

Sunday May 11, 2008

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# North Street News

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## Today's Message

"Putting Your Faith to Work:

The Gospel in Blue Jeans"

Pastor Bob

## Today's Schedule

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

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship I: The Seavers

Worship II: The Conveys

### Nursery

Worship I: Bry Freeman &  
Tyler Smith

Sunday School: Joan Cole &  
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Kathy Twerdok &  
Erin Miller

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: Michelle Convery &  
Chris Grooms

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 113  
Worship II: 133  
Total Attendance : 246

## Offering

General - \$12,710.00  
Designated - \$ 2,506.00  
Total - \$15,216.00

## Flowers

Our thanks to Pete Kovach who  
donated today's flowers in  
memory of his wife, Phyllis and  
loved ones.

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement  
to Edith McGrew, Worthington  
at Adams, 500 Seven Fields  
Blvd. Apt. A 2, Seven Fields, PA  
16046

Blessed is the man who  
endures temptation; for  
when he has been ap-  
proved, he will receive  
the crown of life which  
the Lord has promised  
to those who love Him.  
James 1:12

## Getting the Word Out

### MISSIONS NEEDS AND PRAISES AT NSCC

With joy we share these praises and needs from our Missions Department. Please join us in prayer and support of those who share the Good News in other parts of the world:

**30 Hour Famine:** Thank you to those who supported our youth during the 30 Hour Famine. The total being sent to World Vision is nearly \$3800!

**Casas Por Cristo II** - We are getting closer and closer to having all funds needed to build the 11x22 house in Juarez. Our crew departs June 14! The house is 242 square feet and will cost a total of \$4300.00 - that comes to about \$18 per square foot - really cheap at today's costs! We have funds to build 183 square feet - we need sponsorship of the remaining 59 square feet. That is a total of \$1062.00! Could you sponsor a square foot or two or ten? Write your check to NSCC and mark Casas Por Cristo House in the memo. Thanks much. The group will be sponsoring a car wash this Saturday (see attachment) in order to help raise remaining funds for travel, food and a neighborhood picnic while in Mexico!

**Thailand** - The Myanmar cyclone has had some affect the congregation in Chiang Mai and Barnabas has done some work in Yangon, Myanmar (Rangoon, Burma) in the past. There are about 50 Christians there as a result of Barnabas' ministry. Please pray for everyone affected and the needed relief efforts.

The Chiang Mai Church continues to meet in Barnabas' carport. (See photos.) A recent gift of



\$2000.00 has allowed us to help with building some walls etc to make the facility more conducive for gathering and worship. We also have sent \$500.00 each to help with building new Church buildings in Nuang Kiew (Lahu) Village and Hui Ko (Ahka) Village. Total cost of these churches is about \$10,000.00 each. Each congregation has saved a few thousand



dollars (lots of Baht) toward these projects.

**Houten Family** - The Houtens are moving to Belize to manage the Teen Missions Campus there!

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## FAITHFUL MEN AND WOMEN SERVING

Through the Congregational Care and Fellowship Ministry

"Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but who can find a faithful man?"(Pr.20:6)

Within the ministry of Congregational Care and Fellowship, as with all ministry at North Street, what is seen, and enjoyed, and partaken of is the result of faithful men and women who give of their time, talents and resources to serve and edify the Body of Christ. Faithfulness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, (Gal.5:22) and so can't be claimed by us, but does give glory to our Father in Heaven (Mt.5:16). Jesus put much emphasis on faithfulness and in Luke 19, and Matthew 25 gives us teaching on this subject. A nobleman goes away and leaves his servants in charge of his property. It's all his and he tells them to do business while he's gone. Some receive more than others, but it's according to his choosing and the orders are the same for all. Most are actively engaged in their master's business but some, to quote the scripture, are "lazy and slothful." When the master returns, he rewards those who are faithful with greater responsibility and the words we all long to hear, "well done good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."(Mt.25:23) However, to the one who is "unprofitable" there is no reward but only banishment to "outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."(Mt.25:30) It is not that we work to earn or add to our blood bought, grace wrought salvation. The words, "it is finished" mean just that. There is nothing more to be done except to give evidence and glory to the one who has secured our eternal inheritance. How we live our lives, both within the confines of

our local church and in the world at large, will either "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior"(Tit.2:10) or blacken the lens that is to release the "Light of life" into the world. I have been blessed with a faithful wife and fellow workers who go the extra mile and do the necessary things that are not always seen or recognized, but our Father sees and He takes note. We at North Street believe in every member ministry because it is biblical, (Rom.12, 1Cor.12, Eph.4, as well as others) and because it is necessary for a growing, healthy body. I encourage you from 2Pet.1:5 to "add to your faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity", which is the love of God, because as you do you are never useless or unfruitful. Over the next several months I hope to be able to spot-light some of the different facets of ministry within Congregational Care and Fellowship, and encourage you to join with us as we spread an "aroma of Christ" within and without the walls of North Street Church. Until then here are dates to put on your calendar; June 20<sup>th</sup>, picnic at Alameda Park, and fall Senior dinner on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please watch your news sheet for details. "Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Heb.13:20-21)  
In His service, Doug Emmett

Pastor Bob would like to meet with all Deacons & Communion Servers  
Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 a.m.—Coffee & Donuts Will be Served

**THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS/PUTTING YOUR FAITH TO WORK**

*An Exposition of the Book of James*



The *real you* is found on weekends when you put on your most comfortable blue jeans, go barefoot and dig right in to git 'er done! That's how James sees the Christian life. It's not all about building up your inner faith – it's also about putting that faith to work! Real faith works! Join us for this most practical study of a book of the Bible that seems it was written just yesterday. James speaks to our everyday lives. Come and discover how to trust God in times of trouble and how to get yourself under control. Find joy in serving others. Learn to be more patient with God, yourself and everybody else. Be challenged to live right - changing the world around you and the moving the hand of God!

- May 11** – Putting Your Faith to Work  
 18 – Our Troubles and Our Faith  
 25 – Our Faith and Our Troubles

- June 1** – Getting Self Under Control  
 8 – Overcoming Self-Deceit with Real Religion  
 15 – People are People in the Eyes of God  
 22 – Faith That Works  
 20 – We Have Two Ears and One Mouth For a Good Reason

- JULY 6** – The Fruit of Righteousness  
 13– Friend of the World or Friend of God?  
 20 – On Judging and Judgment  
 27 – If the Lord Wills...

- AUG. 3** – A Warning Against HAVING TOO MUCH  
 10– Learning to Wait and to Keep Your Word  
 17– Moving the Hand of God  
 24– Seeking the Spiritual Wanderer

**“SHARING YOUR FAITH”**

*Counselor Training Program for Moraine Park Summer Christian Festival*

"Sharing your Faith" is a four hour course, taught by Bob Ogden this Saturday, May 17th, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at NSCC in Room 102. The purpose is to train counselors for the upcoming "Moraine Park Summer Christian Festival". The 3 day festival event will be held from Friday June 13 through Sunday June 15 on the South Shore and will feature Christian evangelist Steve Wingfield in addition to other venues. The qualified counselor will be helping people who come forward from the invitations after Steve's message to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. There is no charge to take the course nor to attend the festival. Learning to share our faith can be very helpful in our everyday Christian walk. Some of those who do come forward at the festival may be referred to NSCC for follow up. If you are interested, please contact Bob Ogden at 724-283-3413 or you may e-mail him at butlerbibleinstitute@zoominternet.net. Additional information about the festival can be found on the website, www.stevewingfield.org.

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They will be living in a 18x18 staff house (with an add on) on the jungle campus. There is no electricity available and running water is made available by running a generator and pump to fill a water tank. There is no internet service available. On a weekly basis the Houtens will go to town to pick up supplies and communicate with the outside world! REALLY COOL HUH!

**NEEDS:** Funds to get there – about \$1500 more US dollars. They will lead a summer mission group (13 teens presently) and then remain in Belize. \$475 per month – visa costs paid to Belize and overseas ministry expense. They will be able to receive care packages from us. Sending money is not recommended. Skin So Soft bug spray! Home school curriculum – about \$1200.00. Brent recently passed written CDL test to drive the mission bus in Belize! Thad needs doctoring for a possible infection.

**Timothy Fund:** Thank you to those who contributed to the Timothy Fund. We can now

send funds to Brandon Stephenson at Kentucky Christian University and to Micah Klutinoty at Liberty University! Praise the Lord. Over \$2000.00 has been donated. Each student will receive up to \$500 per semester.

**Justin Pierce** – has recently decided to enter the BMW ( 2 year training school) at Teen Missions in Merritt Island, Florida. He will need minimal support from home and lots of encouragement cards etc. More details will follow soon.

We also would like to thank those who are helping us with concessions at the NSCC

softball games. All proceeds will be used for NSCC missions!

**LEGACY HOUSE SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY**

- WHO:** The Sunday School Class & their families.  
**WHAT:** Volleyball, horseshoes, campfire, dinner...etc...  
**WHERE:** The Duffields at 1648 George Washington Road, Volant ,PA  
**WHEN:** May 17th, 2008 3:00-? Dinner around 5:00

Burgers and hot dogs provided.... bring a dish to share and lawn chairs.

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday May 11th

Phone: (724) 730-1979

Hope to see you all here!

**♥ IN HONOR OF MOTHERS ♥**

The Beth Moore DVD series “Loving Well” has been purchased for our Church Library by the Congregational Care and Fellowship Department.

**May 11th– May 17th**

<b>Sun</b>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Tues</b>	9:00-11:00 a.m. 11 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study BBI
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.– Noon 12:00 Noon 6:30 p.m.	B.B.I. Staff Meeting Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi. Youth/Adult Bible Study
<b>Thur</b>	6:00-8:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	B.B.I Softball Game
<b>Sat</b>	10 a.m.–2 p.m. 9:00a.m.–1:00p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Car Wash “Sharing Your Faith” Community Dinner Secret Girl Keeper (Mars Alliance)

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY IN MAY**

*Features “Loving Well” DVD Series*

**ATTENTION LADIES:** Join us in Room 102, Tuesdays from 9-11:00 a.m. through the rest of May to see this series by Beth Moore. She is a well known Christian speaker who explores love and describes different types of people, some easy and some difficult to love.

If you have any questions, call Sherry Singer at 724-482-2802. Babysitting is **not** available.



Hey everyone, our Preschool Program and Graduation is coming soon and you're invited! Get out your calendar and be sure to reserve Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. See you here at the church!



*Graduates to be honored on June 1st. If you know anyone who is graduating this year, please call the Church Office. We would also like a picture to post on our storyboard.*