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North Street News

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Today's Message

Catching Your Second Wind

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

<u>Greeters</u> Worship I:

The McCoys

Worship II

The Emmetts

Nursery

Worship I: Tyler Smith & and Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Lisa Sengsirikhun & Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Kathy Seaver

Worship II:

Michelle Convery

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 120
Worship II 114
Total Attendance 234

Offering

General - \$5782.00
Designated - \$1697.00
Total \$7479.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Chervyl Martin, 627 Herman Rd., Butler, PA 16001

> Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone falls short of the grace of God. Hebrews 12: 14,15a

OUR CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENTLoving one another!

The Congregational Care and Fellowship ministry coordinates our efforts to care for one another and to create opportunities to build relationships within the Church. Our vision in this ministry department is to make serving an enriching, rewarding, satisfying, challenging, spiritually nourishing experience and not a burden. There is responsibility involved at every level and it is an opportunity to dampen your feet in service ministry along side fellow servants of kindred Spirit. As the shepherd overseer of this ministry my pleasure comes from witnessing leaders who take the responsibility of one of our many areas of service and make it their own. They have a passion for this aspect of ministry, love people, are willing to let others share in it, and reap the joy. There is always a place for you in one of our many ministry areas. There is much dinner planning and food service as well as kitchen coordination that goes on through this group, and we need to have one or two individuals over-see each activity. "LADIES NIGHT OUT" happens in May and is a mother/daughter function. Plans for theme, entertainment, and dinner are the main responsibilities. "HARVEST DINNER"

falls in May and is a seniors dinner that requires the same input. **"FUNERAL DINNERS"** have a coordinator that takes charge of seeing to the readiness of the dining room and food preparation. "MEALS TO FAMILIES IN NEED" works the same way; where, how much or how many meals and for how long. We also work together with the evangelism team in the coordinating of the "WELCOME DINNERS". We provide the service and evangelism testifies to the grace of God. So the Word goes forth in truth and deed. The "CHURCH PICNIC" is also an annual that requires coordination, effort and foresight. We also encompass the "SENIOR CITIZEN MINISTRY" which plans luncheons and group trips, as well as home visitation and communion to shut-ins or those who are unable to attend worship. This is an area in which we can always use faithful help. Men's and Women's "CONFERENCES" also fall under this umbrella as well as "RECOGNITION" for graduates and infants. We have a place for you. See you at our meeting this fall.

By Doug Emmett

CLASSES FOR EVERYONE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:00 Pioneer Club/Youth Ministry/Adult Bible Study Begins This Week

Why not make it a priority to join your Church family for worship/Bible study, prayer and fellowship on Wednesday nights? Beginning this Wednesday September 19, we have classes for everyone and here's the schedule:

Preschoolers Class – taught by Debbie Croup and Sharon Bartley and meets in the Preschool Room

Grades 1 & 2 - taught by Michelle Cousins and meets in Room 301

Grades 3 & 4 - taught by Jane Ogden and meets in Room 103

Grades 5 & 6 – taught by PJ Miller and meets in Room 102.

 7^{th} - 9^{th} Grade Youth – led by Matt and Beth Ferguson and meets in the Dining Room 10^{th} – 12^{th} Grade Youth – led by Parent Council and meets at 232 West North Street Adult Study – led by Pastor Bob and meets in the auditorium – <u>Don't Waste Your Life</u>

The Adult Study Group and Circle of Friends and Passing the Faith Along (Sr. Hi Youth) will gather in the auditorium at 6:30 each week for worship and prayer, led by Andy Bilowich and the Klute Brothers Band and Friends. These two groups will head to their study groups at 6:50.

NOTE: We are in need of two Teacher's Aides for Pioneer Club; one is needed for grades 1 and 2 and another for grades 3 and 4. For more information, contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700.

SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH LIVING TOGETHER?By Pastor Jeff Miller

So What's Wrong With Living Together, authored by our Pastor Jeff Miller will be released by Focus Publishing early in October at the Annual Convention of the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors in Dallas, Texas! Jeff and Erin will be in attendance. Upon their return and on Sunday, October 7 Jeff will preach here con-

cerning God's plan for Christian marriage and the Biblical response to co-habitation. Each family in attendance will receive a copy of the counseling booklet. The Millers will be honored by our congregation following 10:45 worship the same day. Way to go Jeff and Erin!

WE HAVE TO GET THIS RIGHT!

James 1:22-25 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was." In the last two weeks on Sunday mornings we have learned that Jesus commands us to be humble and commands us to love one another. We learned that humility is not only "washing one another's feet" but allowing ourselves to be "washed by Jesus" – and by those He sends to meet our needs. Last week we learned that we are to: 1.

love others as we love ourselves 2. treat others as we would want to be treated and 3. love others as Jesus has loved us.

I desire to encourage each one to allow the Word to be effectual in your life. It is time to revive and restore weakened and broken relationships. Remember that empathy, compassion, forgiveness, outward change and faith are the things that drive us onward and open our lives to God being able to work. When love and protection of self and the fear of getting hurt or rejected overrule – then relationships will not be restored. It is the CROSS that is OUR MOTIVATION to try again – He hum-

bled Himself and became of no reputation and carried the shame of the cross – and we were the guilty ones!

To not fulfill His command to love one another is a sin! Anyone in need of mercy is your neighbor.

I beg you to not be disobedient in this matter.

With the Shepherd's Love, Pastor Bob

I continue to hear from people who have taken steps of reconciliation and are being blessed. Allow the spirit of love and power and sound mind be your stepping

GEARING UP FOR MISSION TRIPS

Trips to New Directions Farm in Mars Hill, North Carolina; to Chiang Mai, Thailand and to New Directons Farm are in the works! Bob Ogden will lead a group to Mars Hill, North Carolina November 10th- 17th. The group will take items to benefit the staff and the troubled teens who reside at the New Directions Farm. The team will assist in the upkeep of the buildings and the care of the animals, gardens and farmland. If interested in going along contact Bob Ogden.

In mid-February, Pastor Bob will lead a small group to Thailand for a Teaching and Preaching Conference followed by the visitation and encouragement of the Children's Ministry and the Hill Tribe Churches. If you are sensing God's call to go – see PB.

March 23-28 will be the next trip to build a house in Mexico. Jon and Bonna Ray are assembling a team NOW! Pray about it and watch for organizational dates to be announced soon. Also another group may go to Mexico in June!

ARE YOU READY GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

Christmas is only 14 weeks away from this Tuesday! Now let's see – if you save \$1 per week from each paycheck – you will have \$14.00 to buy . . . maybe you should start with \$5 per week! Well – The Worship Department is ahead of the game and thinking about the worship of The King! On Sunday December 16, One Small Child, will be shared during worship along with the preaching of the Word. SINGERS ARE NEEDED for the musical and rehearsals begin next Monday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m. To get involved – just show up for rehearsal next week!

STUDY GOD'S WORD ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Knitly Joined Together – Led by Doug Emmett in the Dining Room. Learn what the Bible has to say about unity in the Body of Christ. Ladies Class – Led by Sherry O'Donnell in Room 103. <u>Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World</u> is the study book of the quarter. Welcome to NSCC – led by Pastor Jeff in the Library. Wanting to know more about NSCC – join this class during the month of September

Road to Financial Freedom Stewardship Class – October 14 – November 18^{th} in the Library and led by Pastor Jeff TWO NEW TEEN CLASSES – Terry Hartman will lead the 7^{th} – 9^{th} graders in a study of Fundamentals of the Faith in Room 102. Curt and Meghan Duffield will lead the 10^{th} – 12^{th} graders in an Answers in Genesis DVD study entitled Demolishing Strongholds at 232 West North Street. These classes are also open to those who wish to attend.

Calendar September 16-23

Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship Service II
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice Men of Honor
<u>Tues</u>	1:15-2:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m.	Pioneer Club/Circle of Friends; Passing the Faith Along
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class
Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Men of Honor
<u>Sun</u>	2:00 p.m.	Missions Department Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHRISTIAN ED DEPARTMENT needs helpers. We need a coordinator of Children's Sunday School and a coordinator of Children's Church. These positions would schedule teachers and order materials for each semester. As always, we are need teachers Children's Sunday School and Children's Church. Please contact Matt Ferguson at 724-234-2659 or Terry Hartman at 724-794-1266 to help or for more information.

ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30! WORSHIP AT 9:00 and Sunday School will follow!

MEN OF HONOR STUDIES BEGIN THIS WEEK! See today's attachment to register.

<u>THE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT WILL MEET</u> on Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 in the Library. We need some prayer partners and correspondents for our missionaries—come and join us.

TUESDAY OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY FOR LADIES—Do you have a heart for the un-churched? Elaine DeJong has begun a Bible Study for ladies on Tuesday's at 1:15. Ladies from NSCC are encouraged to attend with the purpose of inviting an unchurched friend from the community to come along and join in. The study meets in room 103. Elaine can be contacted at 724-234-2879.