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North Street News

#### Today's Message

A New Way of Living, New Life Within: A Work of Mercy

Pastor Bob

#### Today's Schedule

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

#### **Serving Today**

#### Greeters

Worship I: The Grooms Family

Worship II: Jon & Bonna Ray

#### Nursery

Worship I: Tyler Smith & Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

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Worship II: Nikki Simpson & Joan Cole

Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper Worship I: Deb Croup

Worship II: Kathi Huber

#### Last Week at NSCC

 Worship I:
 100

 Worship II:
 123

 Total
 223

Total Attendance :

#### Offering

 General \$7,049.00

 Designated \$ 715.96

 Total
 \$ 7,764.96

#### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Edith McGrew, Worthington at Adams, 500 Seven Fields Blvd., Apt. A2, Seven Fields, PA 16046.

Speak and act as
those who are going to
be judged by the law
that gives freedom,
because judgment
without mercy will be
shown to anyone who
has not been merciful.
Mercy triumphs over
judgment!
James 2: 12-13

#### **MARCH IS 3:16 MONTH AT NSCC**

3:16—The Numbers of Hope

Call 9-1-1 when you need help! Call 3:16 when you are looking for HOPE! That's right, John 3:16 – For God so LOVED the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son that whoever BELIEVES in Him should not perish but have everlasting LIFE! That sentence softly spoken nearly two thousand years ago is just as relevant today as when it was first uttered. Wow – what a message for a world full hopelessness. We have the best news in the middle of lots of bad news! If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. Let's celebrate it, proclaim it and share it with lots and lots of people as Easter draws near.

## Five-week Sermon Series:

March 2 - The God of HOPE

9 - GOD LOVES

16 - GOD GAVE-Palm Sunday 3/16!

23 - WE BELIEVE - Easter Sunday

30 - WE LIVE

#### Six-week Small Group Studies

March 2 - April 12

Group Study Sign Up will begin Sunday February 17

DVD Messages from Max Lucado/Workbooks will be available

#### Palm Sunday Evangelism

We will be looking for 40 people to remain after worship, enjoy lunch together and head out into the neighborhood to make 316 invitations to come to NSCC for EASTER WORSHIP! Will you join us? In addition to the neighborhood effort we will distribute 316 invitations during worship to be taken and distributed to friends, family, neighbors and anyone to whom the Lord may lead.

#### GET READY FOR A 3:16 INVASION OF OUR CHURCH!

Note: On Easter Sunday, Sunrise Worship will be held at 6:45. Breakfast will be served at 8:00. Worship will be held at 9:30. No Sunday School classes will be held. On March 30, we will have one worship service as is our plan when there are 5 Sundays in a month. Sunday School will be at 9:00 and Worship will be at 10:15.

Senior Citizens

Seniors, don't miss the Annual Healthy Heart

February 14th. It will be held in the Church Dining

**Luncheon** on Valentine's Day this Thursday,

Room. Come join us for soup, salad, dessert, and a

special program. If you would like to attend, please contact Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472 or Mary

Stevenson at 724-283-4812. If you need transportation, be sure to let them know. Also, if you do not receive mailings for senior events and would like to be added to our list, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

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# FAMILY GAME NIGHT THIS FRIDAY

The Y.B.I.C.'s (Young Believers in Christ) and Pioneer club are hosting a FAMILY game night this Friday, February 15th from 6-9 p.m. We will meet at 6 p.m. and share dinner together. The church will be providing hot dogs and drinks. Please bring some type of side for the hot dogs or a snack to share. We will then be playing "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader." Rumor has it that there will be some pretty "special" contestants and a "zany" host! Come and join our fun.

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# PENCIL BOXES FOR MEXICO

Bring Supplies to Church on Sunday, February 17th

Led by Jon and Bonna Ray, a group of missionaries from our church will be leaving on March 23rd to go to Juarez, Mexico to help build a house. Casas por Cristo, one of the missions that we sponsor, was founded to not only take care of this physical need, but to address spiritual needs as well.

The families are very poor and the children there lack many of the items that we take for granted. School supplies are needed by the children. If you are able to help them with this need, you can donate a pencil box containing pencils, crayons, etc. Bring your filled boxes to the church by February 17th and place them in the Church Annex at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support.

### A Heart Check Up

Your heart is a powerful muscle, about the size of your fist. It is responsible for pumping your blood throughout your entire body. Your body contains about 2 gallons of blood that is circulated over and over. The blood moves from your heart, into arteries, capillaries, and veins and returns to the heart. The cycle takes about 60 seconds, during which time the blood carries oxygen and nutrients to all the cells in the body. A healthy heart lends health to the rest of the body. When the heart has problems the whole body is affected.

We use the word heart to mean more than just that muscle that pumps our blood. Interestingly the primary Greek word for heart is KARDIA from where we get words like cardiac or cardiologist. Vines word study says that by an easy transition the word has come to stand for man's entire mental and moral activity, both the rational and the emotional elements. In other words, the heart is used figuratively for the hidden springs of the personal life. The word heart used in this fashion includes the emotions, the reason, the will.

Here are some things I think you should know about your heart:

Our hearts are prone to sinfulness -Genesis 6:5; Matthew 18:15-19

Our hearts are hard to discern -Jeremiah 17:9

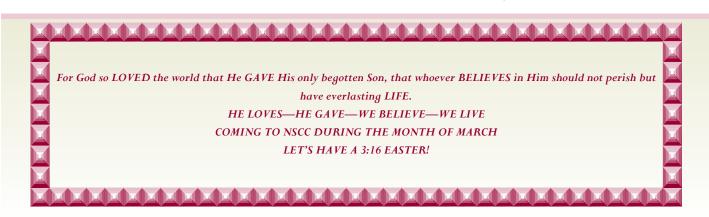
Our hearts can be hard and calloused -Ezekiel 36:26; Ezekiel 3:7

Our hearts function best when they beat for God - Romans 10:9-11; Proverbs 3:5,6; Matthew 22:37; II Timothy 2:22

It's the season of the heart. Invite God to give you a good heart check-up.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

For His Love, da



#### LEGACY YOUTH GO HUNGRY FOR A CAUSE

Are you hungry? Chris is. But Chris is lucky because "he got to eat breakfast this morning. A brown and white mushy breakfast will be the only meal he'll eat today. And in Zambia, where almost half the population - more than 5 million people - is hungry, Chris is blessed to have that mush. But some kids won't get anything to eat - all day. And you won't see them on the TV or hear their stories on the radio. In fact, before this day is over, 29,000 children under age 5 will die because of hunger, disease and poverty. . 15,000 of them will die from hunger alone. Today...tomorrow...and the next day...That's one every six seconds." 1

The good news: Our youth are choosing to do something about the worldwide hunger epidemic. Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th they will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, filling their weekend with worship, devotion, prayer, and service...but not food. By getting sponsors for the 30 hours they will spend without food, they will raise money so that kids like Chris can

There are numerous ways you can help the youth in the fight against hunger. Perhaps you feel led to get sponsors yourself and join us here at the church for the 30 hour fast and activities. Or maybe you would rather fast at home, be a prayer partner with us, or be a sponsor to someone participating. Any manner in which you choose to participate can have a huge impact. Ponder these facts: \$1 feeds one child for a day - the price of downloading one song for your MP3 player. The \$30 you spend going out to eat can feed a child for an entire month. The \$180 an average person spends on soda every year can feed a child for six months. And that \$360 you want to spend to get the latest, greatest gaming system could feed a child for an entire year instead.2 What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of others?

You'll hear more about the famine in the coming weeks. For now, please prayerfully consider your role in this event. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for anyone interested in participating in any way. Simply sign your name and check how you'd like to help. If you have any questions, please contact Lacey Eckert at 724-445-3985 or at mattandlacey@peoplepc.com. You can also find out more at World Vision's website: www.30hourfamine.org.

Calendar Feb 10th — Feb 16th 8:15 a.m. Worship I Sun Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship II 7:40 p.m. Boys Basketball Sr. #2 Mon 10:00-12 Noon <u>Tues</u> Boys Basketball Sr. #1 8:40 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wed Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi./Youth/ Adult Bible Study <u>Thur</u> 12:00 Noon Healthy Heart Luncheon 6:00-9:00 p.m. Family Game Night <u>Sat</u> 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner

Be seen. Be heard. Be HUNGRY! Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Matthew 5:6

1. Quotation taken from World Vision's 30 Hour Famine bulletin inserts, found at: http://www.30hourfamine.org/resource/2008\_30HF\_Bulletin\_Ins.

<sup>2.</sup> Information taken from the 2008 30 Hour Famine Leader's Guide. resource/2008\_30HF\_Bulletin\_Ins.doc Information taken from the 2008 30 Hour Famine Leader's Guide.

Thanks so very much to all of the prayers, cards, well

wishes and visits by Pastor Bob at the Hospital. I am home now recovering from the back operation. May God Bless All of You. In Christian Love.

Douglas W. Corvin, Jr.