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# North Street News

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### Today's Message

"Seeking in the Dark"

Pastor Jeff

### 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: Sharon & Nick  
Bartley

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole & Kathy  
Twerdok

#### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Donna & Jesse  
McIntyre

Worship II: Andrea Cranmer

### Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 103  
Worship II: 123  
Total Attendance : 226

### Offering

General - \$5,557.00  
Designated - \$ 275.00  
Total \$5,832.00

### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Ken & Phyllis Thompson, 240 Holyoke Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12

3:16  
THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

## THE NUMBERS OF LOVE



It is probably the most well-known verse of the Bible. Children learn to memorize it early, we quote it often, it is even seen on signs at sporting events. Why is John 3:16 so popular? It sums up the entirety of the Gospel:

God loves.

God gave.

We believe.

We live.

From Max Lucado, The 3:16 Promise:

"God so loved the world...' We'd expect an anger-fueled God. One who punishes the world, recycles the world, forsakes the world...but loves the world?"

The world? This world? Heartbreakers, hope-snatchers and dream dousers prowl this orb. Dictators rage. Abusers inflict. Reverends think they deserve the title. But God loves. And He

loves the world so much, He gave His: Declarations?

Rules?

Dicta?

Edicts?

No. The heart-stilling, mind-bending, deal-making-or-breaking claim of John 3:16 is this: God gave His Son...His only Son. No abstract ideas, but a flesh-wrapped divinity. Scripture equates Jesus with God. God, then, gave Himself. Why? So that 'whoever believes in Him shall not perish.'"

Please plan on joining one of our small-group studies, meeting for the next 6 weeks. You are welcome at any one of them! Please see the attachment for details. If you would like more information, please call the church office at 724-282-7700.

## SECOND QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

HAVING A MARY SPIRIT- ALLOWING GOD TO CHANGE US FROM THE INSIDE OUT - Taught by Sam Tait and Sherry O'Donnell in Room 103, this is a continuation of last quarter's study.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEATH, BURIAL and RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST. Join Pastor Bob in the Dining Room (Room 105) for an in depth study of the theological significance of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What if Jesus was not really God - would His death have had anything to do with the FORGIVENESS of our sins? If He was God, but did not really die - then did He really resurrect? What difference would it make to us if He really died but didn't really resurrect? The Gospel, by definition means, GOOD NEWS - come and learn what is so GOOD about the truths of the life of Jesus Christ. "Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures . . .".

ANSWERS ACADEMY - The purpose of the bold new Answers Academy apologetics curriculum is to equip students to answer the questions the world is asking about the authority and accuracy of the Bible. During the quarter, students will discover why it is vital to provide answers to skeptics and how to give those answers with a solid understanding of what the Bible says about biology, geology, and astronomy. Students will learn that, contrary to popular belief, operational science runs counter to the idea of evolution and "millions of years." Taught by Terry Hartman in Room 102, this class is for Junior High grades 7 and 8.

SENIOR HIGH - Discipleship continues using selected DVD studies of well known pastors. Classes will be held at the Legacy House.

ECCLESIASTES - The greatest apologetic ever written is found in the Bible itself! Join Solomon in exploring what gives life meaning and what absolutely will NOT - those things we pursue that are nothing more than "chasing after the wind." Pastor Jeff leads this study through Ecclesiastes in the Library.

For God so LOVED the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him should not perish but have everlasting LIFE.

HE LOVES—HE GAVE—WE BELIEVE—WE LIVE

The journey begins today!

**TIDINGS FROM THAILAND**

By Bry Freeman and Dale Riemer

Going away on mission trips always allows me to access my faith. The following are some questions I have been pondering:

Why is it so easy to have a mindset of worship and praise here, but at home the cares of the world can so quickly drown out the praise?

Why is service a natural tendency right now, but at other time, it just falls into the jumble of the other hundred things "I have to do"?

Why does it seem easier and normal to attribute every provision, every occurrence to God and see His hand truly at work, yet at home not give the Lord the credit He deserves?

It seems in America, even as Christians, we're almost forced to be distracted by the things of the world. There are so many things vying for our attention, from money to popularity to materialism... we're consumed with ourselves. Right now, I feel brought back to a single focus on the Lord, where the distractions of life aren't consuming my thoughts. I'm sure that being in Thailand on a mission trip helps. I'm sure it doesn't hurt

that we wake up with one goal in mind - serving the Lord and making Him known. It may be the culture that gives me a desire to live in simplicity and to long for the things of the Lord in a more abundant way. But I realize it's not the place that brings me closer to the Lord, it's the mindset. I feel worlds away from normal life because I've chosen to draw unto the Lord, rather than to cling to the distractions in life. I'm truly satisfied in Christ and Christ alone. And going home, I now know I don't have to leave this world behind. To live is Christ and to die is gain, no matter where and no matter what.

Bry

The Bible conference has not ended and we are traveling in the mountain villages. I have over the past days found many similarities between this country and ours. Almost everyone has a cell phone. McDonalds and Starbucks are everywhere; ice cream is a universal treat, elections mean politicians and all babies are beautiful.

Chiang Mai is a strange combination of native costume & Adidas sportswear; ornate temples & modern homes and rickety bamboo huts with campfires; parched struggling vegetables patches & lush manicured flower gardens.

As we travel farther and farther into the mountains, life becomes less hectic! The man made beauty fades and God's beauty becomes more prominent. Tall majestic mountains, thick forests, and simple people that love the Lord and want to make you welcome. We joined in their worship. We sang together, prayed together, laughed together, ate together, and loved the Lord together. We weren't different; we were a family of Christians in unity in all things that matter God and His Son. *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!* (Psalm 133:1)

Giving God all the Praise and All the Glory Dale

**PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to order Easter flowers or donate to the Timothy Fund in honor or in memory of loved one/s, fill out the form attached to today's news sheet and place it in the offering. Flowers may be picked up after Easter worship or if specified, will be delivered to shut-ins. Please attach a check marked "Easter Flower Fund" with your order. Next Sunday, March 9th is the deadline for ordering.

**GLUTEN FREE DIET MEETING**

There will be a meeting, open to the public this Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 at NSCC. The focus of the meeting will be to learn more about gluten free diets which have been shown to help a number of illnesses. For more information call Erin Miller at 724-586-6870.

**PRAYER GROUPS FOR MISSIONS MEETING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008 AT 3:30  
NSCC—ROOM 102**

**Calendar March 2 – March 9th**

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II 3:16 Small Group at Ogdens' 3:16 Small Group at Raders'
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
<u>Tues</u>	10:00-12 Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BBI 3:16 Small Group at Klutinotys' 3:16 Small Group at Emmetts'
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi./Youth/ Adult Bible Study Elders Meeting
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:16 Small Group at Church 3:16 Small Group at Knoticks' Gluten Free Diet Meeting
<u>Fri</u>	7:00 p.m.	3:16 Small Group at Hartmans'
<u>Sat</u>	10:00 a.m.	3:16 Small Group at Church
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS-SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR!</b>		
<u>Sun</u>	3:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups for Missions Meeting



to everyone who made the Healthy Heart Luncheon so special. It was so festive and the food was great. A special thanks to the preschoolers

who made Valentines for those who attended and to the ladies who put it together; Barbara Carson, Sandy Salvatora, Leslie Houk, Kathy Twerdok, Karen Munko, Mary Stevenson, and Sherry O'Donnell. You touched our hearts!

**A Drug Prevention Program You'll Never Forget!**

The Reality Tour© is an innovative drug prevention & awareness program that takes you into the

life of a teen on heroin. The experience is appropriate for ages 10 and up when accompanied by a parent. The dramatic portrayal of a teen on heroin from arrest and imprisonment to overdose and death is what too many families have experienced in real life.

A trip to the Drug Prevention Reality Tour is being planned for our youth ages 10 and up. This program will be held at the YWCA on May 15th at 5:40 p.m.

Permission slips are required to attend and must be turned in to Donna McIntyre by next Sunday, March 9th.

Anyone under the age of 18, must have a parent or legal guardian with them. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Because the program is not designed to include the Christian perspective, we will be meeting at the Legacy House following the program for discussion.

Pick up your permission slip at the Welcome Center or from Donna McIntyre. For more information, go to [www.realitytour.org](http://www.realitytour.org).