

Sunday February 3, 2008

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Pastor Jeff Miller

# North Street News

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## Today's Message

A New Way of Living, New Life  
Within: A New Appetite for God

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: Kathy Twerdok &  
Walker Hartman

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Kathy Twerdok &  
Lisa Saegsirikhun

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Deb Croup

Worship II: Kathi Huber

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 92  
Worship II: 139  
231

Total Attendance :

## Offering

General - \$5,072.00  
Designated - \$7,435.19  
Total \$12,507.19

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement  
to Verna Weisenstein, 780  
Mercer Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

*The Spirit gives life; the  
flesh counts for nothing.  
The words I have  
spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.*

John 6:63

## COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH CELEBRATES ONE YEAR OF MINISTRY 1,260 Meals Served in 2007

The Community Meal Ministry will be celebrating its 1st Anniversary in just a few weeks. Our first meal was served on Saturday, February 17, 2007. We continued serving one meal a month through April and went to two meals monthly during the month of May. That's 21 meals, served to approximately 1,260 people. We cooked everything from pizza and salad to turkey and stuffing with all the fixin's, from stone soup to hot-dogs and corn on the cob. Our guests ate in the church dining room and out in the yard under the tent. We gave them gloves, coats, scarves, shampoo, toothpaste, groceries, cookies, candy, a hot meal, and a smile from every person they met here. No two meals were alike but every Saturday became an opportunity to share God's love and God's Word.

As we begin this new year, we want to thank

everyone who has donated their time and resources to make this ministry a success. God has truly blessed your efforts and we are looking forward to a new year and new opportunities to share God's love and abundance with our community. If you come and work with us on a regular basis—thank you! If you haven't yet been able to join us, make it a priority this year—you won't be sorry.

Just before dinner each Saturday, we come together and pray for those who will be served, and then we have a great time working for the Lord. So...come find a job, or find a friend. Either way, YOU will be the one blessed by the experience.

*The Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, ... Ephesians 6:8a*

Joyfully serving,  
Jim, Dale, Cissy & the CM Staff

## 2008 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD

*Budget Approved/Additional Leaders Confirmed*

Following Worship II on Sunday January 27, Bob Seaver, Church Administrator and Board Chairman led the Annual Congregational Meeting. Primary agenda items included the presentation and approval of the 2008 Budget and the approval of additional Church leaders. A report concerning the improvements to our facilities was also given.

The 2008 Budget totals just over \$373,000.00. The financial report for 2007 showed an income of \$365,575.96 and a surplus in giving over expenses of \$11,962.24. Giving at NSCC has increased each year. We anticipate another year of God's faithful provision through His people. In addition to all Church expenses being met in 2007, \$138,088.58 was distributed to local, domestic and foreign missions! The Missions Department gladly serves as a channel of blessing for the advancement of the Gospel throughout the world.

Nineteen new leaders were approved at the meeting. Joining Carl Divers and Daryl Tait as Trustee is Roger Salvatora. Sherry Singer will again serve as our Librarian. New Deaconesses are: Joan Cole, Deb Croup, Megan Duffield, Joanne Duncan, Lacy Eckert, Michelle Grooms, Kathi Huber, and Dale Riemer. New Deacons are: Dan Casey, William Croup, Curt Duffield, Matt Eckert, Dave Grooms, Ken Kalberer, Jim Riemer, and Carlis White.

An Officiary of all Church Leaders for 2008 is attached to today's newsheet. Copies of the Annual Report, which includes ministry department reports, the 2007 Financial Report and the 2008 Budget are available. Please call the Church Office to obtain a copy.

## MINISTRY STRATEGY MEETING FOR ALL LEADERS

*Sunday February 10—Pizza and Salad Supper at 5:00*

Before departing (February 12) for a preaching/teaching and encouragement trip to the Trinity Gospel Church Association and Hill Tribe Churches in northern Thailand, Pastor Bob would like to meet with all of the leaders of NSCC. On Sunday February 10 at 5:00, a pizza and salad supper will be enjoyed followed by the ministry strategy meeting. Leaders are invited to bring their family

for the meal. Activities will be provided for children while the meeting is held. All Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees and Congregational Officers are highly encouraged to make this a priority. Those not able to attend should contact Pastor Bob or the Church Office. This is the first of quarterly meetings for all leaders in 2008.

Senior  
Citizens

The Annual Healthy Heart Luncheon is on  
14th. It will be held in the Church Dining Room.  
program. If you would like to attend, please contact Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472 or Mary Stevenson at

Valentine's Day this year, Thursday, February  
Come join us for soup, salad, dessert, and a special  
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.

PICK UP YOUR PRAYER LIST IN THE NARTHEX

**A WORD FROM PASTOR BOB**

**AMAZED!** That is the word that describes best my reaction to the ins-and-outs and the ups-and-downs of the spiritual journey of North Street Christian Church. This past year, has been another adventurous year of walking with our Lord and it has produced some wonderful stories of our journey with Him.

**A Ministry Plan/People/Prayer/Facilities/Funds** – these are the four influencing factors of our ongoing ministry here at North Street Church. Our **MINISTRY PLAN** of course comes from God through His Word. The Great Commission tells us to GO, to MAKE DISCIPLES, to BAPTIZE them and to TEACH THEM TO OBEY His every command. The marching orders of the Church have not changed. It is the consistent **PRAYER** covering and under-girding that enables any area of ministry success. As we go forth, we need your prayer support.

The Ministry Plan is fulfilled through **PEOPLE** – people who worship and pray and give and go - people who lead and people who follow - people who cry and care and laugh and encourage and admonish and teach and preach - people who lead peo-

ple to the cross of Christ - people who quietly serve with no title or notice. He created all of us to be used as one body for His glory. Praise God for people who are motivated by His love and Spirit.

It is fulfilled through people and **FACILITIES**. In a Church like ours, the building is a primary tool to fulfill the plan. Ours is old and some of it is old and tired. BUT the production it enables makes it worth some further investment. A new roof over the Christian Education Annex is underway, the house at 209 Bluff Street has been purchased, the former parsonage at 232 West North is being converted into a ministry house – Legacy. Plans to remodel the interior of the Christian Ed Annex are next on the list along with a Master Site Plan for future expansion of our facilities.

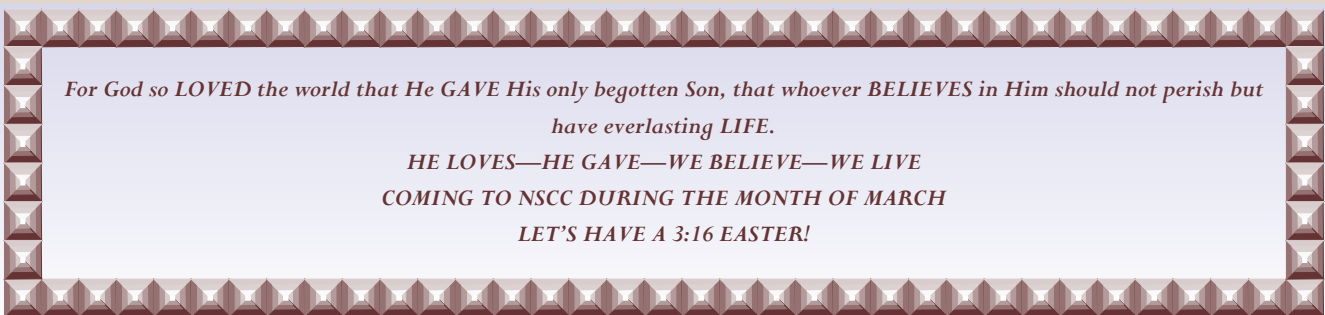
The plan is fulfilled through people and facilities and **FUNDS**. The giving at NSCC is up and showing greater potential as each year passes. In 2007, the income surpassed the budget by \$11,000.00. The missions department

had nearly \$12,000.00 at year-end to distribute in addition to the monthly support that was given. A total of nearly \$140,000 was given through the Missions Department in 2007! Of course expenses are up too. Let each one of us lay by in store as God has prospered and when we do – amazing things will continue to happen. Let us be diligent, living by faith, trusting Him for each tomorrow. Expect a Building Campaign soon. We are committed to remain debt free and will build in phases as the funds come in.

I have no big congregational predictions for 2008. On a personal level – I plan to play a lot more offense this year and desire to speak life into others plans for ministry. It is fun watching the Lord’s will unfold. Proverbs 16:9 says, *“In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.”* Let it be!

Loving His Grace,  
Pastor Bob

*The tongue has the power of life and death . . .*



**HEALTH TIPS FOR GLUTEN SENSITIVE ILLNESS Meeting at NSCC**

A meeting that is open to the public will be held at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday at NSCC. The focus of the meeting will be to learn more about gluten free diets. A gluten free diet has been shown to help a number of illnesses. Call Jeff and Erin Miller at 724-283-118 or e-mailing them at jefferinowencade@embarqmail.com.

*Thank you!!  
Lillian Shaffer expresses her thanks to NSCC for the fruit basket she received for Christmas.*

**Calendar Feb 3rd – Feb 9th**

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
<u>Mon</u>	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Preschool Meeting Praise Team Practice Girls Basketball Game
<u>Tues</u>	10:00-12 Noon 6:50 p.m.	BBI Boys Basketball Game Jr. Div.
<u>Wed</u>	12 Noon 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi.\ Youth/ Adult Bible Study Elders Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BBI Girls Basketball Game Gluten Free Diet Meeting
<u>Sat</u>	5:00 p.m.	Community Dinner
<u>Sun</u>	5:00 p.m.	Ministry Strategy Meeting/ Leadership Supper

**JOIN A MISSIONS PRAYER TEAM**

Six prayer leaders have been recruited to organize a prayer team for each of our six primary missions. Prayer team members will receive weekly news from their team leader and/or missionary. Four Prayer Gatherings for Missions will be held this year where all of the teams come together for a concert of prayer. Join a team today!

Missions and Team Leaders are:  
Mission: Casas por Cristo/The DeWitts  
Team Leader: Jon and Bonna Ray  
Telephone: 724-283-0797

Teen Missions/The Houtens  
Dawna Rhodaberger and Shannon Hartman  
Telephone: 724-283-4391 or 724-794-1266

Trinity Gospel Church Association/The Saengsirikhuns  
Bryanna and Charles Freeman  
Telephone: 724-234-3881

New Directions Farm/The Walls  
Jim and Dale Riemer  
Telephone: 724-282-0647

OCI/The Mitchells  
Lisa Emmett  
Telephone: 724-586-2042

Pressing on/The Smiths  
Call the Church Office: 724-282-7700