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# North Street News

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## SHEPHERD OF MY HEART GETTING READY FOR THE 2008-2009 TERM

Curriculum This Year—From Gospel Light

We are getting ready to begin a new preschool year at Shepherd of My Heart. It is so exciting to know that we have been given yet another amazing opportunity to teach young children not only their ABC's and 1,2,3's, but more importantly about God, His Word and His love for them through Jesus Christ. Just think, many of the 4 and 5 year old children in the Pre-Kindergarten class are returning for their second helping of learning this year.

Our spiritual mission at Shepherd of My Heart is to assist parents in raising their children with Christian values. We utilize a Christian curriculum complete with Bible Stories, God's Word, worship music and activities. From the start of the preschool day to the end, we really strive to put God and His Word into all of our daily activities.

Our curriculum, Gospel Light's "My God and Me" and "My Great Big God" is age-appropriate and fun. The children get to learn through play which is one of the most effective ways for young children to learn! The Pre-Kindergarten class also uses the "Handwriting Without Tears" curriculum. Children of all ability levels have fun as they develop important handwriting and fine motor skills through music, movement, building and multi-sensory activities.

Our ministry is to children 3, 4, and 5 years

old. The Tuesday and Thursday Preschool class is for 3 & 4 year olds. Monday, Wednesday and Friday is a Pre-Kindergarten class for 4 & 5 year olds. Preschool meets each morning from 9:00 till 11:30. Both classes are taught socialization skills, language development and listening skills, as well as the usual preschool academics such as colors, shapes, sizes, number recognition and counting, the letters and their sounds, the days of the week and more. The Pre-Kindergarten class goes more in-depth with each of these areas and it also includes handwriting, learning the name and sounds of short and long vowels and other skills in order to prepare them for Kindergarten.

At the present time, there are several openings still available in both classes. From past experience, I learned that although we might pray for full classrooms, God has a much bigger picture of what He wants to do with the children in each of our classrooms. As the countdown to the new preschool year begins it will be exciting to see what God has planned for us this year and watching it unfold as the preschool year progresses.

For more information on our preschool, brochures are available in the Welcome Center or call the church office at 742-282-7700. (Submitted by Fi Saeler.)

### Today's Message

THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS  
*Putting Your Faith to Work*

"If the Lord Wills"

Pastor Jeff

### Today's Schedule

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

### Serving Today

#### Greeters

Worship I: Joan Cole

Worship II: The Whites

#### Nursery

Worship I: Karen Munko & Josh Croup

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

#### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: The Grooms

### Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 107  
Worship II 118  
Total Attendance 225

### Offering

General - \$4,965.00  
Designated - \$ 185.00  
Total - \$5,150.00

### Flowers

Our thanks to Lauretta Phillips who donated flowers in memory of Benjamin Phillips.

### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Fern Hilliard, New Haven Court, 100 Newhaven Lane, Apt. B 103A, Butler, PA 16001.



Morning Routine



Crafts



Making Something Special

## PRINCESS CAMP BEGINS THIS TUESDAY

The Theme Is "Women of the Bible"

Princess Camp, a highly anticipated event for 10-12 year old girls, begins this Tuesday at "Christ is the Answer Retreat Center." The theme this year is "Women of the Bible." Eight women of the Bible will be featured; Esther, Lydia, Eve, Rahab, Mary the mother of Jesus, Rebekah, Ruth, and Hannah.

Besides studying the example these women set for us, there will be many projects such as sewing, crocheting, grinding wheat berries into flour and baking bread, churning butter, stitching, making pies, hospitality, inner beauty, and drama. There is just one opening. See Stacy Milliron if you would like to fill that slot.



## AMAZON EXPEDITION AT ARMCO PARK AUGUST 11-15

Helpers for VBS/DayCamp to Meet Tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

**DAYCAMP MEETING tomorrow, Monday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m..** Only one week and one day away from DayCamp! All who are helping—please come for prayer and pep-rally!

A bus will leave the church daily at 9:30 to go to Armco Park at Slippery Rock for an *Amazon Expedition* for kids 6-12 years old. After a day of crafts, recreation, lunch and Bible lessons, the bus will return to the church at 3:30. Everything is free, including transportation.

*Amazon Expedition Bible Lessons* explore the "Seven C's of History"—Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. We will be teaching the kids that the Bible is the true history book of the universe. From dinosaurs to Noah's Flood, and so much more, kids and leaders alike will enjoy their best Vacation Bible School ever! Gather your gear, lace up your hiking boots, and join us on a journey through the amazing Amazon rainforest.

To register your kids, contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700 or e-mail him at [jeff@bloodbot.com](mailto:jeff@bloodbot.com).

A special love offering will be collected next Sunday, August 10th, to help the DeWitts replace tools that were stolen while they were working for Casas Cristo in Mexico.

Gifts are not tax deductible.

*'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?"*  
Luke 12:19,20

## THE CROSS

While visiting with a Church member several years ago, I was taken back a bit when this kind lady told me that she really did not like the hymn, The Old Rugged Cross. We had sung that hymn in worship at the time of the Lord's Supper the previous Sunday. It was not because of the melody; not that it was sung too fast or too slow; not because it was sung too often or that it was written in too high or too low of a key. It was because it was too gruesome. As I said, I was a bit taken back.

I have pondered the thought a few times since then. The hymn does say these things about the cross and the death of Jesus Christ – *the cross is the emblem of suffering and shame; the cross is despised by the world, the cross was stained with divine blood; the cross carries shame and reproach*. I am confident that my friend did not prefer this hymn because she had meditated on what happened there and just how *ugly and gruesome*

the crucifixion of Jesus must have been. I am sure that she knew in her heart that He, the King of Kings, did not deserve an old rugged cross, but that He deserved the very best of what man could give – yet He only got an old, rugged cross. The cross is gruesome and bloody isn't it?!

Let us remember this truth from Isaiah 53 - *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

The hymn also says that that *old cross is loved and that that old cross has a wondrous attraction and a wondrous beauty for some*. The hymn teaches that *on the cross His death was for the whole world of lost sinners, that the very reason Jesus came from His glorious home was to*

*be crucified at Calvary and that because of the cross we will share in His glory some day!*

Our only hope is clinging to the cross for now. There is no other way to make peace with God. He paid it all for everyone on the old rugged cross. His cross is our way to Heaven. According to the hymn, one day it will be the victor's crown we wear instead of the old rugged cross.

The cross is gruesome and beautiful! The cross is shameful and attractive! It is despised and loved! The cross took what was mine - sin that leads to death, and gave it to Him. The cross took what was His – eternal life and gave it to me!

Let us cry over the cross. Let us rejoice over the cross.

In Awe,  
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## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!



Celebrating her 90th birthday at wooded Alameda Park, Sunday July 20th, Verna (Cottrill) Weisenstein truly enjoyed the day with her church family with a song and a cake to commemorate her life.

Verna was born in Butler on July 21, 1918 and lived near Grandview Avenue. Walking to church, (a hike for anyone) she came with her Uncle Dave who was an elder there as well as her Aunt Pearl. The road to her home wasn't paved then, but was a cow pasture. She brought four younger siblings. Verna was among the first years of baptisms at North Street—She was baptized and joined the church on November 27, 1928.

After moving away to West Virginia for a while, she came back to Butler in 1940 with her husband Howard. Then, Reverend Gray was the minister and she remembers Sunday School, held in the balcony. Verna became more active at church after 1995 and now very much enjoys church and Sunday School. She is moved to talk about her favorite Bible verse: John 3:16.

Driving to church is occasional for her, as she sometimes rides with Kathy Seaver. While she frequents North Street, has read books about the Bible, she has other interests as well. She fills her week with card parties (she likes 500), computer card games and some gardening of her flower beds. She is also interested in looking into her family's genealogy which she is starting to find online occasionally.

Verna has 2 granddaughters, 1 grandson and 7 great grandchildren. Her son and grandson live near her. Her grandson mows her lawn. She says she is alone but not alone.

She commented on how things have changed over the years. The turnpike developing was a revelation to her when she went out west in 1963. Another difference she noted was Sunday dress. "People wore their Sunday best to church," she remarked. "Now days you don't have to wear hats or dress to beat the other fellow. I think that's better." Verna noted a major change from back in her day is transportation. She commented "now people don't walk". We could take a lesson from her on how to live a long and healthy life. (Submitted by Kristianne Ovenshine.)



WEISENSTEIN, Verna

## FOR YOUR MEDITATION

Many men live in the dark to themselves all their days; whatever else they know, they know not themselves. They know their outward estates, how rich they are, and the condition of the bodies as to health and sickness they are careful to examine; but as to their inward man, and their principles as to God and eternity, they know little or nothing of themselves. Indeed, few labor to grow wise in this matter, few study themselves as they ought, are acquainted with evil of their own hearts as they ought; on which yet the whole course of their obedience, and consequently of their eternal condition, doth depend.—John Owen

## SUMMER YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULE

### AUGUST EVENTS

- Tuesday thru Saturday, August 5-9, Princess Camp
- Monday August 11th thru Friday August 15th, VBS/DayCamp
- Wednesday, August 13, Dinner at CiCi's and Bowling at Meridian Lanes
- Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 PM—Youth-planned picnic at Legacy
- Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 PM—Winding down the Summer
- Saturday, August 30, 9:00-5:00 Garage Sale at NSCC to benefit Houten Family

## AUGUST 3RD—10TH

Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal Meeting for Helpers VBS/ DayCamp
Tues	11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 6 p.m.—9 p.m.	B.B.I Drop off for Garage Sale
Tues - Fri	Princess Camp	
Thur	6 p.m.—8p.m.	B.B.I.
Sat	5:00 p.m.	Community Dinner
Sun	10 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Drop Off for Garage Sale

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 31ST—SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00—WORSHIP AT 10:15**