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North Street News

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Today's Message

THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS
Putting Your Faith to Work

"We Have Two Ears and One
Mouth for a Good Reason"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service

Serving Today

Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Mary Stevenson

Worship Service: Joan Cole &
Walker Hartman

Greeters

Worship: The Croups &
Alfred Bell

The Lord's Supper

Dawn Cratty & The Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	82
Worship II	117
Total Attendance	199

Offering

General -	\$5,175.00
Designated -	\$ 910.50
Total -	\$6,085.00

Flowers

Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Zitzman who donated flowers in
memory of their son,
Troy Zitzman.

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Thomas Bell, 530 Federal St.,
Butler, PA 16001.

A wholesome tongue is
a tree of life, but per-
verseness in it breaks
the spirit.
Proverbs 15:4

THE CHURCH PICNIC IS ON JULY 20TH AT ALAMEDA PARK

8:15 Worship— 9:30 SS at NSCC
11:30 Worship at Alameda
1:00 p.m. Lunch at Alameda

GOD'S PROMISE DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

A Word from Our Stewardship Department

By Curt Knotick

You don't have to look far today to either hear or read something about the state of our economy. It's all over the news and in print. Record gas prices, with no stop in sight. Record oil prices, with some economists predicting \$200.00 barrel prices. The stock market, which to this writing has lost 10% of its value this year. The sub-prime mortgage mess, which is estimated to cost 1.4 trillion dollars when it's said and done, not to mention the arrest of over 400 individuals last week by the justice department on fraud charges involved in the mortgage industry. Inflation creeping up, and higher fuel costs trickling down to increased prices of food and energy.

Debt is at an all time high in the United States. Recently, the former comptroller general (chief CPA for the United States) David Walker stated "I am very worried about the future of this country. Americans have become addicted to debt, and the accumulating IOU's may sink our ship."

It is during these times that we as Christians can have peace in knowing that God is in control of all, and He is our provider. He promises to provide our needs. "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) The economy is our reality, and it is a very trying time for some people. That is real. So is the contentment and peace that can come when we practice biblical stewardship principles and put our faith in God as Our Provider.

Do you really think that God's ability to provide for our needs is controlled by the ups and downs of the stock market, or the price of oil, or inflation? We think in our own little box, and sometimes put God's ability in with what we can see and think. God's ways are so much

higher than what we can fathom. God's ability to provide for His people is not controlled by the state of our current economy. "It is expected of stewards that each one be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2) We have to do our part, but through faith and obedience, God will provide.

God's work during even these difficult times can be evidenced with what has been taking place here at North Street Christian Church. We finished last year with the annual budget in the black, with income exceeding expenses. Through the first half of this year, our budget is balanced, with each department also maintaining a balanced budget. All the work that has been done at Legacy house is paid for, without any debt. The church has purchased an adjoining property for future use, without taking on any debt. The annex was in need of roof repairs, which were completed in April, and paid for without any debt. We have had master plans drawn up for our future capital campaign and building plans without incurring any debt. We have continued to provide for the needs of all the missionaries whom God supports through North Street during these times.

God is faithful in all times, even these difficult times. **Giving is the key to contentment, and the only antidote to materialism.** The Apostle Paul quotes Christ Jesus as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35.) Do we really believe that? Giving per individual through the first 6 months of this year is up over the previous 2 years by approximately 15%. God has and will be faithful as our provider, even during difficult times when we do our part, IN FAITH as stewards of what He has entrusted to our management.

CIY "MOVERS" Report In!

This past week 10 students and 3 leaders from NSCC attended the Christ In Youth Conference – MOVE in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The week has included morning instruction from the Word of God, personal Encounter time, Discipleship Groups, Evening WORSHIP and Preaching along with youth group time. Of course the group has squeezed in time for the beach, miniature golf, eating out and little shopping. On the way to the conference a night was spent in Mt Airy, N.C. – the hometown of Andy Griffith and the inspiration for MAYBERRY! Here's what those who have attended are saying about MOVE:

It's fantastic and reviving! Lisa Seangsirikhun

The music has really had an impact on me. Cass Houk

Pleirouthe means to be filled with the Holy Spirit! Adam Klutinoty

I had a great experience and a really good time. Lydia Klutinoty

So far the conference has been a breath of fresh air, totally refreshing. I am learning so much in a new, deep way. Mandy Saeler

The worship time and speakers have made a lasting impact on everyone. Jessy McIntyre

I would like to thank everyone who supported us on this trip. We are having a great time at CIY. Thank You. Nate Huber

I really like the worship time at night and being with my friends. The beach is pretty nice too. Mark Saeler

The worship experience has really been great. It really impacts me and messages are great. Luke Klutinoty

The worship time is amazing. The speakers have been great. We've been having a lot of fun and I am learning a lot. Bethany Rhodaberger

It was a great opportunity to go and see everyone grow closer as a body in Christ. Terri Klutinoty

The speakers are great, the music is loud, and being with the kids has been fun. Kathi Huber

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THE WOUNDED ONES

My Bible College days are long over. It has been over 35 years since I began my student run at Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tennessee. As a recent convert from Catholicism, not knowing much of the Bible at all and an 18 year old newlywed (1 day when we arrived on campus which by the way, we had never seen), Kathi and I were certainly *walking by faith!*

I learned lots of good lessons in those days - some in the classroom, some in the work program, some in the Church and some through personal relationships. There are many memorable ones that have stuck with me through the years. Let me recall one life lesson - it was learned in chapel.

The speaker's words in that chapel service echo in my mind from time to time. I don't remember who said it or the particular occasion. But the words do still resound. The speaker said, **"The Church is the only army that shoots its own wounded."** That statement caught my attention. I mulled it over, again and again. I liked it but I didn't like it! I have found it to be true many times; sometimes not - but it happens. Have you ever no-

ticed that Church people do have a tendency to do that - **shoot their own wounded** - at least sometimes?

When people drift away and have fallen into sin - do we run to them or from them? When someone has been caught in a sin - do we throw a lifeline or pull up anchor and row away? When a visible leader encounters trouble - do we talk to him or about him? Do we come along side and offer our help or watch him sink? When someone is not as active as they used to be - do we give him/her a call and word of encouragement or say, "O well, he/she wasn't that committed anyhow?"

The war policy of the military is to *leave no man behind*. It would be good if the Church was as passionate. A wounded soldier needs a buddy to rescue him. Sometimes it is a shoulder to lean on. Sometimes it is a commanding word to "Hang in there" and to "not die on me!" Sometimes a wounded soldier needs life breathed back into him and sometimes he needs someone on the outside to keep his heart beating! Sometimes a

wounded soldier needs picked up and carried to safety.

Look around this Church. See any wounded? Will you run to or from? Throw a lifeline or row away? Talk to or about? Offer help or watch them sink?

We shoot rabid animals, half dead cats and dogs and racehorses with broken legs. But not wounded soldiers. Do we?

Loving you,
Pb

... judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment! James 2:13b

My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins. James 5:19-20

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2

LOVE OFFERING FOR MYANMAR RELIEF

Next 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 5 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.

VBS ARTS AND CRAFTS

This year VBS will be combined with DayCamp August 11-15th. Kids will be bused from the church to the old Armco Park in Slippery Rock. There will be worship (VBS kids'-style), music, Bible lessons, lunch, crafts, and recreation. You can help with crafts by 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. The wish list is available by calling Marilyn Crowley at 774-402-4266 or e-mailing her at tainainpa77@gmail.com.

ISLAND OUTREACH BEGINS TOMORROW

The outreach for the Island Community will be held beginning tomorrow from 4:30 until 7 p.m. and will continue each day through Thursday. This event targets elementary age kids and will include a Bible lesson, a meal, and recreational activities. This is an exciting local mission opportunity to minister to the children of our community.

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June 29th—July 5th

<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
	Camp Creation—Island Outreach	
<u>Tues</u>	11a.m.—1:00 p.m.	B.B.I
	Camp Creation—Island Outreach	
<u>Wed</u>		Youth Helpers-Dessert at Legacy
	Camp Creation—Island Outreach	
<u>Thur</u>	6 p.m.—8p.m. 7:00 p.m.	B.B.I. Gluten Free Meeting
	Camp Creation—Island Outreach	
<u>Fri</u>	Church Office is Closed	

SUMMER YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULE

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
- Wednesday, July 16—Wave Pool at Settler's Cabin



Lisa Henderson thanks everyone for their prayers, meals, and visits during & following her hospitalization.