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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Becoming Less"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship Service:

The McCoy's &
The Emmetts

Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole
& Kathy Twerdok

Worship Service: Kathy
Twerdok & Erin Miller

The Lord's Supper

Worship Service:
Kathy Seaver &
Michelle Convery

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 99
Worship II 115
Total Attendance 214

Offering

General - \$4350.50
Designated - \$3354.00
Total \$7704.50

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Doug and Marian Corvin, 544 Brownsdale Rd., Renfrew, PA 16053.

Yes, all of you be submissive to one another; and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
1 Peter 5b-7

MINISTRY DEPARTMENTS REVIEWS

The Stewardship Department is First in the Series

This year has been a busy one for the Stewardship Department. In addition to the normal activities performed on a daily and monthly basis, such as the weekly offering accounting and bookkeeping, North Street hosted a small group training session from Crown Financial, participated in a preliminary independent audit, and will be offering a church-wide small group study this fall entitled, "Your Road to Financial Freedom."

Crown Financial Ministries trained approximately 30 people from different churches throughout our area this spring in a one day training session held here at North Street. Kelly Kametz, the Regional Director of Crown and his wife April, spent the day here in Butler and thanks go to all who participated and helped in the preparation and serving of the breakfast and lunch.

An independent audit was just completed this month by Brown and Abbott, an independent CPA firm from Coraopolis, PA. This audit was not required, but was requested to obtain professional assistance in order to improve controls and procedures of the Church. God's Word says to seek wise counsel, and in stewards faithfulness is required. We seek to glorify God in all we do, and desire to be the best stewards of what He has

entrusted to us. We will be implementing the recommendations of the auditing firm in the upcoming months. Once complied, copies of this audit will be made available upon request.

"Your Road to Financial Freedom" begins this fall on October 7th and concludes on November 11th. The six week sermon series is followed each week with small group studies that will be offered in the homes and at the church of those who attend North Street. This series will help adults reduce stress, draw closer to the Lord and improve your marriage. Children, whether in college or in their teens will learn to make practical life decisions and how to plan for the future.

We are in need of individuals who may desire to be trained in financial counseling, specifically in the area of budgeting to help those in our church and our community seeking this type of counsel. Please contact John McIntyre, curt Knotick or one of the pastors if interested.

God is great! He entrusts to us money and possessions while here on earth, and if we are faithful in managing those things, He is faithful in re-supplying seed to the sower. Not to increase our standard of living, but to increase our standard of giving. Our reward for faithfulness comes when and where it matters most, in Heaven for Eternity!

COMMUNITY MEALS UPDATE

Volunteers needed-sign up today!

Thanks to all who make our Community Meals such a success! We provided meals for 87 guests on August 11th, then on August 18th, we served 79. Jim Riemer and Doug Emmett were our special speakers. We thank God for spiritual nourishment as well as the delicious food! "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

We are in need of volunteers as we start planning for the upcoming dinner dates. There are many ways you can help. We need people to set up (dining room, drinks, trays, etc.), to server (hot food, cold food, runners), greeters, dishwashers, clean-up, and set-up for Sunday. If you are interested in helping with any of these jobs, fill out the attachment on today's newsletter and place it in the offering. You will be blessed by the experience!

The menus are in place for September. On September 8th we will be serving hot meatloaf sandwiches, mashed potatoes, green beans, and pudding. All the ingredients have been provided for this meal, but we are in need of the following items for the September 15th meal: 8 jars of spaghetti sauce, 90 baking potatoes, 3 jars bacon bits, 5# fresh carrots, 4 bunches of fresh celery, 3# of butter, 3# shredded cheddar cheese, or 8 dozen dinner rolls. We will be serving stuffed cabbage casseroles, twice baked potatoes, celery and carrot sticks, dinner rolls, and apple crisp. If you are able to donate any of these ingredients, please leave them in the church kitchen by the Thursday preceding the dinner, or call Dale Riemer at 724-282-0647. Please label all items, "COMMUNITY MEAL." Dale will shop for remaining ingredients Friday before the dinner. Everything donated will be used that week or frozen for future meals. Thank you for your continuing generosity for our dinners.

LADIES RETREAT THIS WEEKEND!

"Retreat, REStore and Return" is the theme this weekend, Friday, September 7th and Saturday, September 8th at Deep Valley Christian Service Camp.

Registration is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday with the conclusion right after lunch on Saturday. This is an opportunity to get away for a little while and have a time of fellowship, fun, and fun learning.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Great opening for the School Year

Our preschool open house last Sunday went very well. What a pleasure it was to meet most of the parents, preschoolers and even several grandparents! We are looking forward to the start of preschool on Wednesday.

Please pray for us as we begin a new school year. Also, a big thank you to everyone who baked or donated cookies for the special occasion! Everyone certainly enjoyed them!

FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

Pick the class that suits you best.

KNITLY JOINED TOGETHER - This class will be using as its study tool a book by Jacob Luffy titled, "Knitly Joined Together". The purpose is to guide us more completely into the unity of the Body. *"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* Col.2:2-3. This class will meet in the Dining Room.

WELCOME TO NSCC CLASS - This 4 week class is to welcome you to North Street Christian Church! We will be looking at why we do what we do at NSCC and show you how you can get involved. Come with questions about the church! Meets in the Library during the month of September.

STEWARDSHIP CLASS - As Pastor Bob will be preaching a sermon series on stewardship (how to handle what God has entrusted you with and receive His blessing), we will be having small group studies meeting in homes, discovering what God has said about our (His) money. This Sunday School class will be available for anyone not able to join one of those home groups. Taught by Pastor Jeff in the Library during October and

November.

LADIES' CLASS - "Having a Mart Heart in a Martha World"- The thought intrigues you. Deep inside of you, there is a hunger, a calling, to know and love God. To truly know Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His Spirit. You're not after head knowledge- it's heart-to-heart intimacy you long for. Yet a part of you hangs back. Exhausted, you wonder how to find the strength or time. Nurturing your spiritual life seems like one more duty- one more thing to add to a life that is already spilling over with responsibilities. It's almost as if you are standing on the bottom rung of a ladder that stretches up to heaven. Eager but daunted, you name the rungs with spiritual things you know you should do: study the Bible, pray, fellowship... "He's up there somewhere", you say. But, to do nothing will mean you will miss what your heart already knows: there is more to this Christian walk than you've experienced. And you're just hungry enough- just desperate enough- to want it all. Taught by Sherry O'Donnell. Meets in Room 103.

Teen Class - Meets in Room 102.

Men's Retreat at Deep Valley Christian Camp is September 14th & 15th.

"Leaders That Understand the Times" by Dr. Keith H. Ray.

To register, call Jon Ray at 724-530-2335 or fill out a registration form in the Welcome enter.

Calendar September 2-8th

<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
<u>Mon</u>	7 a.m.— ???	Trip to Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pioneer Club; Circle of Friends; Passing the Faith Along Parent Council Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Fri & Sat.</u>		Ladies' Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A NEW SERMON SERIES AND SMALL GROUP STUDIES entitled, Road to Financial Freedom: A Church-wide Journey Oct. 7 - Nov. 11. 2007. Adults will benefit through reducing stress, improving marriages and drawing close to the Lord. College Students will learn how to get on the right tract before beginning careers and families. Teens will learn to make practical life decisions and plan their future. Children will learn wise principles to set them on a life-long path of managing money wisely.

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.

CASA por CRISTO PROJECT 2008 Jon and Bonna Ray are planning to lead a group to Mexico for another home building project for Casa por Cristo the week of March 23rd through March 29th, 2008. If you are interested, pray about it. Meetings will be announced this month and as the dates approach.