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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: Walker Hartman &  
Sharon Bartley

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &  
Chelsea Daye

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Sonya Kremer

Worship II:

Barbara Carson

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 95

Worship II 121

Total Attendance 216

## Offering

General - \$5331.00

Designated - \$1193.00

Total \$6524.00

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Edith McGrew, Worthington at Adams, 500 Seven Fields Blvd., Apt. A2, Seven Fields, PA 16046.

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

## PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

By Chuck Rath

I recently listened to several sermons on prayer by John Piper\* and found them to be helpful so what follows is in large part a very brief summary of those messages and I commend them to you. You can read or listen to them by going to the resource library at [www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org) Romans 12:12 - *Be... rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer*; NKJV

Paul expected and in fact gives the church an imperative to be devoted to prayer, it does not mean that prayer is all you do but it does mean that there will be a pattern of praying that looks like a devotion to prayer.

Praying in crises only, or only at meal times or only at bed time are not good indicators of a life devoted to prayer. First, it is essential that our prayer life be rooted in the reality of the atoning death of Christ on the cross. It is only through our position as justified, forgiven, blood-bought, adopted children that we have any privilege of entry to the throne of God to have our petitions heard. That is why we end prayers with "in Jesus name". The mercy shown to us through the cross will also ground us in overflowing praise and thanksgiving that should be evident in all of our praying.

Piper gives 3 brief answers (not an exhaustive list) to why we pray and gives some explanation but I will only list them here.

- Scripture tells us to pray!
- The needs in our own lives, our families, the church, the cause of world missions and in our society are huge and desperate!
- God acts when we pray!

Then he goes on to give some practical things to consider in being devoted to prayer that I feel are worthy of our consideration. These are pairs of suggestions that form the word FADES. Note that each of these pairs is not either/or but both/and.

### F – Free and Formed

Free meaning a spontaneous, unscripted and unstructured pouring out of your soul to God in praise, thanks and petition and Formed being structured using such forms as scripture, prayer lists, books like Operation World and using a pattern of prayer such as the Lord's prayer.

### A – Alone and Assembled

This is obvious – sometimes we pray alone and sometimes with other believers

### D – Desperate and Delighted

Simply, prayer is a relationship building, means of expression for meeting God with your deepest heartaches and fears but also for meeting Him with your highest joys and thanksgiving.

### E – Explosive and Extended

In other words short and long. Some prayers may be a few seconds in duration and others much longer.

### S – Spontaneous and Scheduled

This deals with when we pray, we need to have regular times of prayer but there must also be need and context driven conversations with the Lord.

Perhaps one of the most helpful things about Piper's message was that he put these ideas in the context of fostering a relationship with a human we love, perhaps a spouse or a close friend. Think of what these relationships would be like if we only had a scheduled time to be with that person or only spoke from a script or only for a few seconds at a time. What a distorted life it would be! Our relationship with our Risen Savior is no different and must be cultivated and pursued in order to be fruitful and personal.

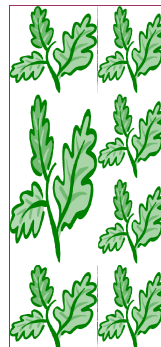
By the way, I never got to the second message so you will have to check that one out for yourself.

\*Be Devoted to Prayer : Dec. 29, 2002 (John Piper)

## OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE...

Shepherd of My Heart Preschool News

...On a hayride at the Salvatora farm! Oh, what fun the preschoolers and the grownups did have! The preschoolers spent Wednesday morning down on the farm counting cows, enjoying Max the dog and the cats, riding a hay wagon, collecting leaves and acorns and even having a yummy picnic in the barn. There was so much to enjoy—the beauty of fall and wide open spaces for the kids to run, jump and play. Several of the boys even enjoyed rolling down the hillside like tootsie rolls! So many things to be thankful for— the graciousness and generosity of the Salvatora family, beautiful weather, excited, but very well-behaved kids, super-duper helpers and more. God's blessings were abundant!



## **TOLERATING TOLERANCE?**

By Pastor Bob Huber

For years evangelicals have forewarned that the social push toward tolerance would not stop with simply being kind to others who do not have a conservative mindset. We are seeing the fruit of the push toward tolerance unveiled in ways that indicating that we have seen only the beginning of the unpopularity toward people like us who continue to adhere to the teaching of and living according to traditional values and moral absolutes. It is increasingly interesting that those who preach tolerance are tolerant toward everything and everybody with the exception of orthodox Christianity and conservative evangelical Christians.

Did you catch the news this week? In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed into law a SB – 777 which is promoted as a new "anti-discrimination" bill. It effectively making terms like "mom" and "dad" obsolete! From The World Net Daily, "The bill provides protections for those promoting alternative lifestyle choices, there are no similar protections

for students with traditional or conservative lifestyles and beliefs. Offenders will face the wrath of the state Department of Education, up to and including lawsuits. SB-777 will result in reverse discrimination against students with religious and traditional family values. These students have lost their voice as the direct result of Gov. Schwarzenegger's unbelievable decision. The terms 'mom and dad' or 'husband and wife' could promote discrimination against homosexuals if a same-sex couple is not also featured," said Turney." (Meredith Turney of Capitol Resource Institute)

Did you also hear/read that now in Portland Maine (as in other places) children in grades 6-8 can obtain a full range of contraceptive devices at the student health center in their school? Who cares what Mom and Dad teach or say!

A CALL TO THE CHURCH  
*The Called Out Ones*

It is no time to retreat within our walls. It is no time to close our eyes and ears to the culture around us. We can say tsk, tsk and then sing Kum Bay Yah and roast hot dogs marshmallows and retreat until Jesus comes again – but that simply is not the call of God's Church. It is the Church that is  
FOUNDED AND GROUNDED on the ROCK  
of CHRIST

and it is Hell that has gates! We are to be on the offensive! Get Up! Get Out! Speak Up! Speak Out!

*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 21:25

WE HAVE JESUS AS OUR KING!

Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do,

1 Chronicles 12:32

WE UNDERSTAND THE TIMES AND  
KNOW WHAT TO DO  
LET'S DO IT!

### **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." 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 be learned at [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org).

Since it is a 6 hour drive, the group will be meeting at the Church at 10:30 a.m. and will be riding in the 2 church vans. Lodging is at a cabin with five bedrooms. The cost is \$36.00 per night per room. A deposit of \$20.00 is required by October 28th to reserve a seat on the van and a bed in the cabin. The fee for the museum is \$19.95 per person. The group will leave Kentucky 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Bob Ogden at 724-283-3413.

### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

"The Road to Financial Freedom" small group Bible studies have begun. If you haven't already signed up for your study, it is not too late.

Day:	Time:	Place:	Facilitator:
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Jeff Miller
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	At Rader's	George Rader
Monday	6:15 p.m.	Church	Pastor Bob
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Klutinity'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.**

### **YOUTH UPDATE**

Last Friday night, the youth met at the youth house to have a fun-filled night complete with snacks, games, and just hanging out! So far the house has been put to great use and is really appreciated- God has provided! By Mandy Saeler

### **Calendar October 21 – October 27th**

Day	Time	Event
Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice One Small Child Rehearsal
Tues	1:00-2:15 p.m.	Ladies Community Bible Study
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

### **MEN OF NORTH STREET CALLED TOGETHER Saturday November 3**

The Men of Honor Study is a calling all men and boys of North Street Church together on Saturday November 3 at 5:30 p.m. THERE IS AN URGENCY ABOUT PURITY! To be useful for the Master, it is necessary to be spiritually cleansed and prepared for every good work. "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." II Timothy 2:20-22

The men and boys will share a meal in the Dining Room and then proceed to the auditorium to receive from the Lord in Worship and Instruction from the Word. The evening will end with a time of consecration before the Lord. Men – invite your friends to come along. Fathers – bring your sons. Boys – now is the time to get things right with God! Worship will be led by Ken Nogan and Matt Eckert.