

Sunday March 16, 2008

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# North Street News

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## Today's Message

The Numbers of Hope—3:16

“God Gave”

Pastor Bob

## Today's Schedule

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

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship I: The Klutinotys

Worship II: Kathi Huber

### Nursery

Worship I: Kathy Twerdok &  
Brooke Rhodaberger

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Kathy Twerdok

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Jesse & Donna  
McIntyre

Worship II: Andrea Cranmer

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 85  
Worship II: 126  
Total Attendance : 211

## Offering

General - \$4,562.50  
Designated - \$1,531.00  
Total \$6,093.50

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement  
to Mary H. Phillips, 750 Belmont Rd.,  
Butler, PA 16001.

**Schedule for EASTER  
SUNDAY, March 23, 2008**

**Sunrise Service at 6:45**

**Breakfast at 8:00**

**Worship at 9:30**

**No Sunday School**



## THE CROSS: Foolishness or The Power of God?

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP @ 7:00 p.m. on March 21

Holy Week will include Good Friday Worship this Friday March 21 at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the music, the messages, the testimony, the prayer and the Lord's Supper will be THE CROSS OF CHRIST: FOOLISHNESS OR THE POWER OF GOD? To those who are perishing the message of the cross is foolishness and to those who are being saved it is the power of God according to the Apostle Paul as stated in I Corinthians 1:18!

The CROSS is a popular symbol. The cross is used for jewelry – it is used to accent an athlete's strong neck and looks attractive with a woman's v-neck sweater! Some use the cross for protection as it hangs from the rear-view mirror and others decorate their bodies with cross tattoos! WOW – the many forms of the cross are abundantly visible in our culture. At Easter, the

cross becomes a gift of chocolate to give to kids – and then they EAT THE CROSS! (What symbolism – can we partake of the same cup of which He partook?)

The cross, an instrument of execution, has a wonderfully strong message for the world. The empty cross tells the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ. HE LIVED, HE DIED, HE AROSE and HE ASCENDED and is COMING AGAIN! The cross attracts some and chases others away. It has always done that! Join us for worship, bring your friends and family as we LIFT HIGH THE CROSS. Through His Word and His Spirit some will draw near. “But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. John 12:32-33

TODAY IS SUNDAY 3/16 - HELP WANTED!

## Join Others in Making 316 Neighborhood Invitations to Easter Worship

Our goal is to have at least 40 people gather in the Dining Room following 10:45 Worship to share a soup, sandwich and salad lunch and then head out into the surrounding neighborhood to invite our Church neighbors to join us for Easter Worship. YOU are needed to help us. Will you accept our invitation? We have 316 invitations to distribute.

*'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'* Luke 14:21b-23

## 10-Week Bible Study Coming Soon!

One Church's Crown Financial Ministry 10-Week Study Results:

One Church leader recently took a survey taken to see what kind of impact the ten-week study was having on those completing the course. These statistics are from an average mid-sized church located in average small town USA with average active attendance of around 450. Of those completing the survey, they said because of completing the Crown Life Group ten week study:

74% became a consistent tither  
59% said their income had increased as a result of becoming a consistent tither  
97% said they had become a more generous giver  
100% said they have a better understanding of the Biblical meaning of Stewardship  
18% said they were now out of debt  
69% said they had reduced their debt  
95% said they have a closer relationship with the Lord  
74% said they spend more time in their private devotions  
82% said their marriage had been strengthened  
85% said they were giving more time to church ministries and community ministries  
72% said they had started or increased their savings

One of the graduates from this average size small town Church was a contractor. Since taking the ten-week course, he is out of debt, a regular tither and giver and has saved \$100,000.00!

(Of those taking the survey, the ages were: 20 – 30, 7%; 31 – 40, 18%; 41 - 50, 36%; 61 & up, 20%)

The Biblical Financial Study for Life Groups is a 10 week in-depth study of what Scripture teaches about money and possessions. Life Group Members have confirmed that marriages are being strengthened and individuals are finding their way out of debt. They are also becoming consistent savers, generous givers, and prudent consumers. Most importantly, people are entering into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as they learn to apply His Word. Groups meet for 2 hours every week and meetings include Scripture memorization and interactive discussions. Anyone from NSCC interested in taking the same 10-week study course can contact Curt Knotick at 724-283-2908 or PB at 724-282-7700.

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Matthew 6:19-21

PICK UP YOUR PRAYER LIST IN THE NARTHEX

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS A DECISION**

We live in a day where the opportunities for spiritual growth are so abundant that the danger is **NO GROWTH!** That's right! The buffet of input is vast – you can listen several sermons per day on the radio or internet, you can join one or more small groups, you can attend para-church support groups. You can go from Church to Church seeking the latest and the best, you can travel far and wide to the most popular of seminars and gatherings for everything from marriage building to addiction cures to self-help strategies and still not find the personal

help which leads to a settled spirit and a pattern of steady spiritual growth.

If you are going to grow **you must decide** just what the plan will be and with great determination follow through with that plan. I encourage you to first and foremost to speak to God daily in an extended time of prayer and to listen to God as a student of the Word day by day. When you do this, you will find that all the help you are looking for is found right there and you will be settled and grow at a steady, purposeful pace. Through seeking Him in the Word and prayer the an-

swers to your marriage problems, to your low self-esteem and to the things that drive you crazy will be right there in front of you. It is not as complicated as we tend to make it.

*. . . that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— Ephesians 4:14,15*

PB

**SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT EASTER**

Easter is next Sunday March 23. As you know Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox which is March 20. The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why the date moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above facts, the earliest Easter could ever be is March 22 but that is pretty rare. This year is the earliest Easter that any of us will ever see in our lifetime. Anyone who is above 95 years old has experienced Easter this early, which was in 1913! The next time Easter will come on March 23 will be in 2228 – 220 years from now! Easter will be on March 22 in 2285 – 277 years from now! The last time Easter was on March 22 was in 1818! So no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

**CASAS POR CRISTO TEAM I HEADED TO JUAREZ APRIL 23 – 29**

Please pray for Jon and Bonna Ray and their team as they venture to Juarez Mexico to build a house for a needy family under the direction of Casas por Cristo. They will be leaving immediately after church on Easter Sunday and will return March 29th. Team I consists of the Rays, Kathy Twerdok, Joan Craig, Denise Zinn, Bob and Wilma Young, Eric, Kim, and Christina Wick.

Team 2 is led by Andy Bilowich and will depart June 14th and return June 21st. Team members to date are Jim and Michelle Convery, Ashley Tack, Gary Saeler, Christina Wick, Lauren Sears, Dennis, Marianne, and Casey Muir, Gary and Kelly McDeavitt, Nikki and Sue Simpson, Tyler Cranmer, and Eric Eury.

**COMMUNION SERVERS TO BE SCHEDULED**

Men and boys (14 and older) who desire to help serve communion and receive the offering at either Sunday Worship service are asked to contact Gordon Cratty, Terry Hartman, Jim Convery, Greg Simpson or Pastor Bob to be added to a new monthly schedule. Each server will be scheduled to serve 1 or 2 months in a calendar year.

**Calendar March 16 – March 23rd**

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| <u>Sun</u>  | 8:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m.<br>12:00 Noon<br>5:30 p.m. | Worship I<br>Sunday School<br>Worship II<br>Hand out Easter Invitations<br>3:16 Group at Ogdens' |
| <u>Mon</u>  | 6:00 p.m.   | Praise Team Practice   |
| <u>Tues</u> | 10:00-12 Noon<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.            | BBI<br>3:16 Group at Klutinotys'<br>3:16 Group at Emmetts'<br>Elders Meeting                     |
| <u>Wed</u>  | 12:00 Noon<br>6:30 p.m.   | Staff Meeting<br>Pioneer Club/Jr. & Adult Bible Study  |
| <u>Thur</u> | 6:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                             | 3:16 Group at Church<br>Sr. Hi. Youth Trip to Evangel Heights<br>3:16 Group at Knoticks'         |
| <u>Fri</u>  | 7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.  | 3:16 Small Group at Hartmans'<br>Good Friday Worship Service                                     |
| <u>Sat</u>  | 10:00 a.m.  | 3:16 Group at Church   |
| <u>Sun</u>  | 6:45 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.                             | Sunrise Service<br>Breakfast<br>Easter Worship Service   |

**SHEPHERD OF MY HEART PRESCHOOL**

Please keep our preschool program in your prayers as we begin registration for the 2008–2009 school year. Today is our official kickoff for registration. Informational brochures are available in the Welcome Center. For more information, please call the church office at 724-282-7700.



Thank you dear church family for your thoughts and prayers and love during our mother's and grandmother's illness and passing. Thank you for Pastor Bob's and Pastor Jeff's visits for the beautiful flowers and visits to the funeral home. We have been comforted by your expressions of sympathy and love and made aware that we are not alone in our grief. Thank you for your kindness and sympathy during this difficult time. God bless you all. The Mary Lesney Family

The Petsinger family is very grateful for everyone's wonderful help which made it possible for them to move into their home. They deeply appreciate all the expressions of love. Special thanks go out to Jon Ray, Daryl Tait, Paula Bauer, and the Converys.

**PORTERSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**Spring Open House**

**Tuesday, March 18–7:00 PM**

**Pre-Kindergarten–12th Grade**

[www.portersvillechristianschool.org](http://www.portersvillechristianschool.org)