

Sunday September 30, 2007

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Reaching the Lost:
Compassion & Prayer"

Pastor Jeff

Today's Schedule

9:00 Worship Service
10:30 Sunday School

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship:

The McCoys &
The Emmetts

Nursery

Worship Service:

Karen Munko, Josie Hartman,
& Brooke Rhodabarger

Sunday School:

Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship Service:

Kathy Seaver &
Michelle Convery

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	129
Worship II	92
Total Attendance	221

Offering

General -	\$ 4023.35
Designated -	\$ 262.00
Total	\$ 4285.25

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Lewis Hogan, 127 McClafferty Rd. Ridgeview Boarding Home, Fenelton, PA 16034

But when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
Matthew 9:36

WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

Gathering, Encouraging, Worshiping, and Praying Together

Here is a question to ask yourself - Why attend worship on a Sunday morning?

Lisa Emmett expressed herself this way: "It is true that for the Christian, worship is a way of life; HOWEVER, it is also true that gathering as the body on a regular basis is critical to the spiritual health and growth of both the individual and the body. The pattern of the New Testament Church was to gather together to encourage one another, worship and pray."

That is what the worship department at North Street is all about, preparing and planning Sunday worship, along with special worship services throughout the year.

Kim Gaiser, worship coordinator, expressed her concern for the worship at North Street, "(It is important) that the purpose of the worship department stays genuine, and we don't stray from the will of God concerning worship."

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well about true worship, "...the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4: 23-24).

With that in mind, let's look at some "P's" which we need to remember about why we worship and how the worship department at North Street tries to help do just that.

#1 - Presence

We must realize that being in the presence of God is a wonderful thing for all of us. David Morris in his book A Lifestyle of Worship stated, "True worship flows out of freedom - the freedom to be real before God and, therefore, right with others."

"Seeing people (and myself) being ushered into the presence of God through the music and teaching and testimony from the worship leader," is just part of the satisfaction Kim Gaiser feels about being in His presence.

Presence can also mean just being gathered together with brothers and sisters in Christ!

Lisa Emmett mentioned this about being present for worship on Sunday. "Jesus first set this model, 'and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.' (Luke 4:16) As disciples we were given a model by Jesus to be together to encourage and sharpen one another."

"I really like everything about (being at) the worship services. I feel very comfortable and loved by everybody I come across," is how Bill Croup sees his presence every Sunday at church.

Donna Watson said it plainly, "It is like going home."

Part 2 will continue our look at worship's other "p's" and how people with a heart to worship God can be part of the worship at North Street.

By Mark McCoy

SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH LIVING TOGETHER?

Pastor Jeff and Erin to be Honored Next Sunday

Go to the Focus Publishing website at www.focuspublishing.com to view the cover of Pastor Jeff's booklet, So What's Wrong With Living Together? A Biblical Response to Cohabitation. About the book, Focus says, "A comprehensive look at cohabitation from a biblical perspective, along with a response to the many logical reasons why this is considered by many to be acceptable." You don't need to order a copy because every family present next Sunday at either worship service will receive a free copy. Of course, PJ will be available to personally autograph your copy! Pastor Jeff and Erin will depart this afternoon for the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors Annual Conference being held in Dallas Texas. The book will be distributed there by Focus Publishing. Our prayer is that God will open doors of opportunity for Jeff and Erin through attending the conference.

Pastor Jeff will be preaching on the subject here at NSCC next Sunday, October 7. Worship will be held at the regular times of 8:15 and 10:45. Books will distributed at both services. A reception will be held honoring Pastor Jeff and his family following 10:45 worship. Who doesn't know someone who could be challenged over this issue? Additional copies of the book will be available at cost.

COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH NEWS FOR OCTOBER

Join Us for "Stone Soup" on Sunday October 14th!

A kindly, old stranger was walking through the land when he came upon a village. As he entered, the villagers moved towards their homes locking doors and windows. The stranger smiled and asked, "Why are you all so frightened. I am a simple traveler, looking for a place

to stay for the night and a warm meal."

"There's not a bite to eat in the whole province," he was told. "We are weak and our children are starving. Better keep moving on." "Oh, I have everything I need," he

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FROM THE EYES OF A VISITOR

Take a good look around your house. Look at what's leaned against the corner and has been there since last Christmas! (No sense moving it now - Christmas will be here before you know it - you're just early now!) You know that painting job you started and never finished - has it become unnoticed because it has been left undone for so long - *it's just the way it is and by now you like it that way?* Check the horizontal surfaces around the house - things like the dining room table, the tops of the dressers, end tables and coffee tables - can you see them or are there a lot of "decorations"? Now - what if company's coming, is there a fury about clearing the clutter, finishing tasks, hiding junk? If you're like most of us - that's what happens.

We have company every Sunday at NSCC. Sometimes we get accustomed to things the

way they are. We don't always "see" the clutter, the duct tape repairs, the holes etc. Besides the visible things - we know how to get around the building, we know names and faces and who's who. We know how worship flows, where to go to Sunday School, find coffee and donuts and the restroom!

Visitors don't see the things we see and "feel it" like we "feel it"! Let's all work on being prepared for company. Let's help out with making sure our buildings and grounds communicate a good message and lets all work harder at making sure our company knows they are welcome and wanted. Here are some things to ask from the eyes of a visitor:

- Would you be impressed by the facility and landscaping?

- Would you be able to find the restrooms without asking?
- Would you feel comfortable leaving your child in the nursery?
- Would you understand what takes place in the worship service?
- Would you be embarrassed or pressured during your visit?
- Would you be greeted and accepted as you are?
- Would you feel invited and welcomed to come back next week?

It is our job together to make NSCC a friendly Church. Let's work hard to do so.
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said. "In fact, I was thinking of making some stone soup to share with all of you." He filled an iron cauldron with water, and began to build a fire under it. Then, with great ceremony, he drew an ordinary-looking stone from a silken bag and dropped it into the water.

By now, hearing the rumor of food, most of the villagers had come out of their homes or watched from their windows. As the stranger sniffed the "broth" and licked his lips in anticipation, hunger began to overcome their fear.

"Ahhh," the stranger said to himself rather loudly, "I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage - - that's hard to beat." Soon a villager approached hesitantly, holding a small cabbage he'd retrieved from its hiding place, and added it to the pot.

"Wonderful!!!" cried the stranger. "You know, I once had stone soup with cabbage and a bit of beef as well, and it was fit for a king." The village butcher managed to find some beef. . . and so it went, through potatoes, onions, carrots, mushrooms, and so on, until there was indeed a delicious meal for everyone in the village to share.

As he left, the stranger came upon a group of village children

standing near the road. He gave the silken bag containing the stone to the youngest child, whispering to the group, "It was not the stone, but the villagers that had performed the "magic".

Now that the weather is getting cooler, the Community Meal Staff thought soup would be a great meal to offer our new friends. Or better yet, how about stone soup??? But just like the "kindly, old stranger" needed the villagers, the CM Staff needs each of you. **Before leaving for Church next Sunday morning (October 7), look in you refrigerator, freezer, pantry, or cupboard and find something to add to the soup pot!** You don't have to go buy something, just share some of what God has given you. The CM Staff will use whatever is provided - **ALL of what is provided** to make soup for our October 13th Community Meal. **Plan to stay after second service on 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!)

October 20th, we will serve a pasta meal, with salad and Italian bread. Jars or cans of spaghetti sauce are always a great contribution for these pasta meals.

Last month, we served 51 (Sept 8) and 67 (Sept 15) guests and had a great time. Come join the fun in October and don't forget your "stone soup" ingredient next week!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT MEETS

Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th at 7 p.m. All who have been involved this year please attend and bring some input, fresh idea's and your projected budget needs. Anyone who would like to be involved please join us.

SCHEDULE FOR MEN OF HONOR STUDIES

- Foundations of Freedom—Saturday October 6th @ 8 a.m.
- 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.
- Walking in the Light -Saturday October 20th @ 8 a.m.

Calendar September 30 – October 7

<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Sunday School
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
<u>Tues</u>	1:00-2:15 p.m.	Ladies Community Bible Study
<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. 10:00 a.m.	Men of Honor Small Group Leader Meeting
<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 Pastor Jeff & Erin

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. 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.

Thank You

On behalf of the Hartman, Houten and Yancer Families, **thank you** to all who helped us at the time of the loss of my grandmother. It made it easier for us. The food was a blessing and so appreciated, the cards were very meaningful. Thank you for the love you showed me and my family. You are precious in His sight.

In Him,
Shannon Hartman