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WORSHIP DEPARTMENT-Part 2

Gathering, Encouraging, Worshiping, and Praying Together

Today's Message

"So What's Wrong with Living Together?- A Biblical Response to Cohabitation"

Pastor Jeff

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: Katie Kremer & Kathy Twerdok
Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok
Worship II: Nikki Simpson & Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:
Sonya Kremer
Worship II:
Barbara Carson

Flowers

Our thanks to Sara O'Donnell who donated today's flowers in memory of her son, Jay O'Donnell.

Offering

General - \$3860.25
Designated - \$ 191.99
Total \$4052.24

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Verna Weisenstein, 780 Mercer Rd. Butler, PA 16001.

Reception for Pastor Jeff & Family following Worship II. Come and join us!

In the last section of the article about worship, we began looking at the aspects of worship that show how worship is presented at North Street. Presence was looked at and now look at the others.

#2 - Prepared

We all need to prepare to be in God's presence when we come to worship. Just coming to the church is not what is meant by being "prepared." We need to take account of our life and submit it to God's control.

Praise team member Sherry O'Donnell stated, "As a worship leader, I am most concerned that my pure heart is what God gets. God is blessed with a pure heart determined to worship Him."

All of us worshippers do need to prepare our minds, our hearts, and our spirit before we enter His presence, but sometimes the hectic, early morning activities of just getting to the church don't prepare us properly. That is the reason being "punctual" (enough said about that "p") and allowing those first songs of praise to get our minds and hearts focused on God is so important. That is the task of the praise team.

Kim Wick, praise team pianist, states, "I believe I have been given the spiritual gift of encouragement and am called by God to assist in the praise and worship at North Street Christian Church.." That is what the worship team strives for as they prepare each week.

#3 - Passion

Worshipping with unashamed passion is how King David praised God. How do our praise team members feel about their task in worship?

"Knowing that I am doing something that brings pleasure to the (congregation), to myself, and to God," is why Sherry O'Don-

nell sings in the praise team.

Bill Croup added, "The message is important to me, (but) the singing gets me started, prayer and communion gets me in touch, (then) the message gets me through."

Kim Wick can sum up the team's thoughts, "I enjoy being on a musically oriented team as music is one of my interests and passions. It is very rewarding to play with the other musicians and create a worshipful atmosphere each week."

#4 - Priority

Making worship a priority in our lives is so important.

"We have been put on earth to make a contribution," states Rick Warren in his book *The Purpose Driven Life*. "God designed you to make a difference with your life. Accepting your 'ministry' or service, is how God allows you to add to life on earth, not just take from it."

So how can you assist in the worship life here at North Street.

"Not enough new people are involved in the worship department. By volunteering for any of the areas in worship (greeters, musicians, praise team singers, computer and sound tech, etc.), and being committed to that area," is how Kim Gaiser said people can serve in the worship at North Street.

"I love to do my part (sound tech) and put the talents that God has given me to His use. Try it, you'll like it!" says Bill Croup.

Contact Kim Gaiser or Mark McCoy or any praise team member about how you can be part of the worship team experience at North Street.

Areas you can serve include: Praise team, musicians, greeters, computer tech, sound tech, communion preparation, are the main areas. If those don't sound like you, we can be creative and involve you, too!

By Mark McCoy

YOUNG BELIEVERS IN CHRIST

Y.B.I.C.s Hayride

Young Believers in Christ, otherwise known as YBICs, are having a hayride and wiener roast October 13th from 2:00 p.m. until!!! Besides the YBICs, youth in grades 6-9th, parents, siblings, and friends are also invited. Everyone will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to go to the Kremers for this fun event. Please bring either a bag of chips to share or a dessert. If you need a ride, please call Beth Ferguson at 724-234-2659.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT MEETS

October 9th at 7 p.m.

The Congregational Care and Fellowship Department will meet this Tuesday, October 9th at 7 p.m. This is a great time to participate in planning and making all our great events happen. We appreciate all who have been involved this year and request that you attend and bring some input, fresh ideas and your projected budget needs. Anyone who would like to be involved please join us. If you would like more information, contact Doug Emmett at 724-586-2042 or e-mail him at silver@cust.usachoice.net.

Life Changing Sermon Series Begins Sunday October 14
Road to Financial Freedom/ Helping to Divorce Proof Your Home

Here are some amazing statistics: The average duration of marriage in the US has slipped to 9.4 years. Fifty percent of first marriages end in divorce and 60% of second marriages end in divorce. Today 24,000,000 children live in fatherless homes, most as a result of failed marriages – in 1960 fewer than 8 million homes were without a father. Every 27 seconds a couple divorces and there are 7,000 divorces per day affecting some 10,000 children. Presently statistics in the Church are not measurably different than those outside the Church!

TENSION IN THE HOME OVER MONEY is one of the most common causes of divorce! Who doesn't need help in the area of fi-

nances and stewardship? As you may know, the Bible is not silent on the spiritual issue of money. Did you know there are over 2350 verses in the Bible concerning money and possessions and that Jesus taught more about this subject than about other subject?

Beginning next Sunday the sermon series, Road to Financial Freedom begins. BE SURE TO SIGN UP TODAY FOR A SMALL GROUP STUDY that coincides best with your family schedule. The preaching schedule is as follows:

October 14 – Who's In Control? /God's Responsibilities and Our Responsibilities

October 21 – A Slave to the Lender/

Living Debt Free

October 28 – A Multitude of Counselors/Seeking Godly Counsel

November 4 – Honesty is the Best Policy/Being Honest All the Time

November 11 – Giving Back/ Investing in Eternity

November 18 – Who's Your Real Boss? /Work Is Ministry

Get prayed up and ready to receive God's blessings as we tackle some very practical day - to-day issues in aligning our homes with God's Word as faithful stewards of money and possessions.

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DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR STONE?

If you read last week's News Sheet, you will remember the touching story of the "Stone Soup". Hopefully, you remembered to bring your "stone" today (an item to add to the soup, such as veggies, potatoes, onions, noodles, rice, or anything else you might have in your fridge or pantry—no need to go out and buy anything.) We will not only be serving the soup at the Community Meal next Saturday, October 13th, but we will be sharing some "Stone Soup" next Sunday, October 14th after Worship II using all of your "stones."

The weather usually gets cooler this time of year, so the Community Meal Staff thought soup would be a great meal to offer our new friends. Like the "kindly, old stranger" who needed the villagers in last week's story, the CM Staff needs each of you. We will be adding all the ingredients you brought today to the **soup pot!** The CM Staff will use whatever is provided.

Plan to stay after second service next Sunday, October 14th, and join us for lunch as we all share in God's great bounty as we, also, enjoy a bowl of "stone soup". (Homemade soup is always better the second day and leftovers freeze well!)

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS & PASSING THE FAITH ALONG

Making a Space to Call Their Own!

Work is currently in progress at the Youth House, former parsonage at 232 W. North St. The chimney has been removed down to the ceiling on the first floor, the rook has been patched, and the upstairs center wall has been removed. The floor and walls upstairs will be patched to get the space clean and usable. Work will then progress to the first floor where the remaining chimney and center wall will also be removed. All of the renovations will provide one large room upstairs and downstairs for the youth to gather for Sunday School, youth group and special events. Upcoming workdays for volunteer adults and youth are scheduled each Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

Besides work, there is also fun. Everyone had so much fun getting together after the last Butler home football game that we have decided to do it again! This Friday, October 12th, the youth will be meeting at the Youth House after the game for fun, food, and fellowship. Everyone is to bring their favorite snack. Hot chocolate is on the house! Remember to bring a friend along.

Calendar October 7 – October 13

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Reception for Jeff and Erin
<u>Mon</u>	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
<u>Tues</u>	1:00-2:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Community Bible Study Congregational Care & Fellowship 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.	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Sat</u>	8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Men of Honor Meet at Church YBICs Hayride Community Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Andy Bilowich will also be leading a group to Mexico June 14-21. 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.

SCHEDULE FOR MEN OF HONOR STUDIES

Repentance vs. Remorse—Monday October 8th @ 7 p.m.
Repentance vs. Remorse—Saturday October 13th @ 8 a.m.
Walking in the Light— Monday October 15th @ 7 p.m.
Waling in the Light—Saturday October 20th @ 7 p.m.