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North Street News

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Today's Message

Becoming Better Friends and
Neighbors

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: Sharon Bartley &
Jesse McIntyre

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Erica Record &
Nikki Simpson

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:

Jane Ogden

Worship II:

Michelle Convery

Last Week at NSCC

Total Attendance 179

Offering

General - \$11,616.43

Designated - \$1,726.70

Total \$13,343.13

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Phyllis Kovach, Concordia Nursing Home, Room 2252, 615 Pike Rd., Cabot, PA 16023.

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;"
Matthew 5:44,45a

OUR EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Reaching Out to the Community

The Evangelism Department seeks to fulfill the Great Commission by proclaiming the Gospel to the lost through outreach ministries and equipping new believers to serve the Lord through assimilation into the ministries of North Street Christian Church.

One of our key outreach ministries is the Crossfire Bible study at the Butler County Prison. Every Friday evening, through partnership with Pressing On Ministries, we hold a special service at the jail. The service is open to all inmates who wish to attend, attendance ranges from three to twenty. Every inmate receives a Bible of their own, as well as Gospel tracts to help them understand the Word of God. The evening begins with prayer for the inmates and their families and a clear presentation of the Gospel. Creation is emphasized, followed by the teaching that our Creator came to the earth as Jesus Christ in order to pay the sin penalty for all who would believe. Attendees are encouraged to turn from their sin and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord. Following the Gospel presentation and prayer, we then continue to preach the Word, expounding on a passage of Scripture. This service is unique in that inmates are encouraged to ask questions and discuss what the Bible teaches. Often times, the Lord may change what was "our agenda" to spend time addressing specific questions the inmates are struggling with. We stress how important "after care" is, that when they are released from prison, they must seek the Lord through a Bible-believing fellowship, such as Pressing On and North Street Christian Church. While this ministry can be challenging at times, we have seen the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of those God is confronting in His Word.

The Evangelism Department also seeks to assimilate visitors and new members of the church. This is done by inviting these visitors and new members to a special banquet to welcome them to the church and inform them of the beliefs and ministries of NSCC. Time is also

spent proclaiming the Gospel and hearing testimony. Then the visitors and new members are invited to attend a four week New Members Sunday School Class to learn more about the church and see how they can use their giftedness to serve the kingdom here at North Street.

Aside from these regular ministries, the Department also holds special events, such as the Island Outreach we had in July and our DayCamp that was held in August. These events are targeted mainly towards reaching children and eventually we hope to be able to minister to their whole family. We also have held other outreach events, such as the contemporary evangelistic services, creation seminars, and movie nights debunking the Da Vinci Code. We hope to hold more such events in the future.

The Evangelism Department has some wonderful opportunities for you to serve! With the opening of the new prison (hopefully next April, if all goes according to schedule!), we will need more help to hold the weekly services. Whether you are gifted to teach the Bible, or you want to be there to pray with and encourage inmates, it looks like we will have a wide door open for ministry in this area and many workers are needed.

We can also use more workers to help with these aforementioned special events when they come up. This Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., in Room 103, we will be having a special meeting to plan follow-up with the families we ministered to at the Island Outreach and Day-Camp. If you have a heart to continue to reach out to these kids and their families, please plan on attending the meeting, or see Pastor Jeff to schedule your own with him!

If you have a heart to proclaim the message of the cross to the lost, or even to help carry out these ministries behind the scenes, see Pastor Jeff or call him at the church office (724-282-7700).

GETTING READY FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES

Meetings Begin September 19

Beginning Wednesday evening September 19 at 6:30 we will have Bible classes for children, youth and adults. Let's all make it a priority to be here to grow in the Lord together and to grow in our relationships with one another. Here's where to be at 6:30:

Auditorium - Worship and Prayer time for Circle of Friends, Passing the Faith Along and Adults. Youth will be dismissed to 232 West North for study, recreation and refreshments. This group will be under the direction of the Parent Council.

Adults will remain for Bible Study in auditorium with Pastor Bob. The first study of the year will be Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper.

Dining Room - Junior Youth (Grades 7-9) led by Matt and Beth Ferguson. The study will be It's Not About Me by Max Lucado.

Room 102 - Pioneer Club for grades 5 & 6, led by Pastor Jeff.

Room 103 - Pioneer Club for grades 3 & 4, led by Michelle Cousins

Room 301 - Pioneer Club for grades 1 & 2, led by Jane Ogden and Andrea Cranmer

Preschool - Preschoolers Class, led by Debbie Croup and Sharon Bartley

MEN'S RETREAT AT DEEP VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP IS THIS WEEKEND

ROAD TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM
A Church-wide Journey

Soon, a very important sermon series with small group studies will begin at North Street Christian Church. It is called the Road to Financial Freedom and is a Financial Teaching Campaign designed to provide a solution to the financial bondage that many Church members experience today. The campaign is unusual in that we are not raising funds for a project through the campaign. The goal of the campaign is to preach, teach, apply and celebrate true financial freedom. The ultimate goal is for our congregation to experience freedom as never before.

We want to affect the atmosphere of home-life for families. How many fights between husbands and wives are about money – not enough, how it is spent, giving to God? We want to help people just getting started on their own to set Godly patterns for spending, saving and giving. We desire to introduce teens and younger children to life principles that will impact their future in amazing ways. We want all generations to understand that money management – financial stewardship – is a spiritual matter and a primary key to understanding the true

riches of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The series will be delivered from October 7 – November 14. Curt Knotick is organizing 10 small group studies so that everyone can get involved. Pastor Jeff will be teaching a small group on Sunday mornings for those who cannot be involved otherwise. Would you pray about the teaching of God's Word? Will you open your heart and mind to what God has in store through the Road to Financial Freedom? I am excited.
 Pastor Bob

FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY
Study God's Word with Us!

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."* Colossians .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 Pas-

tor Jeff in the Library during October and November. **LADIES' CLASS** - "Having a Mary 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** - Room 102.

Calendar September 9-15th

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship Service II
<u>Mon</u>	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting Praise Team Practice Meeting for Pioneer Club Teacher Training
<u>Tues</u>	1:00-2:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study Island/DayCamp Follow-up Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Parent Council Meeting Circle of Friends; Passing the Faith Along
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m.	Butler Bible Institute Class
<u>Fri</u>		Men's Retreat at Deep Valley Camp
<u>Sat.</u>	5:00 p.m.	Men's Retreat at Deep Valley Camp Community Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - The weekly practice for the Christmas musical, "One Small Child," begins Monday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, see Kim Gaiser, or just show up at practice.

CAMP CREATION ISLAND OUTREACH AND DAYCAMP — A meeting is schedule for Tuesday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m. in Room 103 for anyone interested in helping with follow-up with kids and families from the Camp Creation Island Outreach and DayCamp.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY — A Women's Bible Study will soon begin. The first meeting will be Tuesday September 11th from 1-2.30 at the church building in Room 103. For more information, please contact Elaine DeJong at 724.234.2879 or edejong@zoominternet.net.

MISSION TRIP TO NEW DIRECTIONS MINISTRY FARM — A team is leaving November 10th to go to Mars Hill, North Carolina for seven days. They will be taking items to benefit the staff and troubled teens who are home schooled there. While there, the team will be helping with the care of a number of buildings, animals, gardens, and farmland. If you are interested, contact Bob Ogden at 724-283-3413, Sam Tait at 724-445-7088, or Eric Wick at 724-445-3535. More information will follow.