be pure and see through!

The Scripture teaches that we are to have a sincere (pure and see through) love (Romans 12:9); a sincere (pure and see through) faith (II Timothy 1:5); a sincere (pure and see through) heart (Hebrews 10:22); and to be sincerely devoted to Christ (II Corinthians 11:3).

Do not hide in the darkness, rather stand in the light and invite God to judge (look right through) your life. His judgment is for our benefit and brings His blessing. Remember this: *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.* (Hebrews 4:13)

Pastor Bob

THE CONFIDENCE WHICH IS OURS

Join One of the Small Group Studies

We are one week into our home groups study on I John, and already God is at work through His Holy Spirit, His Word, and His people! We are excited to report that our turnout was even greater than expected - so much so that we ran out of books and had to order more! We hope this continues to be a "problem" for us! Our goal in this study is greater love for the Lord and His people and lesser love for the things of the earth. We hope that a natural result of these small groups meeting is the development of more relationships within the church. Praying together, sharing each other's burdens and praises, and seeking the Lord through His Word bring God's people together in a special way in a small group setting. We all have so much to offer one another as members of the body of Christ!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late! You can either: 1) fill out a card (available at the Welcome Center and on the table in the back of the auditorium) and put it in the offering plate, 2) call Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700, or 3) call the host of the group you are interested in attending.

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. - Klutinoty’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

* Indicates child care is available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27TH

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

CROWN FINANCIAL TRAINING will be held **Saturday, June 2 at NSCC.** For information contact Curt Knotick at 724-283-2908 or Pastor Bob at 724-282-7700.

MEXICO II GROUP departs June 7-9 and returns on June 16. Pray for them.

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.

COMMUNITY DINNERS - For June the Community Dinners will be held on the 9th and 16th. Menus and information will follow. Schedules are available at the Welcome Center.

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

Calendar May 27 - June 2

Sun	8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. -	Worship I Sunday School Worship II I John Study at Raders’ I John Study at Bilowichs’
Mon	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	Instrumental Rehearsal Instrumental & Vocal Rehearsal
Tues	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	I John Study at Pressing On I John Study at Klutinoty’s I John Study at Eckerts’
Wed	6:30 p.m. -	I John Study at NSCC
Thur	6:00 p.m. -	Butler Bible Institute Class
Fri	10:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -	I John Study at B.Pierce’s Softball Game I John Study at Hartmans’
Sat	10:00 a.m. -	I John Study at NSCC

SOFTBALL GAMES—JUNE 1, 5, 18, 25