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North Street News

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Today's Message

"We Live"

Pastor Jeff

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters

The Klutinotys & Kathi Huber

Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship Service:
Karen Munko & Katie
Kremer

The Lord's Supper

Jesse & Donna McIntyre

and Andrea Cranmer

Last Week at NSCC

Sunrise Service: 94
Worship Service: 220
Total Attendance: 314

Offering

General - \$5,205.00 Designated - \$2,969.00 Total - \$8,174.00

Send A Card

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

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14-15

PICK UP YOUR PRAYER LIST IN THE NARTHEX

EASTER SUNDAY 2008 - A REASON TO CELEBRATE

We want to thank everyone who put forth a special effort to invite friends and family, and those who worked so hard to provide a great day of praise, proclamation and fellowship on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008. We distributed over 600 invitations in our Church neighborhood and through our regular attendees who shared invitations with friends and family. As a result, we had nearly 30 visitors for Easter Sunday! We had a recorded total attendance of 314! (A note from PB - Surely with a few late-comers and/or missing two people somehow - we made our goal of having 316 people for Easter Worship!) Our job now is to follow-up on those who completed the Visitor Registration Cards, invite them to come again, let them know that God loves them, we love them and that God will meet them whoever they are, wherever they are! Please pray as we follow-up.

We want to thank the Breakfast Crew who did a great job. The sausage was made by Greg Simpson and Jim Convery who also headed up the efforts for a great Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Thanks to all who served and those who shared the meal together.

We also want to thank the Worship Leaders who always do a super job, Micah Klutinoty for leading Worship at the Sunrise Service, and the Technical Team who back up all of our efforts and make us look good each Sunday morning.

Thank you for your faithfulness and extra effort. Thanks go to those who prepare the Lord's Supper, those who serve it, and those who receive the offering each week.

The week before Easter, Doug Rodgers worked hard every evening and all day Saturday, to complete a replacement set of steps from the auditorium level to the sub-level, so that the Men's Restroom would be available for use on Easter Sunday. What thoughtfulness!

We don't want to leave out our Church Staff who keep things rolling during the week, produce printed materials, prepare our facilities for use and re-stock supplies etc.

We learned last Sunday that there is NO STATUS TOO LOW; there is NO HOUR TOO LATE and that there is NO PLACE TOO FAR from GOD! HE wants us to COME HOME! In response to last week's worship and message, one of our Elders said, "I felt Sunday's worship service was very powerful. I was surprised that the whole congregation didn't come forward for prayer."

Pastor Jeff concludes "The Numbers of Hope - 3:16" sermon series today with the message "WE LIVE"! Next Sunday, April 6, Pastor Bob will return to the series from the Beatitudes, "A New Way of Living, New Life Within."

LOVE IN ACTION-BUILDING ANOTHER HOUSE WITH CASAS POR CRISTO *You can help!*

We would like to thank you all for supporting our first mission team to Mexico this year. Because of your generosity, a family has seen God's love in action and now have a warm, dry home to raise their family in. Let's all say "Welcome home!" to those who spent last week being faithful to God's call. Our second team leaves in June and we are very excited to build another house with Casas por Cristo. We need your help to do that though. We have several fundraisers planned for the next few months. Will you help us raise the money for the supplies? We will be selling t-shirts very soon and we have a BAGGED LUNCH planned for APRIL 13th after either service. It will consist of a pepperoni roll, chips, soda and dessert for only \$5.00. You may also purchase the pepperoni rolls on their own for only \$3.50. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center or you can see any team member. Please sign up soon so we know how many to make. We don't want to turn anyone away. Remember that all of the money raised goes toward the house. You can help make someone's dream come true simply by having lunch.

THAILAND MISSIONS TRIP PRESENTATIONNext Sunday April 6 at 6:30

Recently Dale Riemer, Bry Freeman and Pastor Bob Huber ventured to northern Thailand to minister with Barnabas and Martha Saengsirikhun. The first week of the trip was spent visiting the Children's Ministry in Chiang Dao, attending the dedication of a new Lisu Bible Training and Trade School sponsored by Dr. Ted Hope and Overseas Missionary Fellowship, going to Chiang Dao and then sharing in a Bible Conference for Evangelists and Church Leaders in Chiang Mai. Those who attended the conference were Thai, Lisu, Lahu and Ahka Church Leaders. Pastor Bob taught two classes daily. The second week was spent traveling to the Hill Tribe Churches. A new Church dedication was held in Mae Moo Lisu Village.

Come and hear our stories, see our photos and momentos of the trip. Join us next Sunday evening at 6:30 in Room 102. The next Thailand trip will be in 2010. It sounds as if there is a lot of interest. We will be holding another Bible Conference, building a new church and holding a Bible School for children. Start saving your money now. You will need about \$2000.00.

THE YBICS GAME NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH FROM 6:00 P.M.—9:00PM IN THE CHURCH DINING ROOM.

EVERYONE IS INVITED. PIZZA AND POP WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING CHIPS OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

SEE YA' THERE!

HAPPY TO SERVE HERE AND NOW

Did you ever notice how lots of people desire the things that are far off and far away? Tell someone they can't have something and that will be the thing they want the most.

In ministry I notice that people seem to identify with preachers who either live a long way from here or are already dead. They tend quote far away preachers like John MacArthur or John Piper or David Jeremiah. They tend to admire and idealize preachers who are long gone like Charles Spurgeon or Jonathan Edwards or D. Martyn Lloyd Jones. "If only my preacher would . . . " the people might say.

Preachers sometimes do the same concerning the flock. We wish we lived somewhere else and had different people. We think that in L.A. or Miami or Chicago that things would be better – somehow that the

people would be more into it and respond more positively. If we lived in a day without TV and the internet and cell phones, who knows how many people would come out for prayer meetings and Bible studies. "If only I lived in . . . or If only I could have lived back then," a preacher might say.

You know what doesn't matter? IF ONLY really doesn't matter. When the preacher and the people agree that "I am who I am and you are who you are and WE have been put together to do God's will in this place", that's what matters. That's when God accomplishes much with little. No preacher and no people have much to offer aside from God's perfect will being performed through them – an imperfect people.

Let's not be too concerned about far away and yesterday and be more concerned about doing something with that which is right in front of us and with what we already have. I'm for redeeming the time in this place with these people – not matter how worn and how frail. The most any of us can offer God and each other is 100% of who we are and what we have no matter how little or great that may be.

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But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. Timothy 6:6,7

MISSIONS AT NSCC

AN EXCITING MINISTRY DEPARTMENT

Here are some mission news items to pray about and consider supporting:

POCKET OFFERING TODAY – Last year, through Doug Emmett we met Joseph Matua, a Pastor from Nairobi Kenya. Joseph oversees approximately 60 churches. We want to help provide funds to get electricity into his house. The need is \$600 - \$800. Fill PB's pockets today!

CASAS POR CRISTO II – Group II needs funds to pay for materials to build their house in Mexico June 14-21. The Missions Department has provided \$1500.00 of the nearly \$4200.00 that is needed. The house will cost approximately \$15.00 per square foot. It would be a wonderful gift if you could help pay for a few square feet of this project.

HELP BUILD A HILL TRIBE CHURCH in THAILAND – We presently need to enlarge two Churches in Thailand. One is in the Ahka Village of Hui Ko and the other is in the Lahu village of Nuang Kiew. Each Church will cost about \$10,000 in total. Each congregation has laid by some funds in store for the project. Could you help? Pastor Bob did promise to work to raise \$4000.00 to help the Hui Ko Church erect a frame and get a roof overhead. The congregation has saved approximately \$1500.00 toward the project. The congregation has outgrown its present structure which will be used in the future for a classroom.

THE HOUTENS TO NICARAGUA in SUMMER OF 2008 – The Houtens will lead a Teen Missions Group to Nicaragua this summer. Thad-deus will be a teen team member and needs to raise \$940.00 to help with his expenses. The Houtens will also need help with paying expenses for their daughters Madeline and Gwyneth.

If you want to help with any of these projects just write a check to NSCC and include a note stating the need with which you would like help.

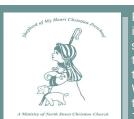
Calendar March 30 — April 5th		
<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Service 3:16 Small Group at Ogdens'
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
<u>Tues</u>	10:00-12 Noon 12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BBI Staff Meeting 3:16 Small Group at Klutinotys' 3:16 Small Group at Emmetts'
Wed	6:30 p.m.	Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi. Youth/ Adult Bible Study
<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>	6 p.m.—9 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Game Night 3:16 Small Group at Hartmans'
<u>Sat</u>	10:00 a.m.	3:16 Small Group at Church
<u>Sun</u>	6:30 p.m.	Thailand Mission Trip Presentation



BACK TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

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



Please keep our Preschool Program in your prayers as the 2007-2008 school year winds down and registration for 2008-2009 begins. Informational brochures are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

BE SEEN, BE HEARD, BE HUNGRY!

World Vision 30 days of Famine—April 25th thru April 26th HELP BY SPONSORING OUR LEGACY YOUTH