

Sunday October 14, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Who's in Control?"

God's Responsibilities and
Our Responsibilities"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

The Bartleys

Worship II

The Eckerts

Nursery

Worship I: Sue Blumling &

Tyler Smith

Sunday School: Joan Cole &

Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &

Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Sonya Kremer

Worship II:

Barbara Carson

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 100

Worship II 135

Total Attendance 235

Offering

General - \$5650.00

Designated - \$1296.99

Total \$6946.99

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Sara O'Donnell, 106-5 Sunbury Fields Lane, Butler, PA 16001.

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Teaching, Fellowship, Spiritual Development

Here is a question to ask yourself - Why attend Sunday school? Have you ever wanted to ask a question during a sermon? Well, Sunday school gives you a opportunity to do just that. The Christian Education Department goes to great lengths to provide sound, interesting, Biblical teaching not only to the youth, but also to adults. You also have a great opportunity to grow closer to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Matt Ferguson, Christian Education Coordinator, is dedicated to selecting material to promote Christian character, equip, and to dig into the truths of Scripture. We have classes purposely designed for needs in our body. There is something for everyone not only to attend programs, but also to get involved in ministry. As the biggest department at North Street, we offer different ways to minister. Only one-half of the people serving

in Christian Education are teachers.

Another exciting home group study is about to start on a subject that the Scriptures talk about numerous times, MONEY. The Road To Financial Freedom is a six week study on God's timeless principles for financial stewardship. Please sign up for a study as Pastor Bob and Pastor Jeff start the new sermon series on today.

2 Timothy 3:15b gives us a promise; "... the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation". What can be more important than that? Also in Psalm 19:7-8, "The Word restores the soul, makes wise the simple, rejoices the heart and enlightens the eyes." Lets strive to hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on God's Word which never returns void.

In Him,

Terry Hartman

SR HI YOUTH HAVE A FULL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Work, Fun, and Fellowship

Can you believe, we are half-way through the month of October? There is so much more on the calendar for this month. After music and devotions on Wednesday, October 17th, there will be an open gym at the Family First Building between 8:00 and 9:30 p.m.

There are two options for Saturday, October 20th, the youth can either participate in helping to stain a deck for a family, or help with the Community Dinner. Some may choose to do both. Those choosing to help at the Community Dinner will start at 3:00 p.m. to set up the dining room with drinks, trays, etc. and will greet, serve meals, wash dishes, clean and set up for Sunday morning.

Tentative plans for November are to have a youth and family retreat Veteran's Day weekend, November 9-11, to prepare meals in the youth house kitchen on November 16th for the Martins, (grandparents of Bethany Rhodaberger), and on November 17th a day of raking leaves and delivery of meals to the Martins. Watch the News Sheets as all the plans unfold.

If anyone has a floor lamp or an upright vacuum sweeper they would like to donate to the Youth House, please call the church office at 724-282-7700.

WANT TO GO TO THE CREATION MUSEUM?

Bob Ogden Leading a Group November 2-4

Bob and Jane Ogden plan to lead a group of interested folks to the Answers In Genesis Creation Museum in Hebron Kentucky the weekend of November 2-4. The museum has been open since May of this year and has had over 100,000 visitors. Following are some comments from recent visitors. "The museum is INCREDIBLE. It is our hope that it will be used mightily by our Lord to strengthen His sheep." "The planetarium show was the finest I have ever seen. The presentation and astronomy were excellent." Anyone interested in joining the group should contact him at 724-283-3413.

Answers In Genesis is the world's largest apologetics ministry and seeks to equip the Church to uphold the authority and accuracy of the Bible from the very first verse, thereby enabling it to more effectively present the gospel in our increasingly secular, evolutionary society. Ken Ham is president of the ministry. More can learned at answersingenesis.org.

HELP WANTED!

Sponsors for Preschool Children

The Shepherd of My Heart Preschool ministry has a sponsorship program to help children in need of financial help to attend preschool. If you would like to sponsor a child, or contribute to the sponsorship fund, please mark those donations "Preschool Sponsorship". There are children currently in need of financial aide. We do not want any of the children who are enrolled to drop out because they are unable to pay their tuition.

ROAD TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM—SERMON/SMALL GROUP SERIES OCT 14TH—NOV 18TH

A LIFE OF PRAYER

If someone were to ask you "Do you pray as much as you should?" what would your answer be? Most of us would probably get that sinking, guilty feeling because we know we are not spending enough time in prayer. What would happen if we stopped looking at prayer as this "never-quite-reached Christian duty" and saw it for what God truly intends it to be? A relationship.

Prayer is not something that allows us to get what we want. It is something that God uses to give us what *He* wants! It amazes me to think that a mighty and powerful God who lacks nothing, and who needs nothing, desires a relationship with someone as seemingly insignificant as me! And this relationship comes through prayer - not merely through an event - but through the *life* of a worshipper.

Bingham Hunter explains it this way: "God does not respond to our prayers. God responds to *us*: to our whole life. What we say to Him cannot be separated from what we think, feel, will and do. Prayer is communication from whole persons to the

Wholeness, which is the living God. Prayer is misunderstood until we see it this way." He doesn't respond to what we say, but what we ARE, and who we are. This is how it is possible to "pray without ceasing" as Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - it was never Paul's intention that we spend every moment of every day on our knees - his admonition was a practical statement calling us to live a LIFE of prayer.

The key to living a life of prayer is obedience - offering our bodies as living sacrifices to God as our spiritual act of worship (Romans 12:1-2). Disobedience disrupts this conversation with God because a holy God cannot look upon sin. According to Psalm 66:18, God does not listen to our prayers when we are harboring sin in our life. Why? Because he is listening to our *life*, not just the words that come out of our mouth.

A lifestyle of prayer is reflected in a life of dependence. When we are prayerless, we walk independently of the Holy

Spirit's leading and risk operating outside of His will. By placing ourselves in a posture of humble dependence on Him through a lifestyle of prayer, He is able to work in and through us for the advancement of His kingdom and His glory. Dependence and prayer cannot exist apart from one another. It is evident all throughout Scripture that God doesn't use independent people - He uses only those who depend not on their flesh, which brings weakness, but on the Spirit, which brings strength. He uses people of prayer.

I am convinced that our lives of worship will begin to look dramatically different as we filter every word, thought and action through this paradigm and live out a life of prayer - a life of dependence - every moment of every day. The real question to ask then is not "How much am I praying?" but instead, "How am I living?" What a challenge!

Brian Petak/Worship Together!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

"The Road to Financial Freedom" small group Bible study begins today with the first session being taught by Pastor Jeff in Sunday School. If you haven't already signed up for your study, it is not too late. Just fill out the form attached to today's News Sheet and place it in the offering. Except for Jeff's class, all the other sessions will be held in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Please note, Bob Ogden's study is already at full capacity, so you can select any of the following:

Day:	Time:	Place:	Facilitator:
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Jeff Miller
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	At Rader's	George Rader
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church	Pastor Bob
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Klutinyot's	John McIntyre
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Knotick;s	Curt Knotick
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Hartman's	Terry Hartman

Learn God's Timeless principles for financial stewardship.

PRAY FOR YOUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Please continue to pray for our church family who have recently lost loved ones.

Last month Dawn Cratty's father, Louis Shields, passed away. Gordon and Dawn Cratty's address is 616 Unionville Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

Our prayers also go out to the family of Carlis and Debbie White. Carlis's sister who lived in Indiana recently passed away. The Whites' address is 115 Mohawk Dr., Butler, PA 16001.

In addition, Matt Eckert's aunt died in an automobile accident in Michigan. Matt and Lacey's address is 141 Medical Center Rd., Chicora, PA 16025.

We also ask prayer for Doug and Janet Rodgers and their family. Doug's mother, Mary, passed away October 11th. The Rodgers' address is 155 Main St., P.O. Box 393, Petrolia, PA 16050.

Calendar October 14 - October 20th

Day	Time	Event
Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Stone Soup Lunch
Mon	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice <u>Men of Honor</u> <u>One Small Child</u> Rehearsal
Tues	1:00-2:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Ladies Community Bible Study Board Meeting Elders Meeting
Wed	Noon 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Pioneer Club/Young Believers in Christ (YBICS)/Passing the Faith/ Circle of Friends/Adult Bible Study
Thur	6:00 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class
Sat	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Men of Honor Community Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS taught by Pastor Jeff to go with the sermon series on being good stewards with money entrusted to us by God will be held in the Library.

MISSION TRIPS - If you are being called by God to be a part of the next mission trip, this is your chance. In mid-February Pastor Bob will lead a small group to Thailand, then March 23-28 Jon and Bonna Ray will be leading a group to build a house in Mexico. Pray about it and stay tuned.

SEND A NOTE - to Ashley Tack. Her address is Private A. Tack, Delta Company 787MPBN, 2230 Iowa Ave. Bldg. #934, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE VERY IMPORTANT MEETING THIS TUESDAY AT 6:30 IN ROOM 103. DECISIONS CONCERNING UPKEEP AND IMPROVEMENTS OF OUR FACILITIES WILL BE MADE.

SCHEDULE FOR MEN OF HONOR STUDIES

Walking in the Light - Monday October 15th @ 7 p.m.
Waling in the Light - Saturday October 20th @ 8 a.m.