

Sunday February 17, 2008

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North Street News

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Today's Message

"Satisfied, Popular, and
Condemned "
Pastor Jeff

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: Sue Blumling &
Lydia Klutinoty
Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok
Worship II: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Deb Croup
Worship II: Kathi Huber

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 103
Worship II: 114
Total Attendance : 217

Offering

General - \$3,922.00
Designated - \$1,597.00
Total \$5,519.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Opal Everton, 152 Royal Oak Dr., Apt. 206, McKeesport, PA 15131.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.
Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.
Luke 6: 24-26

SECOND QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 2

Pick the class that suits you best.

HAVING A MARY SPIRIT- ALLOWING GOD TO CHANGE US FROM THE INSIDE OUT - Taught by Sam Tait and Sherry O'Donnell in Room 103, this is a continuation of last quarter's study.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEATH, BURIAL and RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST. Join Pastor Bob in the Dining Room (Room 105) for an in depth study of the theological significance of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What if Jesus was not really God - would His death have had anything to do with the FORGIVENESS of our sins? If He was God, but did not really die - then did He really resurrect? What difference would it make to us if He really died but didn't really resurrect? The Gospel, by definition means, GOOD NEWS - come and learn what is so GOOD about the truths of the life of Jesus Christ. "Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures . . .".

ANSWERS ACADEMY - The purpose of the bold new Answers Academy apologetics curriculum is to equip students to answer the questions the world is asking about the authority and accuracy of the Bible. During the quarter, students will discover why it is vital to provide answers to skeptics and how to give those answers with a solid understanding of what the Bible says about biology, geology, and astronomy. Students will learn that, contrary to popular belief, operational science runs counter to the idea of evolution and "millions of years." Taught by Terry Hartman in Room 102, this class is for Junior High grades 7 and 8.

SENIOR HIGH - Curriculum to be announced. Classes will be held at the Legacy House.

ECCLESIASTES - The greatest apologetic ever written is found in the Bible itself! Join Solomon in exploring what gives life meaning and what absolutely will NOT - those things we pursue that are nothing more than "chasing after the wind." Pastor Jeff leads this study through Ecclesiastes in the Library.

3:16 SMALL GROUP STUDIES

March 2nd-April 12th

The 3:16 Small Group Bible Study will coincide with the five-week Sermon Series. The messages begin on March 2nd with "The God of HOPE", then on March 9th: "GOD LOVES", March 16th: "GOD GAVE-Palm Sunday 3/16!", March 23rd: "WE BELIEVE - Easter Sunday", and ends on March 30th with "WE LIVE".

The small groups will be using Max Lucado's DVD messages and will have a workbook available. We would like to have studies every day except Wednesday. So far, studies are scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmett's with Doug Emmett leading and Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Hartman's with Terry Hartman leading. Any one who would like to lead or host should contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700. If you can lead and not host, or host and not lead, let us know so we can match a leader with a host.

"We Love Because He First Loved Us." 1 John 4:19

The Shepherd of My Heart Preschoolers are showing His love and kindness to others this February! The children cheerfully made fancy Valentine cards for the folks that will be attending the Heart Healthy Luncheon on Thursday. Creativity was abounding as the students created their own personalized card(s) from a variety of craft materials. Even though the children didn't know who would be receiving their card, it was exciting to see their enthusiasm and interest. We are certain the people receiving the cards will know they were made with love.



The Annual Healthy Heart Luncheon for Senior Citizens has been rescheduled. Please join us Thursday, February 21st at noon for soup, salad, dessert, and a program. If you would like to attend, please call Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472 or Mary Stevenson at 724-283-4812. If you need transportation, please let them know.



WE MADE IT!

ACCORDING TO HIS STEPS

As I write, I am sitting in an upstairs bedroom at the home of Barnabas and Martha Saengsirikhun. It is Thursday evening February 14 at 6:30 p.m. (it is 6:30 a.m. where you live and my body is still on that time zone to some extent) approximately 6 hours after our arrival in Chiang Mai, Thailand. WE, that is Dale Riemer, Bry Freeman and myself, MADE IT in record time - nearly 28 straight hours of travel since departing Pittsburgh on Tuesday evening February 12. We missed February 13 so to speak as we crossed the International Dateline.

Now it wasn't as simple as it sounds! Our original flight was on Delta at 6:00 p.m. We were to go to JFK in New York City and onto Anchorage, Alaska to Taipei, Taiwan and then here to Chiang Mai, Thailand. We arrived in Pitt in plenty of time to catch our flight. By 4:15 p.m. or so, we were checked and headed through security to the air-side terminal to check-in and wait to board the flight to NYC. Upon going up the escalator we checked the Departures Board - ON TIME had changed to CANCELLED in the 5 minutes it took to get from the land-side to the air-side terminal. We called our families to say "wait until further notice before returning home - we might going with you!" The Delta desk folks were very kind and apologetic. We first thought - "ok, go home and come back tomorrow - we'll be a day later than expected."

Upon telephoning China Air we learned that if we missed the China Air Flight from NYC that we could not get a flight to Taipei and on to Chiang Mai until SUNDAY! That was a new scenario we had not expected.

We called our travel agent in Chicago. (I had just said that maybe we should have dealt locally so we could actually see a person when making arrangements for such a trip etc -but quickly realized that Chris (who is from Thailand and lives in Chicago) knew

his stuff and was readily available - as any travel agent in Butler would have been closed by this time!) Chris called me back and said that if we could get Delta to transfer us to Northwest (my wife Kathi was working hard on the telephone with China Air and Delta to see what could be done and she was told that under weather related circumstances that Delta would NOT transfer us to another airline - so don't ask!) that we could depart PITT by 7, go to Minneapolis and then on to Seattle to catch a different China Air flight by midnight! (remember that the west coast is 3 hours behind our time) If we could do that, we would make it to Taipei in time to catch our flight to Chiang Mai arriving just as had been planned. We asked and Delta very agreeably understood our need and did what they do not do, we were now booked on NW and good to go at 7:00 p.m. The flight from PITT was delayed and did not depart until 8:00 p.m. We had 20 minutes from touch down in Minneapolis to get to the next gate for Seattle. Upon walking into the airport, we learned that the flight to Seattle was delayed but that the gate was next to the gate where we had arrived! We departed Minneapolis about 30 minutes late and arrived in Seattle with about 25 minutes to catch our International Flight. Sure enough, the departure gate was in the same terminal as our arrival and within 5 minutes, we were checking in and soon thereafter boarding the 13-hour flight to Taipei where we would wait about two hours for the final leg here to Chiang Mai. Somehow WE MADE IT! (After arriving here in Chiang Mai we learned that our luggage made it all the way to Seattle with us but it did not make it onto the China Air Flight - it will arrive two days from now -

hopefully!)

Some lessons learned (again):

There is only one good way to understand it all - In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps (Proverbs 16:9) was greatly illustrated through this earthly itinerary. My life has been like that - it seems that I make the plans, but God gets me where I need to be according to His timing and direction. (Isaiah 55:8,9) His plan is always more adventurous too!

Never say "never." We were told several times "that can't be done" but it was done!

(The Legacy house remodeling crew had reminded me of that several times lately and was my impetus to keep trying - thanks guys!)

Keep your cool and smile. In the middle of lots of stress, several ladies and men were most helpful when they could have just as easily said, "SORRY BUT . . ." Encouraging words, positive attitudes and thank yous helped for sure.

Carry your toothbrush and medicine in your carry-on luggage! And a clean shirt helps too!

Those are just a few out of many lessons learned.

Dale and Bry are doing great and are super travelers. We will have some dinner soon and then get some rest (how can we be so tired - we just sat for a day and a quarter?) Tomorrow's plans are to visit the Children's Ministry in Chiang Dao and prepare for the Bible Conference which begins Sunday evening. Barnabas and Martha and family send their love! Thanks for your ongoing prayer and support. Pb

EASTER FLOWERS

Place your orders ASAP!

If you would like to order Easter flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones, please fill out the attached insert.

Also, if you want to make flower donations for a special day in 2008 in memory or in honor of someone, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700. Dates will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Billing is directly by the florist after the flowers are delivered. Our thanks to all to donate.

NSCC LEADERS—PLEASE NOTE: THE FAMILY PIZZA AND SALAD SUPPER FOLLOWED BY THE LEADERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 9TH. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Calendar Feb 17th — Feb 23rd

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
<u>Tues</u>	10:00-12 Noon 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	BBI Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	12:00 noon 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi./Youth/ Adult Bible Study
<u>Thur</u>	12:00 noon 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Healthy Heart Luncheon BBI

THANK YOU to the 1st and 2nd grade children who sent the thoughtful "Thinking of You" card that they made.
Sincerely,
Sara O'Donnell

WHAT: Congregational Care & Fellowship
2008 Planning Meeting

WHEN: MONDAY, February 25th at 7 p.m.

WHERE: NSCC Room 102

WHO: It is important that everyone involved in this ministry from meal makers to dinner planners, and home visitation veterans attend. We need many people to make this ministry manageable, prosperous, and goal achieving. Won't you join us and be a part of what God is doing through this ministry at NSCC.