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North Street News

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Today's Message

THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS

"Putting Your Faith to Work"
Our Troubles and Our Faith

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: Kathy Twerdok &
Jesse McIntyre

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Nikki Simpson &
Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: Michelle Convery &
Chris Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 128
Worship II: 118
Total Attendance: 246

Offering

General - \$5,002.00
Designated - \$6,019.00
Total - \$11,021.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Sara O'Donnell, 106-5 Sun-
bury Fields Lane, Butler, PA
16001

Every good gift and
every perfect gift is from
above, and comes down
from the Father of
lights, with whom there
is no variation or
shadow of turning. Of
His own will He brought
us forth by the word of
truth, that we might be
a kind of firstfruits of
His creatures.
James 1:17,18

2008 GRADUATES TO BE HONORED

Sunday June 1/10:45 Worship

On Sunday June 1 the 2008 Graduates will be honored during the 10:45 worship gathering. All graduates are asked to respond to the Church Office with information about their graduation and future plans. If you have a graduate who has not yet received an information form from NSCC, please contact the Church Office to get one. Grads who will be honored to date are Andrea Cranmer, Matt Eckert, Mackenzie Houk,

Levi Klutinoty, Erica Miller, Samuel Ovenshine, Mark Saeler, Lisa Saaengsirikhun, Adam Wick, and Christina Wick.

I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. Proverbs 4:11

SCOTT AND JONNA DEWITT OF CASAS POR CRISTO

To Visit NSCC on Sunday June 1

Hola! Buenos Dias! NSCC has a great working relationship with Casas Por Cristo of El Paso, Texas. Short term missionaries from NSCC will have built their 4th house in two years by the end of June! (Thank you to all who go and all who send.) This great working relationship has been made through the special connection we have through the DeWitts as Jonna is the daughter of Jon and Bonna Ray. Jonna grew up at NSCC and met Scott at Johnson Bible College when her parents moved there to prepare to serve the Lord on the mission field. Of course their children, Madison and Mason, will be with them. The DeWitts have served in youth ministry and now as missionaries with Casas Por Cristo building houses for Christ's sake, serving the poor in the surrounding area of Juarez, Mexico.

The Dewitts will share a greeting and short report in each worship service and will speak during the Sunday School hour in Pastor Bob's classroom. Plan to join us to get a complete picture of Casas Por Cristo ministry and how the DeWitts serve the Lord in El Paso and Juarez. Gracias Amigo!



Scott DeWitt



home. Sandra is a house cleaner and makes \$30.00 a week. By June 20 Sandra's family will have moved into a brand new home built by the faith, prayer and work of people from NSCC! In less than one month the Casas Por Cristo Group II will be headed to Juarez to build an 11 x 22 house for this family. The

BUY A SQUARE FOOT OR TWO?

Take a Square Foot Off the Wall Today!

Near Juarez, Mexico, Sandra Ivonne Castillo Martinez and her three children Aylina, 4yrs old, Miguel, 2 yrs old, and Margarita, 1 yr old, have no permanent

house is small, only 242 square feet, and costs about \$18 per square foot to build! We need funds for the remaining 45 square feet. That is total of \$810.00. The needed 45 square feet are on display at the front of the auditorium today. Please take one off of the wall and place \$18.00 extra in today's offering to help cover the remaining cost. Make check payable to NSCC and please mark your check or envelope "Casa II House". Thanks so much.



Hey everyone, our Preschool Program and Graduation is this Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM. See you here at the church!

ATTENTION ALL DEACONS AND COMMUNION SERVERS

MEETING THIS SATURDAY MAY 24 at 8:00

Pastor Bob would like to meet with all deacons and communion servers Saturday May 24 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Dining Room and Coffee and Donuts will be served. Training for new deacons and communion servers will be held along with a discussion of other worship and ministry details.

WE ARE IN DEBT - WHETHER WE WANT TO BE OR NOT!

At NSCC we teach that it is best to live debt-free as this is God's plan for His people. The Scripture teaches that the borrower is servant to the lender. The Scripture also teaches that we should let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. So in the middle of striving to live debt-free, we do have a continuing debt - **a debt to love one another.** In response, some of us do love one another, fulfilling the debt and some of us do not pay our debt to love one another.

We should meet the debt to love one another simply because we are followers of Christ who has shown us the meaning and extent of love through His life and His death. Loving one another is not always an easy thing to do. It is not always a welcome and natural thing to do. But it is like paying a debt - we may not always feel like making the next installment, but it is due and payable!

The apostle Paul says this in Romans 13:8-10, "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as

yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. He agrees with Jesus who when asked of the greatest commandment said that it was to LOVE God and the second was like it - to LOVE your neighbor.

God is big on LOVE. LOVE is the greatest expression of the Christian even greater than faith and hope. LOVE is a command from God to those who follow Him. Get it? LOVING ONE ANOTHER IS NOT OPTIONAL.

Husband who holds your wife at arm's length because of past lack of appreciation - you must make yourself vulnerable by risking love again - God says so. Wife who withholds affection because of your husband's bad track record in loving you - God says to LOVE him anyway and again! Parent's who have been hurt by your child's foolish and wandering ways - LOVE is a stronger glue than the hurt that threatens to separate. Friends who aren't such good friends any longer - apply some LOVE one more time and then another.

We have been taught that love is patient and kind and not envious or boastful. Love is not proud or rude or selfish. Love doesn't get angry too easily and keeps no record when things don't go the way

they should. Love gets excited about things that are godly and finds no happiness in anything that is evil. Love is protective and trusting and optimistic and hangs in there even when you feel like quitting. And when everything else seemingly dies - it is love that keeps beating ever so quietly but steadily. IT IS LOVE THAT RESURRECTS RELATIONSHIPS.

So what about you? What will you do about this loving one another thing? In this case, LOVE becomes an action word. Love is more than a feeling. To not love someone and then another and then another is like allowing debt to pile up with no payment intended. Pretty soon you are in over your head so you isolate yourself and avoid others because you owe too much. Life is no fun then.

I encourage you to take inventory of your relationships. Who needs loving from you? Make your TOP 5 LIST and begin applying God's love to your those another relationships. Love like this brings freedom that is not ours otherwise. GOD LOVES IT WHEN WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

LOVING you,
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MOVE - CIY CONFERENCE - June 21-27

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

"God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and **MOVE** and have our being' (Acts 17:27-38).

All youth going into 9th grade through recent High School grads are invited to join us for MOVE! MOVE is Christ In Youth's Summer Conference for 2008. Each day attendees will engage in morning encounter, private study and prayer, discipleship groups, main sessions, group time and great evening worship. Daily themes are: Monday - *Jesus is the way we MOVE toward God*; Tuesday - *The Holy Spirit gives us the power to MOVE*; Wednesday - *In community, believers MOVE toward one another*; Thursday - *The Holy Spirit gives us boldness to MOVE against fear and apathy*; Friday - *Where is God calling you to MOVE?*

Total approximate cost is \$380.00 for the conference, housing and most meals. Transportation will be provided. Scholarships of \$150.00 per student will be provided by the Church. **See Kathi Huber TODAY for Registration Details.** After June 9 registration costs go up! Two fundraisers will be held - Roni Roll Sale and Rent a Kid/Car Wash Day!



Worship Leaders—Aaron Pelsue Band

May 18th— May 25th

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Meeting
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	9:00-11:00 a.m. 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study BBI Softball Game Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	10:00 a.m.— Noon	B.B.I.
<u>Thur</u>	6:00-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	B.B.I Preschool Graduation
<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE GATHERING

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 25TH-SUNDAY

SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.

WORSHIP AT 10:15

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008:

- **June 29th—Fifth Sunday**
- **August 31st— Fifth Sunday & Labor Day Weekend**
- **November 30th-Fifth Sunday**

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY MAY 26