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# **North Street News**

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#### Today's Message

"Satisfied, Popular, & Condemned—Part 2"

Pastor Jeff

#### **Today's Schedule**

8:15 Worship I9:30 Sunday School10:45 Worship II

#### **Serving Today**

#### Greeters

Worship I: The Grooms Family Worship II: Jon & Bonna Ray

#### Nursery

Worship I: Karen Munko & Beth Rhodaberger

Sunday School: Katie Kremer & Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Kathy Twerdok & Shannyne Bergbigler

The Lord's Supper Worship I: Deb Croup

Worship II: Kathi Huber

#### Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 84
Worship II: 105
Total Attendance: 189

#### Offering

 General \$4,695.00

 Designated \$1,739.00

 Total
 \$6,434.00

#### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Lillian Shaffer, Brownsdale Manor, 119 Brownsdale Rd., Butler, PA 16001

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets. Luke 6:26

### A JOURNEY OF HOPE THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH It's a 3:16 month!



"It's a twenty-six-word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. Brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather two thousand years of storms and questions. If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. Embark on a journey of hope and encouragement with Max Lucado as he unpacks the powerful message of John 3:16." oneplace.com.

Join the journey at NSCC with the new quarter of Sunday School classes, a five-week sermon series that highlights the message of 3:16, Hope, Love, Giving, Believing, and Living, and a six-week small group study. The study will be from March 2nd—April 12th based on the 3:16 DVD messages by Max Lucado. You can sign up for one of the studies by filling out the attached insert and placing it in the offering.

There will be a Leadership Family Pizza and Salad Dinner on Sunday, March 9th at 5:00 followed by a strategy meeting. This is an opportunity for our newly named leaders and their families to fellowship and to get acquainted with all the ministry departments and consider where they would like to serve. Nursery and childcare will be provided.

On Palm Sunday we would like to have about 40 people to remain after worship, enjoy lunch together and then evangelize the neighborhood by inviting 316 people to come to NSCC on Easter. Tracts will be available to help with the evangelism effort. In addition, 316 invitations will be distributed during worship to be given to friends, neighbors, and to whom the Lord may lead.

Then on Easter Sunday, we hope to have the church filled with everyone who received an invitation as well as those who gave them. There will be a sunrise service at 6:45 followed by breakfast at 8:00, and worship at 9:30. No Sunday school classes will be held.

Since March 30 is the fifth Sunday, we will follow the plan for months with five Sundays. There will be one service that day. Sunday School will be at 9:00 and Worship will be at 10:15.



## **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 - Discipleship continues using selected DVD studies of well known pastors. Classes will be held at the Legacy House.

ECCLESIATES - 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

#### **Different But the Same**

It is about 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning February 19, 2008. The roosters are crowing. Another day in Thailand is awakening. An unusual but cooling, cleansing rain came last evening. We will be able to see clearly in the distance today.

We travelers are faring well. Our pattern seems to be: eat, go to Church, eat, rest, go to Church, eat, sleep. (The food is cheap, interesting and different but delicious most of the time.) There are daily diversions – things like buying some tires at a Goodyear store, checking out a local handmade paper umbrella manufacturer or the Night Bazaar, going to the Post Office, a little shopping each day and my favorite – people watching. Four on one motorbike never ceases to amaze me!

We have been to Chiang Dao to visit the Children's Ministry and to attend the opening of new missions school sponsored by Dr. Ted Hope and OMF International.

We have been participating in the Bible Conference each day this week.

Today after lunch, all present will attend the funeral of the mother of one of the Thai families of the Church here in Chiang Mai. Next week we will head to the north spending time with our Christian brothers and sisters in several of the Hill Tribe Village Churches.

People, leadership issues, Church decisions, family matters, kids and culture, struggling against sin, victory in Jesus, enthusiasm for God's ways – all things positive and negative seem to be the same worldwide.

I know more than ever that just as we inhale and exhale that we also need to breathe in and breathe out the love, grace and mercy of God. His ways are ever before us and are most wonderful.

Some recent life lessons for me have been: As we teach, we learn. As we give, we receive. The farther we travel from home, the smaller the world becomes. People may look different on the outside but are the same inside. As we hold a

magnifying glass toward the lives of others, the mirror before us becomes more clear and sometimes uncomfortably so. The greatest lesson - For certain, people need the Lord! He is our deliverer, our counselor, our teacher, our vision, our rock, our glory and our hope.

Thank you for your love and generosity my brothers and sisters.

With Thanksgiving and For His Grace,

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Psalms 16:7-9

I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel:

My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will rest in hope.

#### **PHOTOS E-MAILED BY PASTOR BOB**













#### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENT**

The Senior High Youth will be Snow Tubing at Wildwood Highland this Friday evening, February 29th, from 8:00 -10:00 p.m. Cost for the evening is \$12.50/ person provided we get 15 or more people to sign up, otherwise it will be \$14.50/ person. For more information or to sign up, contact Fi Saeler at 724-283-7535 by Tuesday, February 26th.

Calendar Feb 24th — March 1st		
<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Congregational Care & Fellowship Planning Meeting Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
<u>Tues</u>	10:00 - 12 Noon	BBI
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m.	Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi./Youth/ Adult Bible Study
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	BBI
<u>Fri</u>	8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Sr. Hi. Snow Tubing at Wildwood Highlands

#### **JUNE MEXICO MISSSION TRIP MEETING**

This Monday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for all those who have signed up to build a house in Mexico in June with Casas por Cristo. If you want to know more about this mission or how you can be involved with our trip, we encourage you to attend. There is still plenty of time to join our group. All are welcome! See your there...Andy

WHAT: Congregational Care & Fellowship

2008 Planning Meeting

WHEN: THIS 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.