

Sunday September 23, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Catching Your Second Wind"
Part II

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I:

The McCoy's

Worship II

The Emmetts

Nursery

Worship I: Sue Blumling &
Lydia Klutinoty

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Erin Miller &
Shannynne Bergbigler

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Kathy Seaver

Worship II:

Michelle Convery

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	128
Worship II	97
Total Attendance	225

Offering

General -	\$ 8,371.50
Designated -	<u>\$16,148.50</u>
Total	\$24,520.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Fern Hilliard, New Haven Court, Apt. P 205, Butler, PA 16001

OUR ADMINISTRATION & BUILDING/GROUNDS DEPARTMENT Sprucing Up Our Church!

The Administration & Building/Grounds Department, headed by Elder/Overseer, Bob Ogden, has five areas of responsibility.

The first deals primarily with the management and day-to-day administrative duties of the Church Office which goes beyond answering phones and greeting visitors. Church Administrator, Bob Seaver, as the saying goes, "wears many hats". He is responsible for church financials; including paying bills, coordinating payroll records, ordering materials and supplies for various departments, as well as sending contributions to the Church's sponsored missionaries. His other administrative duties include, supervising staff, and implementing policies and procedures. Putting four days worth of work into a two day work-week, our Church Secretary, Viv Kalberer, works closely with Pastors Bob and Jeff to fulfill their secretarial needs. In addition, she is responsible for all mailings, compiles the Annual Report, and utilizes her computer skills to put together our "North Street News" church newsletter as well as printing the newsletter for Pressing On Ministries. She also keeps the financial records for Shepherd of My Heart Preschool.

The second area deals with maintenance and care of the church building and grounds. The Church, Church Office, and church house are kept clean and orderly under the care and attention of both Elaine Dejong and Kathy Seaver. They also ensure all cleaning and kitchen supplies are ordered and stocked, and that the classrooms and dining room are properly set up for required needs. Maintenance for church buildings and property falls under the responsibility of Doug Rodgers. Besides the usual light bulb and plumbing maintenance needs, Doug

was an asset in the remodeling and expansion of the Nursery this past year. He was also a tireless worker in ensuring that snow and ice were removed from the Church sidewalks and parking areas this past winter during worship.

The third area involves the coordination of major improvements with the Church Trustees. With the age of our church building, this has become an ongoing process that involves assessing major repairs or renovations, their related costs, and making recommendations to the Board. With the oversight of Head Trustee, Carl Divers, we have recently entered into a feasibility study to determine how the Church Annex building could be restored. This would not only include a much needed new roof, but would also allow for reconfigured interior space to address the design of more useful classrooms and new restrooms.

The fourth area involves our responsibility to present you with a safe and secure worship, study, and fellowship facility. This not only involves the security of locked doors, but also addresses interior and exterior lighting, clean and clear walkways, and fire safety.

The final area is our commitment to do the other four areas in a manner that glorifies God and honors Him with the stewardship of our financial budget, time, and abilities. With restoration plans on our agenda for the coming year, there will be many opportunities opened to serve. Our department encourages anyone who might be interested in serving alongside us, thanks those volunteers who have assisted in the past, and welcomes your prayers as we serve the Master and you, our congregation.

ONE WORSHIP GATHERING NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

Each time there is a fifth Sunday in a month we hold one worship service instead of two, giving opportunity for the entire congregation to come together as one body. We will do that next Sunday and with a slight change in our normal schedule. WORSHIP will be held at 9:00 and Sunday School will follow at 10:30! Pastor Jeff will be preaching.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL BEGINS TOMORROW EVENING! Monday September 24 at 7:30

Love the Lord and love to sing? Show up tomorrow evening at 7:30 to begin rehearsing for ONE SMALL CHILD, a Christmas musical which will be added to our worship on Sunday December 16. We need men, women and young people to join us. See Kim Gaiser with any questions.

MEN OF HONOR STUDIES HAVE BEGUN

Over 40 men of NSCC have begun the Men of Honor studies. There are two groups - Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. *These guys are serious about living pure lives in order to be used of God in mighty ways - at home, in the Church and in the workplace.* Pray for the men as they do spiritual battle to present themselves as "vessels unto honor." *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.* II Timothy 2:21

WELCOME SAELERS

On Wednesday evening September 19 Gary, Fi, Mandy and Mark Saeler were baptized here at NSCC and also placed their membership with us. We celebrate with the Saelers and welcome them as members of NSCC. The Saelers are already involved with our congregation - Gary and Jess helped build a house with us for Casas Por Cristo, Fi is our pre-school teacher and Mark and Mandy and Gary and Fi are greatly involved with our youth program.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
Hebrews 11:3

RIGHT THINKING LEADS TO RIGHT LIVING

In Romans 12: 2 the Apostle Paul states, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." That verse teaches us that we should not take on the shape of the world in our lives and relationships. It teaches that rather than conforming that we should be transformed! Transformed indicates that there is a metamorphosis that takes place. We take on a new outward form. That transformation comes from a RENEWED MIND as we can see. The mind is the battlefield for right living. Once a person (with the mind) knows and understands what is right, then there is reason and purpose to live arightly.

Righteous thinking leads to righteous living. Ungodly thinking produces ungodly living – everytime!

I want to encourage every 10th – 12th grader of NSCC, (and others who are interested) to consider attending the Sunday School class that meets at 232 West North Street. The curriculum which begins today is entitled, Demolishing Strongholds/Turning Teens from Passive to Passion! During the study an examination of WORLDVIEWS will be made which will lead to discussions about pop culture, counterfeit reality, spiritual brain surgery and special forces for the Savior. The curriculum has been developed by Answers In Genesis and is in a video format led by Curt

and Meghan Duffield.

In Romans 12:1, the Apostle Paul states, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Getting a right worldview (getting your head on straight about the meaning and purpose of life) will lead to right and joyful living for Jesus Christ. When you think right – you will desire to be that *living sacrifice* for God's glory. We can help you get your head on straight!

Think Right/Live Right, pb

EXCITING PLANS UNFOLD FOR OUR YOUTH

Don't Miss Out!

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS AND PASSING THE FAITH ALONG - If you haven't heard, the former parsonage at 232 West North St., is being transformed into a multi-purpose area for the youth of our church. Besides having Sunday School classes there, as changes are made to make the space suitable, more recreational activities will be possible and the kids will be able to meet there for fun and fellowship.

The Parent Council has great events planned and lots of ideas for the future. The last event for September is on the 28th. The youth will be going to the football game at the Senior High. Butler will be playing Erie McDowell and the kids will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$4.00. After the game, they will meet at the Youth House for hot chocolate and snacks.

Two events are planned so far in October. On Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special activity after music and devotions-making and baking cookies, packaging cocoa, and writing invitations for a city sidewalk sweep to take place Saturday, October 20th. The kids will meet at NSCC at 9 a.m. to break into groups, then go to Main St. to sweep the sidewalks. They will be asked to bring gloves, brooms, and a cheerful attitude. Another option for that day, if unable to participate in the city sweep, the kids could be to help with the Community Dinner. Some might want to do both!

In November, the Council is planning to have a Youth and Family Retreat over the Veteran's Day Weekend, November 9-11th., then on Saturday, November 17th they will either meet at NSCC for local leaf raking, or meet to prepare meals for the elderly and house bound.

Finally, from December 28th-30th, the youth will be traveling to the Creation Museum and visiting the Zitzman's church in Kentucky.

YOUNG BELIEVERS IN CHRIST - The first meeting of the youth of Church in 7th – 9th grades was held on Wednesday September 19 in the Church Dining Room. This group is led by Matt and Beth Ferguson along with other adults and teen helpers. The young people in this group chose a name for their group – it is YOUNG BELIEVERS IN CHRIST – and will be referred to as YBICS (pronunciation of *yibicks*.) Some of the leaders are working on a theme song using the same melody of the popular song (at least formerly) - YMCA! Of course they will sing it for us some Sunday morning! The YBICS will now also begin their Wednesday nights in worship from 6:30 – 6:50 with the older youth and adults in the auditorium and then proceed to their study, etc.

Calendar September 23-29

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship Service II Missions Department Meeting
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice Men of Honor <u>One Small Child</u> Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	1:00-2:15 p.m.	Ladies Community Bible Study
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m.	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>Eri</u>	7:00 p.m.	Circle of Friends/Passing the Faith Along–Butler Football then to Youth House for Hot Chocolate and Snacks
<u>Sat</u>	8:00 a.m.	Men of Honor

UPCOMING FROM THE PULPIT

Sunday October 7 – Pastor Jeff will preach and his new book will be unveiled - So What's Wrong With Living Together, A Biblical Response to Co-Habitation. A free copy of the book, printed by Focus Publishing, will be presented to each family in attendance at either service. A reception for the Miller family will be held following Worship II. Sunday October 14 – November 18 – The Road to Financial Freedom Series along with Small Group

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| October: | November: |
| 14 – Who's In Control?
God's Responsibilities
and Our Responsibilities | 4 – Honesty is the Best Policy
Being Honest All of the
Time |
| 21 – A Slave to the Lender
Living Debt Free | 11 – Giving Back
Investing in Eternity |
| 28 – A Multitude of Counselors
Seeking Godly Counsel | 18 – Who's Your Real Boss?
Work is Your Ministry |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th at 7 p.m.

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.