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Today's Message

THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS
Putting Your Faith to Work

"Faith That Works"

Pastor Jeff

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I: The Croups

Worship II: Alfred Bell

Nursery

Worship I: Karen Munko &
Brooke Rhodaberger

Sunday School: Kathy Twerdok
& Mary Stevenson

Worship II: Kathy Twerdok &
Arianna O'Donnell

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: The Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	99
Worship II	<u>116</u>
Total Attendance	215

Offering

General -	\$ 4,417.00
Designated -	<u>\$ 317.00</u>
Total -	\$ 4,734.00

Flowers

Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs.
Robert Kappeler who donated
flowers in memory of Helen
Shoup Edinger (mother) &
Susan Halko (sister).

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Art & Phyllis Weigle, 136
Park Crest Lane, Butler, PA
16001.

*But whoever has this
world's goods, and sees
his brother in need,
and shuts up his heart
from him, how does the
love of God abide in
him?*

I John 3:17

CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Serving Through the Congregational Care and Fellowship Department

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country (Pr.25:25). An aspect of the Congregational Care and Fellowship Department is the card ministry. This outreach strives to reach those individuals who are ailing physically, emotionally, spiritually, or can't be with us regularly with a personal word of encouragement. Cards are sent many times for birthdays, anniversaries, and when one joins the church or is baptized. The church office also inserts names into the News Sheet on a weekly basis for the convenience and opportunity of the body to convey a timely word. (Is.50:4) *The Lord God hath given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary. He wakeneth Me morning by morning, He wakeneth My ear to hear as the learned.* In our prayer and meditation time, God softens our heart and imparts to us the ability to comfort and encourage one another either personally or by meeting needs whether seen or not. If you would like to support and be a part of

this ministry, please see myself or Deb Croup.

Another part of this ministry is supplying meals to families in need. Recently, this group of people was caring for three families within a two week period with various over-laps. This is a service that anyone can be a part of and I would encourage you to make yourself available. It is the "Gospel in Blue Jeans" that James will continue to teach us throughout this summer. To be included in this outreach, please see myself or Mary Stevenson. (1Ths.1:2-4) *We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.* You see what great blessing there is in serving as unto the Lord, and it is evidence of your salvation. Submitted by, Doug Emmett, but is also updated and available at northstreetchristianchurch.org

WELCOME HOME MISSIONARIES

Team II Returns from Juarez, Mexico

Welcome home to all those who have returned from building a house in Mexico with Casas por Cristo. Lead by Andy Bilowich, the group includes Michelle and Jim Convery, Tyler Cranmer, Matt Eckert, Elijah Errington, Eric Eury, Lon McAllister, Gary, Kelly, and Bryce McDeavitt, Dennis, Marianne, and Kasey Muir, Lauren Sears, Nikki and Sue Simpson, and Ashley Tack. Christina Wick, who was also a team member, continues her mission trip from Mexico to Guatemala. Good Job!

TEN YOUTH AND LEADERS ATTENDING CIY CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

Please pray for the teens and leaders who are attending the Christ In Youth Conference in Myrtle Beach this week. They departed yesterday and will arrive in Myrtle Beach some time today. Those attending are Cassie Houk, Nathan Huber, Adam Klutinoty, Luke Klutinoty, Lydia Klutinoty, Jessy McIntyre, Bethany Rhodaberger, Mandy Saeler, Mark Saeler and Lisa Seangsirikhun. Leaders are Teri Klutinoty and Kathi and Bob Huber. The group will return home next Saturday June 28.

Prayer guides passed out last Sunday outline specific prayers for those attending the Christ in Youth Conferences. Follow along as youth are on the MOVE. Prayer themes are: Embracing Jesus; Grasping the Call; Following After His Embrace.

WORK DAY AT NSCC JUNE 28TH

Jobs Available For Everyone

A work day is planned for this Saturday, June 28th. Besides trimming shrubs and doing some of the outside work, we are planning to move some items from the attic in the vacant house on Bluff Street. There will also be some housekeeping chores. Work begins at 8:30 a.m. Please come and help us. See Bob Ogden or Bob Seaver for details.

LOVE OFFERING FOR MYANMAR RELIEF

Sunday, July 6th

Through Barnabas Seangsirikhun (Lisa's Father) we have an opportunity to help the victims of the cyclone that hit Myanmar (Burma) last month. The damage and effect of the storm has been devastating. Barnabas has some personal connections in the area surrounding Rangoon, one of the hardest hit by the cyclone. There are ongoing needs for water supplies, food, clothing and shelter. We will wire the funds received to him and he will see to it that they are distributed and put to faithful use as intended.

On Sunday, July 6th, we will receive a love offering for the relief of those whom the Lord has chosen for us to help through Barnabas along with our regular offering. Special Envelopes will be provided in the pews for the love offering. Please give sacrificially to the Lord.

**ONE WORSHIP
NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 29
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00-WORSHIP AT 10:15**

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Not a week goes by that we do not deal with someone who is experiencing tough times and tough spiritual battles. Tough times can make us feel like "just giving up." It seems that we all go through times like these as we journey through. I want to remind us all that we spent two weeks recently discovering the connection between our troubles and our faith and faith and our troubles. We learned things such as trouble is a part of our lives, we should run to God not from God, trouble can make us bitter or make us better, that we should seek God's wisdom and that in the end we should have JOY in the midst of trouble as God is perfecting our faith and trust in Him.

Following is a story to encourage faith, prayer and work for tough times. I read it a recent edition of the Church Leaders Intelligence Report. J.C. Penney is a name synonymous with "department store". Penney first launched his chain of "The

Golden Rule" stores in 1907. In 1910, his first wife died. Three years later, he incorporated as the J.C. Penney Company. In 1923, his second wife died giving birth to his son. In 1929, the stock market crashed, and he lost \$40 million. By 1932, he had to sell out to satisfy creditors. This left him virtually broke. ...Crushed in spirit from his loss and his health suddenly failing, he wound up in a Battle Creek, Michigan sanitarium. One morning he heard the distant singing of employees who gathered to start the day with God: "*Be not dismayed, whate'er betide, God will take care of you...*" Penney followed the music to its source and slipped into a back row. He left a short time later a changed man, his health and spirit renewed, ready to start the long climb back at age fifty-six. By 1951, there was a J.C. Penney store in every state, and for the first time sales surpassed \$1 billion a year.

The success of J.C. Penney can be traced to God's mercy in his life that brought him out of his humble circumstance. Do you find yourself in a humble circumstance? God is the only one who can help you see it from His viewpoint: a high position. It is a high position because of what God is going to teach you in this place. He does not intend you to stay there; it is merely a stopping place to learn some important things you would not learn otherwise. Come near to God and trust Him for the outcome to your circumstances.

We Wrestle,
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We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

II Corinthians 4:9

CHURCH PICNIC

The All Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 20th, at Alameda Park—Masonic Shelter near the Swimming Pool. The day will begin at NSCC, Worship at 8:15 and Sunday School at 9:30. Worship II will be at Alameda at 11:30 followed by a picnic lunch at 1:00. Hot dogs, 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, baseball, and volleyball are some of the activities.

SUMMER YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULE

JUNE EVENTS

Friday, June 27th Youth returns from CIY Conference, Myrtle Beach
Wednesday, June 25—No Youth Meeting

JULY EVENTS

Wednesday, July 2, Time TBA,—Youth helping with Island Outreach, meeting at Legacy afterwards for dessert
Wednesday, July 9 to Friday, July 11—Creation Museum, King's Island and Spirit Song (see other article)
Wednesday, July 16—Wave Pool at Settler's Cabin
Wednesday, July 30, 6:00 PM—Meeting at the Huber's

AUGUST EVENTS

Friday, August 1, Garage Sale at NSCC to benefit Houten Family
Tuesday thru Saturday, August 5-9, Princess Camp
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

AN INTERESTING SIGN OF THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE

38% of North American workers would choose their mobile phone over their wallet, keys, laptop or digital music player if they had to leave the house for 24 hours and could take only one item, finds a Nortel survey. 30% chose their wallets first. 16% are "hyper-connected" (use at least 7 devices for work and personal access, plus at least 9 applications like instant messaging, text messaging, etc). The survey also predicts the number of the hyper-connected will likely rise to 40% in 5 years.

CAMP CREATION

June 30th –July 3rd

Island Outreach at Rotary Park

Elementary Age Kids

If you want to be involved, volunteers are needed to help with the kids.

Contact Jeff Miller at 724-282-7700

DO WE EXPECT TO MUCH FROM OUR KIDS WHEN IT COMES TO CHURCH?

LifeWay Resources' Thom Rainer, after his research among people who stayed in church during ages 18-22, concluded that church should have higher expectations of its younger members. He argues an *essential church* will expect the younger generation to have a relationship with God and others, to seek guidance from the church in everyday life and to be committed to the purpose of the church. Low expectations make the church *unessential*.

June 22nd—June 29th

Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal Softball Game
Tues	11 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	B.B.I.
Thur	6 p.m.—8 p.m.	B.B.I.
Sat	8:30 a.m.	Work Day at NSCC
Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service