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North Street News

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Today's Message

"From Old, Dead, & Smelly to
New, Fresh, & Clean"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I: Janet & Doug
Rodgers

Worship II: Hayward Smith &
Rondi Morder

Nursery

Worship I: Sharon & Nick
Bartley

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Nikki Simpson &
Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I:
Terri & Lydia Klutinity

Worship II:
Michelle Convery

Last Week at NSCC

Worship Attendance: 212

Offering

General - \$4,481.00
Designated - \$ 885.50
Total \$5,366.50

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Cheryll Martin, 627 Herman Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

LADDERS AND SCAFFOLDING AND BRICKS AND LUMBER ETC.

Improvements and Additions to Our Facilities

A new roof is being built over the yellow brick Education Annex. The present roof will be replaced with a gabled roof. The masonry is being repaired and reworked to fit the new design. An electrical pole at the northeast corner or the building will soon be relocated. The roof trusses will then be craned to the top of the building and the roof can then be completed. This improvement will be paid from funds the Church has saved through the years.

A sales agreement on 209 Bluff Street (green house on northwest corner of the parking lot) has been signed. The house will eventually be razed for more parking. Funds for the purchase of the house will come from the endowment from the T.W. Phillips estate, designated for such purchase.

Legacy (232 West North Street) is nearing completion. It's time to paint, install flooring and furnish. The house is used weekly for

Teen Sunday School and Youth Meetings. The new and improved edition will make the house a most beneficial tool for ministry. Predictions are that it will be used more often and for other groups in the Church in addition to our teens. To date, funds have come from the Buildings and Grounds and Christian Education Departments. Volunteer labor has been provided through the leadership of Bill Houk and Gary Saeler. Thursday evening and Saturday morning work times have resumed. An Open House is being planned upon its completion.

The next step will be to complete a Master Design that will include the remodeling of the interior of the Education Annex and other related areas. A Capital Campaign will begin as soon as the plan is ready to present to the congregation.

FOUR FROM NSCC OFF TO THAILAND FOR A MISSIONS ADVENTURE!

Dale Riemer, Charles and Bry Freeman and Pastor Bob Huber



Sawasdee! If Ronald McDonald could speak he would be saying, SAWASDEE as he demonstrates the WAI in a Bangkok McDonalds. The wai is the Thai greeting which consists of a slight bow, with the palms pressed together. The higher the hands are held in relation to the face and the lower the bow, the more respect the giver of the wai is showing. The wai is also the common way to thank someone or to extend an apology in Thailand. The word most often spoken with the wai is the greeting or farewell of SAWASDEE! Translated it simply means "well being."

On Tuesday evening, February 12, Dale, Bry, Charles and PB will depart Pittsburgh on a Comair aircraft to JFK in New York City. There they will board a China Air Jet headed to Taipei, Taiwan after a brief stop in Anchorage, Alaska. From Taipei, the four will land in Chiang Mai, Thailand on Thursday February 14 at 11:45 a.m.. (Time Zone is 12 hours ahead of ours.) For the next 2 ½ weeks the group will participate in a

Bible Conference for Hill Tribe and Thai Evangelists, work at the Children's Ministry in Chiang Dao and visit as many Hill Tribe Churches and Evangelists families of the Trinity Gospel Church Association as possible.

Very good condition used clothing items and two communion sets will be taken from the US as gifts for our fellow Christians and Churches. More needs will be known soon. Monetary gifts to help with expenses while there, the Bible conference, gifts for the children and evangelists and other needs are being received. Donations to NSCC designated for the Trinity Gospel Church Association of Thailand Missions can be placed in the regular Sunday morning offering or mailed to the Church Office at 226 West North Street, Butler, Pa. 16001. It's probably not too late to come along - contact PB ASAP if the you just said - "I oughta be going with them!"

Goal is 100% participation of congregation

You can PRAY! GIVE! SEND! GO!

They all work together to get the job done!

(Next week's News Sheet will feature upcoming trips to Mexico with Casas por Cristo!)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MARCH MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Meeting Tomorrow Night at 7:30

The next mission trip, led by Jon Ray, will be in March. A group will be going to Mexico to help build houses sponsored by Casa por Cristo. If you are interested in joining the group, there is still room. To learn more about the trip, please attend the Mexico Mission Trip Meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Church.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH

THE REFINER'S FIRE

Some time ago, a few ladies met together to read and study the Scriptures. While reading the third chapter of Malachi they came upon a remarkable expression in the third verse.

"And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

One lady's opinion was that it was intended to convey the view of the sanctifying influence of the grace of Christ. She then proposed to visit a silversmith and report to them what he said on the subject. She went accordingly and without telling the object of her errand, begged to know the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her. He explained that for the silver to become pure it had to be heated to a high temperature so that the impurities could be removed. When the heat cooled, the silver then would be pure.

"But Sir," she said, "do you actually sit while the work of refining is going on?" "Oh, yes madam, " replied the silversmith, "I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time necessary for refining be exceeded in the slightest degree, the silver will be injured."

The lady at once saw the beauty, and comfort too, of the expression, "He shall

sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

As the lady was leaving the shop, the silversmith called her back, and said he had still further to mention, that he only knows when the process of purifying was complete, by seeing his own image reflected in the silver!

John Piper said, "A refiner's fire does not destroy indiscriminately like a forest fire. A refiner's fire does not consume completely like the fire of an incinerator. A refiner's fire refines. It purifies. It melts down the bar of silver or gold, separates out the impurities that ruin its value, burns them up, and leaves the silver and gold intact. He is like a refiner's fire. He must be a like a refiner because we need to be refined."

In our lives, God Himself is like the Refiner, we are like the silver to be purified and the heat is the process of being put to the test. He causes the impurities of our lives to be removed.

Here are two verses to remind us of how it works:

1 Peter 1:6-7

"Now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious

than gold, which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

James 1: 2-4

"Count it all joy, my brethren when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. "

The goal of THE REFINER is to ultimately see His reflection in the life of each tested believer. When He sees His own image in His own people, the work of purification will be accomplished. Is His image clearly visible in you?

*For the Refining,
Pb*

The song Refiner's Fire says, "Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for You, My Master. Ready to do your will. Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.

THANK YOU!!!

We want to thank everyone for their generosity & for remembering us this holiday season. We have seen the worst of humanity but with the kindness & compassion of friends & strangers, we have also seen the best of humanity. We wish everyone a very good New Year.

*Thank you again,
Chuck & Linda Fend*

*Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy. It was deeply appreciated and is gratefully acknowledged.
Peter, Dennis & Lynne Ann Kovach*

*We would like to thank everyone who prepared and delivered the delicious meals, as well as everyone who raked leaves and decorated our porch for Christmas. We are grateful!
In Christian Love,
Chervyl and Donley Martin*

Excerpt from Letter from Kathie Beard, Opal Everton's daughter:
Mom moved to White Oak, PA in Feb. 2007 to be closer, just 5 minutes away. She lives in a secure apartment complex where there are lots of seniors. She had two cataract surgeries and is undergoing treatment for macular edema. She likes her doctors and PCP. Earlier this year she fell and fractured her hip & had surgery to insert pins. She has to use a walker and does better with it. She had pneumonia this summer, but is much better now. She has gone through a lot of changes and misses her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, friends and neighbors and Butler, but is slowly feeling at home. Please write or call her if you have a chance. She would love to hear from you. Her address and phone number is: Opal Everton 152 Royal Oak Dr. Apt. 206 White Oak, PA 15131-2011 412-751-4783

Calendar Jan. 6th — Jan. 12th **COMMUNITY MEAL NEWS**

<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. 7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice Mexico Missions Trip Meeting
<u>Tues</u>	10:00 a.m.— Noon 7:00 p.m.	BBI Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 8:40 p.m.	Staff Meeting Youth Meeting at Legacy Boys Basketball Game Jr. Div. Boys Basketball Game Sr. Div. #1
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:40 p.m.	BBI Girls Basketball Game Boys Basketball Game Sr. #2
<u>Sat</u>	5:00 p.m.	Community Meal Outreach

Thank you to everyone who contributed gloves, scarves, and winter coats! Your response to our plea was overwhelming! Through your generosity many people were blessed with warm clothing this winter. In fact, we had so many coats donated the extra ones were given to a local food bank. God is so good.

As you are marking your calendars for 2008, please remember to denote each 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month as Community Meal night at NSCC. Plan on coming and helping us. Our prep time begins at 3 pm while our serving and clean-up help starts at 4:30. Our next dinners will be held January 12th and 19th. Come and bring your smile as we welcome others into our church home. You will be blessed. Thanks everyone.

Kim Wick

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Meeting will be held this Wednesday beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Legacy.

Worship-Study-Fellowship-Grow