

Sunday November 11, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Giving Back
Investing in Eternity"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

The Horwats

Worship II

The Seavers

Nursery

Worship I: Lisa Bilowich &
Jesse McIntyre

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Shannon Hartman

Worship II:

Barbara Carson &
Bill Brannon

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 130
Worship II 97
Total Attendance 227

Offering

General - \$ 5610.00
Designated - \$ 682.00
Total \$ 6292.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Ken & Phyllis Thompson, 240 Holyoke Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

And he said:
"Naked I came from my
mother's womb,
And naked shall I re-
turn there.
The LORD gave, and
the LORD has taken
away;
Blessed be the name of
the LORD."
Job 1:21



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

The message of God's love through the Operation Christmas Child project helps many children who have suffered the sorrows of war, poverty, disease and natural disasters. This project also follows up with a discipleship program for the children. A simple shoebox gives them hope and reminds them that they have not been abandoned or forgotten. Please help these children this Christmas. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Bridget Pierce at 724-496-3498. BRING YOUR SHOE BOXES NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18! Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

Here are the directions for packing your shoe box:

1. Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.
2. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3. Label with the appropriate boy/girl label shown to the right (found in your brochure). Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

4. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. (See ideas below.)

5. Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

6. Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid, bring it to Church, and place on the steps across from the first row of the auditorium.

GIFT IDEAS—TOYS—small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**—pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS—toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc. **OTHER**—Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE—In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

May you have a blessed Christmas.



TRIP TO KRAYNAKS



A fun trip for Senior Citizens is planned for Monday, November 19th. Seniors who wish to come should meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. We will take a bus to Kraynaks to see their Christmas trees. Two wheel chairs are available for those unable to walk through the store. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before returning. If you would like to join us for a great outing and enjoyable fellowship, call Barb Carson at 724-283-2472 or Mary Stevenson at 724-283-4812. Be sure to tell them if you need transportation.

A DEEP WELL OF HOPE

People dealing with cancer, cancer survivors, and their family members are invited to a cancer encouragement lunch November 25th at 12:30 p.m. in the Church dining room.

"So that having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME AND GIVE THANKS!

Thanksgiving will soon be here (November 22nd), and our family would like to invite any members of our church family who have no one to share this holiday with to join us! Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. in the church dining room. Just let us know by Monday, November 19th if you are coming and bring your appetite on Thanksgiving Day. To RSVP or if you have any questions, call Cissy & Scott at 724-283-6689 or Dale and Jim at 724-282-0647.

Questions At the Crossroads of Life, part 2 of 3

Last week I challenged you to consider two great questions that Jesus asked. They are “Who do you say I am?” and “Do you love Me?” I want to take us back to the shoreline of Lake Gennesaret in Galilee to further investigate the scene where Jesus challenged Peter in the presence of some of his fellow disciples concerning his commitment to follow and lead faithfully until the end. It is the scene where Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me?”

Put in mind that Peter earlier had confidently declared to Jesus that even though all others (including the other disciples) may not be faithful that he would be no matter the cost. (Matthew 26:33) Jesus responded that before the next morning there would be three occasions when Peter would declare that he did not know Him. Peter and the other disciples then corporately declared they would be faithful even unto death. Of course, Jesus’ declaration that Peter would deny Him three times did come to pass that very night.

Here, (now after Jesus’ crucifixion, burial and resurrection, but before His ascension) early in the morning, on the shore of the lake, He has met up with seven of his disciples who had decided after His death to return to fishing. (John 21) They had had a bad night of catching

and while they were yet in the boat and He on the shore, Jesus directed them where to cast their net – and of course it came up abounding with fish! John identified their adviser as the resurrected Jesus saying to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Peter jumped overboard and swam to shore! Once all were reunited and the fish were counted, they enjoyed breakfast together as Jesus had prepared some fish and provided some bread and then . . .

And then Jesus in front of the disciples said to Peter, “Do you really love me more than these?” He then would challenge him with that question three times – once for each denial! We must dig into the spoken language of that day to really understand the depth, the incisive truths and the emotion of what was occurring.

In English, we have a popular over-used word – LOVE. We love cars, hamburgers, pets, friends, shopping, the outdoors, our parents, our children, our spouse and God. Of course, I would love my children or my wife differently than I would love a hamburger or love to go fishing – but we have just one word and that LOVE.

In the Greek language there are different words for love, which are used to express just what is meant when the

word love is used. We will concentrate on two of them because their meaning is dynamic to the right understanding of the scene where Jesus challenged Peter by asking three times, “Do you love me?”

The two root words are agapao and phileo. Agapao is a word translated as love which indicates a deep, constant love which primarily prompts action rather than feeling. It’s highest example is God the Father loving the world to the extent that He sacrificially gave His only begotten Son in exchange for the world’s spiritual rescue. Self will and self pleasure are negated in this kind of love.

Phileo is another word translated as love and means to have tender affection, a friendship kind of love, to cherish the relationship more than the deepest purposes of the relationship. It carries the idea of a mutually fulfilling relationship intended to produce good feelings between the parties.

In next week’s concluding article, we will discover the probing questions of Jesus and the revealing answers from Peter as the words agapao and phileo open the door to some life-challenging insight.

By His Grace,
Pastor Bob

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All Gamblers Read This!

For ye who persist in playing the lottery, let me discourage you further. The odds of winning a lotto jackpot are 1 in 13,000,000! For comparison - the odds of seeing a no-hitter baseball game are 1 in 1,347; in finding a pearl in an oyster are 1 in 12,000; in being dealt a royal flush in 5-card stud are 1 in 649,739; in having quadruplets are 1 in 705,000 and being struck by lightning are 1 in 1,900,000! So, if you believe you are going to win the lotto, you better believe you’ll die getting to the store to buy a ticket because it is more than 6 times more likely that you’ll be struck by lightning than it is that you’re gonna be the winner! Remember – the only reason gambling works is because there are a lot more losers than winners – and by the way – the real winner is the state government which keeps about 50% of the proceeds for their own coffers and administration and advertising of further lottery campaigns. P.S. – We need your help - Please place your losing lottery tickets in the offering plate each week during the month of December.

Calendar November 11th–17th

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Senior Harvest Dinner
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice <u>One Small Child</u> Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	10 a.m.–Noon 6:30 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class Home Ministry Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	Noon 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Pioneer Club/Young Believers in Christ (YBICS)/Passing the Faith/Circle of Friends/Adult Bible Study
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
<u>Sat</u>	4-6 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Girls Basketball Practice Community Dinner

BUTLER BIBLE INSTITUTE (BBI) New Class Begins November 13th

A new class BBI entitled, “The Doctrine of the Kingdom”, will begin this Tuesday, November 13th. This class will run every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about this college level course, or if you would like to enroll, please contact Bob Ogden at 724-3-3413.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: We have installed an alarm on the alley door to Church St. as a safety precaution for children. Please use another entrance/exit. We apologize for any inconvenience

A MISSION TRIP is being planned by Pastor Bob for a trip to Thailand in mid-February. Please pray about it and contact Pastor Bob if you are interested.

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL Calling all girls in grades 7 through 12 who are interested in playing basketball. The first practice will this Saturday, November 17th from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Cubs Hall.