

Sunday July 13, 2008

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# North Street News

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## Today's Message

THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS  
*Putting Your Faith to Work*  
"The Fruit of Righteousness"

Pastor Bob

## Today's Schedule

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

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship I: The Saelers

Worship II: The Rathes

### Nursery

Worship I: Kathy Twerdok &  
Stacy Milliron

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Kelly & Emily  
Huffman

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: Marlene & Don  
Winters

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 80  
Worship II 116  
Total Attendance 196

## Offering

General - \$ 6,667.41  
Designated - \$ 1,300.00  
Total - \$ 7,967.41

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement  
to Doug & Marian Corvin, 544  
Brownsdale Rd., Renfrew, PA.  
16053.

*Then the churches  
throughout all Judea,  
Galilee, and Samaria  
had peace and were  
edified. And walking in  
the fear of the Lord and  
in the comfort of the  
Holy Spirit, they were  
multiplied.  
Acts 9:31*

## BIG CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 20TH—AT ALAMEDA PARK

The All Church Picnic will be held next Sunday, July 20th, at Alameda Park—Masonic Shelter near the Swimming Pool. Here's the Schedule: 8:15 Worship at NSCC, 9:30 Sunday School at NSCC, 11:30 Worship at Alameda, 1:00 a Picnic. Swimming, softball, and volleyball are some of the activities. Hot dogs, homemade kielbasa and hot sausage sandwiches will be provided. Bring salads, casseroles, chips, desserts, or pasta. Each family is asked to bring their own table service and drink. Water and coffee will be available. Swimming, softball, and volleyball are some of the activities. "About A Mile" will lead worship at the 11:30 worship.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAYCAMP

August 11th-15th at YMCA/Armco Park



This year's VBS/DayCamp will be held August 11th-15th from 9:00—3:30 each day. A bus will leave the church daily at 9:30 to go to Armco Park at Slippery Rock for an Amazon Expedition.

As we explore the "Seven C's of History" we will be teaching them that the Bible is the true history book of the universe. From dinosaurs to Noah's Flood, and so much more, kids and leaders alike will enjoy their best Vacation Bible School ever! Gather your gear, lace up your hiking boots, and join us on a journey through the amazing Amazon rainforest as we explore the 7 C's of history: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion,

Christ, Cross, and Consummation. You've never been to a VBS like this before! Everything is free transportation, lunch, recreation, and Bible lessons.

A 3rd-4th grade teacher is still needed and a recreation leader. Other volunteer help can also be used. If you are interested, please see Pastor Jeff.

If you would like to help with arts and crafts, please start saving large peanut butter jars, mayonnaise jars, and empty 16 oz. water bottles. There is also a wish list of odds and ends that will be needed. For a wish list, call Marilyn Crowley at 774-402-4266 or e-mail her at tainaia77@gmail.com.

To register your kids, contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700 or e-mail him at jeff@bloodbot.com.

## LEGACY YOUTH MINISTRY VISITS CREATION MUSEUM AND KINGS ISLAND

On Thursday, by telephone, Pastor Bob interviewed Gary Saeler after visiting the Creation Museum in Hebron Kentucky on Wednesday July 9. (Gary accompanied a group of 19 youth and adults from Legacy Youth Ministry to the Creation Museum and Kings Island Amusement Park July 9-11.) Gary said, "both the theory of evolution and creation were represented at the museum and that the trip was quite inspirational." He stated that there is more at the museum than a visitor can absorb in one day. The group enjoyed a meal with Frank and Sue Zitzman and some from the group stayed overnight at the Zitzman's while others spent the night at a hotel.

On Thursday they enjoyed a day at Kings Island and the Christian Praise Festival, Spirit Song. Christian Bands such as Newsboys, Sanctus Real, Jeremy Camp, Casting Crowns, Kutless, Skillet and Barlow Girl were featured during this year's three-day festival. Thursday night was spent near Kings Island and the group arrived back in Butler on Friday. Welcome Home!

## RECEPTION FOR LISA SEANGSIRIKHUN

Following Worship II Today

YOU are invited to join us in saying "See you later" to Lisa Seang-sirikhun. Lisa will return to her homeland and family in Chiang Mai Thailand this Thursday July 17. Following Worship II there will be a reception with refreshments held in the Dining Room and on the lawn. Please pray for Lisa as she travels. Her itinerary is to fly from Pittsburgh to New York City to Anchorage, Alaska to Tapei, Taiwan and then to Chiang Mai. She will arrive home on Saturday about noon (Friday at midnight our time.) Lisa hopes to return to the US for Bible College in the fall of 2009. Thank you to all who have helped Lisa in any way these past three short years.



## MYANMAR REPORT

We thank all who gave to our special offering on July 6 to help the cyclone victims in Myanmar. To date \$2093.00 has been collected and wired to Barnabas Seang-sirikhun in Chiang Mai Thailand who will see personally to the distribution of funds to the needy in Myanmar.

**HOLY OR HOLIER THAN THOU?**

*Sin tastes sweet . . . Holiness sometimes tastes bitter . . .*

1 Peter 1:14-16 says, "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, **so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**

There was a time I did not like the word holy. It carried with it tones of rigidity, religious inflexibility and self-righteousness. To me holy meant "holier than thou." I knew that I did not want to be that kind of holy toward anyone. So to be holy was not necessarily a goal in my early Christian days. I really didn't like the idea. It was because I really didn't understand it (and I might say that I didn't fully grasp things like grace, mercy and forgiveness either – and not that I have comprehended even after 36 years of Christian living). Back to holiness.

Biblically we have positional holiness which is what is imparted to us when we are born again. We are seen by Him as blameless and a vessel dedicated to one

thing – His glory and purpose. We are separated from sin and set apart to God. That's positional holiness.

Then we have personal holiness – everyday holiness. Living free of sin kind of holiness – but never "holier than thou" holiness. Biblically, this is the very fruit we bear as a result of our positional holiness. We are commanded and equipped to live for Him everyday. In this holiness, we strive to live doing the things that are pleasing to the Father and things that are not sinful. This holiness is worked out before the audience of our Father in Heaven; it is not a competition between "me and thee!"

This holiness is not always welcome. It means saying YES to some things that we may not necessarily desire and saying NO to some things that we may desire. At first this kind of holiness seems like work and is strange to our nature. Later it is so natural and inviting. Jonathan Edwards said, "Holiness is a most

*beautiful and lovely thing. We drink in strange notions of holiness from our childhood, as if it were a melancholy, morose, sour and unpleasant thing; but there is nothing in it but what is sweet and ravishingly lovely."*

This holiness is made possible by God but it is also a matter of decision followed by obedience. This holiness leads us to desire to behave. We want to please God. We want to love and serve others. We desire to obey the Scripture's authority. We give ourselves wholeheartedly to God and are patient with others who are also in the process. Let's Live Joyfully Holy Lives,

pb

*Sin tastes sweet but turns bitter in our stomachs. Holiness often tastes bitter but turns sweet in our stomachs.*

Gary Thomas

**WILDERNESS ADVENTURE**

A group from NSCC will be camping near Cook's Forest State Park Wednesday July 30 – Sunday August 3. Plans are to spend time in the Word each morning and evening with a daily adventure in the mountains. The theme of the camp out is "Knowing God." Adventures will include canoeing, hiking, bicycling, fishing, horseback riding etc. We will also visit a whitetail deer farm, a small zoo and who knows what else! The wonder of God's creation will be taken in as many ways as possible. The trip is open to all who would like to join in. There is no fee for the campout but funds for camping, shared meals and adventures will be needed. Tents, bedding etc will be provided by each camper. Registration forms are available today at the Welcome Center in the SS Annex and on the table at the rear of the auditorium.

**PRINCESS CAMP-AUGUST 5-9TH**

This year's Princess Camp will be held at the "Christ is the Answer Retreat Center". The theme is "Women of the Bible." This event is one of the highlights of the summer for 10-12 year old girls. There are many exciting activities that will truly be a blessing for all who attend. Counselor help is needed. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Milliron at 724-772-2045. There is room for nine more Princesses!!



**congratulations!** Congratulations to Larissa Lesney whose jersey cow, Peanut Butter, was named Grand Champion and Supreme Champion in the open and 4H shows at the Butler County Fair.

**NSCC GARAGE SALE/FESTIVAL-AUGUST 30**

*Proceeds Benefit the Houtens in Belize*

Let's all do some house cleaning and get rid of those clothes, dishes, appliances, and of course that unused exercise equipment!

Melody Williams and the families at Legacy will be holding a garage sale/festival on Saturday, August 30th at the Church to benefit the Houtens's mission in Belize. You can man your own table and give the proceeds to their fund or drop off items on dates to be assigned. Watch for future announcements that will list when and where to make drop offs. See Melody Williams or Leslie Houk for more information.

**WANTED** **SHEPHERD OF MY HEART PRESCHOOL AIDE**

If you are interested in helping with Shepherd of My Heart Preschool two days a week, please contact Fi Saeler at 724-283-7535, or call Jeff Miller at 724-282-7700.

**SUMMER YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, July 16–Wave Pool at Settler's Cabin  
 Wednesday, July 23, 6:00 PM–Meeting at the Huber's  
 Wednesday, July 30–Sunday, August 3–Youth Adventure and Camping Trip

**AUGUST EVENTS**

Tuesday thru Saturday, August 5-9, Princess Camp  
 Monday thru Friday, August 11-15, DayCamp/VBS  
 Wednesday, August 13, Dinner at CiCi's and Bowling at Meridian Lanes  
 Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 PM–Youth-planned picnic at Legacy  
 Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 PM–Winding down the Summer  
 Saturday, August 30, Garage Sale at NSCC to benefit Houten Family

**July 13th–July 19th**

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Reception for Lisa Seangsirikhun
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	11 a.m.–1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	B.B.I Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	Wave Pool at Settlers Cabin	
<u>Thur</u>	6 p.m.–8p.m.	B.B.I
<u>Sun</u>	All Church Picnic at Alameda 8:15 Worship at NSCC 9:30 Sunday School at NSCC 11:30 Worship at Alameda 1:00 Picnic Lunch	