

Sunday December 14, 2008

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Wonderful Counselor"

Pastor Jeff

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I: The Duffields

Worship II: Joanne Duncan

Nursery

Worship I: Kathy Twerdok &
Mandy Saeler

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole & Beth
Rhodaberger

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: Kathi Huber

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 81
Worship II 132
Total Attendance 213

Offering

General - \$3,747.00
Designated - \$1,043.00
Total \$4,790.00

Building Fund Balance

\$185,674.33

15% of General Offering is
Given to Missions Each Week

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Thomas Bell, 530 Federal
St., Butler, PA 16001

*There shall come forth a
shoot from the stump of
Jesse, and a branch
from his roots shall bear
fruit. And the Spirit of
the LORD shall rest
upon him, the Spirit of
wisdom and understand-
ing, the Spirit of counsel
and might, the Spirit of
knowledge and the fear
of the LORD
Isaiah 11:1-2*

TODAY IS RECOGNITION DAY FOR INFANTS BORN 2007-2008

What does "parent dedication" not accomplish?

- Salvation of your children - Salvation is only through faith (Eph 2:8-9) and must be chosen by your child for himself.
- Baptism of your child- Scripture is clear that the waters of baptism are only for those who have already chosen to place their faith in Christ.

What are parents committing themselves to during the "parent dedication?" There are five crucial commitments that you as a parent must make in order to raise your children up to love the Lord..

- **The Commitment of STEWARDSHIP**—Psalm 127:3 - Your children are a gift from God and an opportunity for God to reveal himself and his grace to a fallen world.
- **The Commitment of DEDICATION**—I Samuel 1:28 - As a parents, are you willing to encourage your child to find their primary identity as a child of God and not of your earthly family? Do you view your children as belonging to the Lord?
- **The Commitment of LEADERSHIP**—Exodus 20:12 - Parents are called the primary disciplers in their home. Do you teach and model for your children how to grow in their relationship with God?
- **The Commitment of MARRIAGE**—Matthew 19:4-6 - Is the husband/wife covenant seen as the primary earthly priority in the home? Do you commit to honor and protect your marriage?
- **The Commitment of help from the CHURCH**—Hebrews 10:24, 25 - The church is not the primary teachers of God's word to your children, but we are here to help. Are you plugged into the church community and are you pursuing relationships which will give you advice, encouragement, correction and love?

As a church family and parents, we are dedicated to nurturing the following children according to these Biblical principles: Ryan Matthew Eckert, son of Matt and Lacey Eckert, born on July 26, 2007; Sophia Michelle Zang, daughter of Jason and Michelle Zang, born on October 27, 2007; Paris Olivia Milliron, daughter of Rob and Stacy Milliron, born December 21, 2007; Hayden Elijah Seacrist, son of David and of Crystal (Harris) Seacrist, born April 23, 2008; and Grant Levi Eury, son of Trent and Danielle (Wagner) Eury, born May 5, 2008. May God bless these children and their families. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6



THE TRUTH PROJECT from Focus on the Family begins at NSCC in January 2009. Beginning Sunday December

21 you can sign up for our winter small groups. Terry Hartman and Dennis Muir have been training our small group leaders on Saturday mornings and we will be ready to go in January!

Everyone has a worldview - some will have theirs confirmed, others will have theirs shaken! Is what you say you believe consistent with what you actually do? Come and find out! YOU need to join one of our small groups - WE all need to check our WORLDVIEW! Be sure to sign up beginning Sunday December 21.

Following is a word from Focus on the Family.

What is Focus on the Family's The Truth Project®?

In a recent study, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that continues to reverberate throughout the evangelical world. **Only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview.**¹ Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy

and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is.

We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation.

To counter this slide within the body of Christ, we are launching one of the most ambitious and powerful projects in the history of our ministry—Focus on the Family's The Truth Project.

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This home study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

We believe this one project represents the possibility for exponential change within the body of Christ, as **we expect that thousands will be transformed** by this curriculum. As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world.

¹**The Barna Update**, "A Biblical Worldview Has a Radical Effect On a Person's Life," December 1, 2003.

STUDY OF THE O.T. TABERNACLE BEGINS JANUARY 14

Come to **OPEN BIBLE STUDY**/Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 in the Library

The Wednesday Evening Open Bible Study Group has spent time studying Genesis and Exodus to date this year. We learned that we can review the major occurrences in the book of Genesis by simply using this mnemonic - C F F T A I J J. That stands for Creation - Fall of Man - Flood - Tower of Babel - Abraham - Isaac - Jacob - Joseph and thus we have reviewed the entire 50 chapters of Genesis. Exodus is remembered with three simple terms - The Exodus - The Law - The Tabernacle. We have shared an overview of the exodus and the law. After Christmas break we will study the Tabernacle in depth.

Beginning Wednesday, January 14th we will take approximately 8 weeks to examine God's plan for the tabernacle in depth. B.R. Hicks says, "In the Tabernacle God provided a revelation of the

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LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE—HERE AND NOW!

FEEDBACK FROM "A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER"

A few weeks ago, four couples from our church attended Family Life's *Weekend to Remember* Conference at the Marriott in Cranberry Township. At the *Weekend to Remember*, we learned "Why Marriages Fail", "How to Talk to your Spouse", and "How Marriages Thrive". There were projects for you and your spouse to do together, and a lesson each night to also do together and really discuss some issues you may not have wanted to talk about before. The second night ended with a "Date Night", where each couple was to spend the evening alone together.

The instructors, Doug & Patty Daily from Colorado and Jeff Patton from Tennessee, were exceptional. They really opened up to us as a group and shared many funny and personal stories about their lives and marriage. We were able to relate to them as their struggles were the same as many of ours. These are quotes from two couples who attended:

"Prior to going to A *Weekend to Remember* many people may think their marriage is fine and they don't need to change. However, after being there and learning from people who have been through so much, you realize there is always room to grow." – Jason & Michelle Zang.

"It was a worthwhile investment; a great time to get away and refocus on our marriage, priorities and improve communication." –Gary & Fi Saeler.

PASTOR'S PRAYER FOR DONATION TO BUILD A CHURCH IS ANSWERED


"Please Pass Me a Deposit Slip"

A Texas pastor's prayer for \$1 million to pay for his congregation's church building has been answered abundantly. The Rev. Tom McDaniels, whose Lifebridge Christian Center meets in a Longview hotel, says he took a bank deposit slip and wrote \$1 million on it almost 2 years ago, then kept it and prayed over it. Last week, McDaniels says a business owner asked him how much was needed to pay for the church. The pastor said \$1.4 million. The benefactor then wrote a check for \$1.5 million. The church, which has been under construction, can now open debt-free. McDaniels says he believes that in these economic times, "the Lord wanted to show his power."

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way to have access into His presence and to have fellowship with Him." In it we will see that there is a type/antitype begun by God for His chosen people and fulfilled by Christ at the Cross in the Church age. There is great meaning in the pictures of the Altar of Sacrifice and Water Laver, the furniture of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, the Priests and the High Priest, the blood shed, substitution, and many other details.

We can trace God's plan through the Old Testament system of worship in the tabernacle and temple through the Church Era and into the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21 and 22. A strong relationship between Exodus and Hebrews will be discovered. God has dwelt with His people and will dwell with His people in every age. OPEN BIBLE STUDY is OPEN to all who want to come and OPEN the Bible with us!



COOKIES NEEDED

The annual Christmas party for the Prison Ministry will be this Friday, December 19th. Anyone wishing to donate cookies for the party can bring them to the Church anytime prior to that time.

The Christmas Break for Wednesday Night Activities at NSCC is from December 24th through January 7th.
See you on January 14th!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY

My sisters Kathy and Cheryl and I and our families would like to thank you all for your concern during the illness and death of our mother Freda Huber Nist. Thank you for the many ways you have served and loved us. We are thankful for your prayers and support during these final days of her life here on this earth. It has been both hard and easy to navigate the rough waters. Hard because we would rather steer than hold on and easy because the Lord is at the helm and has carried us and blessed our family in immeasurable ways even now. It has been good to be together with Mom and have our children and their families surround us. We live by faith and not by sight.



BUTLER BIBLE INSTITUTE CURRICULUM

2009 Winter Semester Begins



Butler Bible Institute announces that three courses are on the schedule for the Winter Semester 2009.

Starting on Tuesday January 6 from Noon to 2PM is "Angelology" led by Teacher Bob Ogden and by Instructor's Assistant, Alan Free. It will study the different classifications of angels as well as Spiritual Warfare. The course will run for 7 meetings on Tuesdays to Feb 17th. The cost will be \$25.

Starting Monday January 12 from 12:30PM to 2:30PM will be "Biblical Counseling" led by Teacher and Pastor Jeff Miller. It will study how best to counsel a person Biblically. This course will be offered on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays of Jan. and Feb. Plus the 2nd Monday in March. The cost will be \$35.

Starting Thursday January 8th from 6Pm to 8Pm will be "Biblical Apologetics" This course will run for 7 consecutive Thursdays to Feb. 19th. It will study defending the Truth of the Bible. It will be led by Teacher Bob Ogden. The cost will be \$25.

Each of the 3 above courses earn 1 BBI Semester Unit if completed satisfactorily. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

DECEMBER 14TH—DECEMBER 20TH

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| <u>Sun</u> | 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. | Worship I Sunday School Worship II |
| <u>Mon</u> | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Rehearsal |
| <u>Tues</u> | 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. | Board Meeting Elders Meeting |
| <u>Wed</u> | 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy Open Bible Study (Room 102) |
| <u>Thur</u> | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | BBI |
| <u>Fri</u> | | Butler Prison Christmas Party |