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Today's Message

THE GOSPEL IN BLUE JEANS
Putting Your Faith to Work
"Our Faith and Our Troubles"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service

Serving Today

Greeters

The Seavers & The Conveys

Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship: Dawn Cratty, Michelle
Convery, & Chris Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 85
Worship II: 136
Total Attendance: 221

Offering

General - \$8,293.00
Designated - \$1,852.00
Total - \$10,145.00

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Marcella Patterson, 350 W.
Airport Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

*My dear brothers, take
note of this: Everyone
should be quick to listen,
slow to speak and
slow to become angry,
for man's anger does
not bring about the
righteous life that God
desires.*
James 1:19-20

PICK UP YOUR

PRAYER LIST IN THE

NARTHEX

GRADUATES TO BE HONORED NEXT SUNDAY

Graduates will be honored next Sunday, June 1st at the 10:45 worship gathering. Grads who will be honored are Andrea Cranmer, Matt Eckert, Mackenzie Houk, Levi Klutinoty, Erica Miller, Samuel Ovenshine, Mark Saeler, Lisa Saengsirikhun, Adam Wick, and Christina Wick. Don't forget to send a picture for the storyboard. All pictures will be available for pickup at Church on June 8th.

If you know of any other graduates, please contact the Church Office at 724-282-7700. We would like to pray for God's will in the lives of our graduates and to present them with a remembrance from the congregation.

SCOTT AND JONNA DEWITT FAMILY WILL SPEAK IN WORSHIP AND SS

Casas Por Cristo Missionaries to Visit NSCC Next Sunday June 1

Casas por Cristo is Spanish for "Houses because of Christ." Casas por Cristo is a non-denominational Christian ministry started in 1993 to address the needs of the poor in Mexico. Working through churches in Mexico, the mission provides service opportunities for groups who want to help those in need. The Casas por Cristo motto, "Building Homes, Changing Lives" comes to life in this partnership.

Casas por Cristo has a committee of over 80 pastors in Juarez who seek out families in need of homes. A typical applicant is a family of four with a weekly income of \$53 who lives in a cardboard and shipping pallet house with a dirt floor. Families are required to own a suitable lot, and provide water for the construction process, but there are no other prerequisites. Following the committee's approval, Casas por Cristo goes to work to re-

cruit a team to do the building. In three to four days, the team turns the empty lot into a new home for a family.

The homes are a gift from the team to the family on behalf of the local church. This outward sign of Jesus' love illustrates the care Christians have for the poor. Each home is an outward sign of the partnership between the teams who build and the churches in Juarez who sponsor the families. NSCC is the only Church in Pennsylvania that regularly sends short-term missionaries to help build houses for Christ! Thank you brothers and sisters for your support in every way - Praying - Sending - Giving - Going!

Sunday the DeWitt's will be here to make a firsthand report and say thanks. Scott and Jonna will share a few words in Worship I and II and will speak during the Sunday School hour in Pastor Bob's class. Join US!



A Typical Cardboard House-Before



A Finished Home-After

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

June-July-August

ECCLESIASTES, PART 2 - Join us as we continue to follow Solomon's journey on what does (and what doesn't) bring meaning to life, examining Ecclesiastes chapters 7-12. Taught by Pastor Jeff in the Library.

FORGIVENESS - Dennis Muir leads this 6 week study through the book of Philemon about this key characteristic of God that we are commanded to imitate! Subjects included will be: the Character of one who Forgives, the Actions of one who Forgives, and the Motivation of one who Forgives. Meets in Room 103.

IMAGES OF CHRIST - Join Pastor Bob in the Church Dining Room for The International Sunday School Lesson Study. The theme this quarter is Images of Christ. The studies are taken from Hebrews, the Gospels and James. The class is open to all who have a interest in learning God's Word systematically. The fall quarter will be The New Testament Community and features studies concerning the birth, growth and challenges of the New Testament Church. Quarters rotate on the themes of Creation, Call, Covenant, Christ, Community and Commitment.

JUNIOR HIGH - The Junior High teens and their families continue their study through Answers Academy, a curriculum by Answers in Genesis that equips you to defend your faith - from the first verse of the Bible! Terry Hartman teaches this class in Room 102.

SENIOR HIGH - The Senior High youth and their families will be viewing selected sermon DVDs from James MacDonald. Meets in the Legacy House.

VISITORS/NEW MEMBERS - All the answers to your questions you were afraid to ask about the ministries and beliefs of North Street Christian Church. Dennis Muir leads this 4 week class running the month of AUGUST in Room 103.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY MAY 26TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY

GRACE and One Another Relationships

Relationships are a major part of life. Relationships are a big threat to one's own success, security and happiness. Relationships are what make life worth the living. Relationships are inescapably necessary. Relationships are a real joy! Relationships are a real pain! *Relationships are _____.* You fill in the blank. Boy, you could say a lot about relationships, both positively and negatively, couldn't you? I have jokingly said, "This Church work would be a lot of fun if it weren't for the people!"

But what would the Church be and where would the Church be if it weren't for PEOPLE?! It was for people that Christ came. It is for people that the Church exists. Through Christ and His Church the door is opened for people to be redeemed, to live in vital relationship with Him and one another and to involve themselves in fulfilling the commis-

sion of the Great Commission. And we know that it all of course ultimately is for God's own glory.

In the middle of fulfilling His desires, we clearly understand that God intends for us to have "one another" relationships. The people in those relationships are called friends, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, enemies, co-workers, ex's, employers, employees and so on and so on.

For sure, when we experience these "one another" relationships - none of them are perfect. It is the nature of people - both you and me - to fall short in relationships. It is by God's GRACE that we even have a relationship with Him. And it is by GRACE that any of us can maintain any "one another" relationship.

I want to encourage you to love GRACE. I

want to encourage you to receive and give GRACE. I want to encourage you to breathe GRACE.

Grace is not demanding. Grace lets go. Grace forgives. Grace frees. Grace does not withhold love. Grace enables, encourages, lubricates the rebuilding of injured relationships. Grace is our spiritual Vitamin G - the missing nutrient which, when applied, promotes healing! Grace enables humble, repentant, committed, loving hearts to mend.

J.I. Packer said, "The love of God is manifested brilliantly in His grace toward undeserving sinners. And that is exactly what grace is: God's love flowing freely to the unlovely."

I think that we ought to be more like God when it comes to grace in relationships, don't you?

I'm for Grace,
Pb



MOVE - CIY CONFERENCE - June 21-27
5 Life-Changing Days Focused on Truth, Worship & Community

All youth going into 9th grade through recent High School grads are invited to join us for MOVE, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach. Worship will be led by the Aaron Pelsue Band. Celebration Speakers are Eric Epperson, Shawn Williams, and Jeff Walling. The Encounter Speaker will be Damien Spikereit. Log on to CIY.com; go to High School; then to MOVE and then to ON STAGE - You can learn all about the event, the schedule, speakers, worship leaders, and etc. The total approximate cost is \$380.00 for the conference, housing and most meals. Transportation will be provided via the Church vans. 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!

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).

HEADS UP!
SUMMER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- © June 21 - 28th: Sr. High CIY to Myrtle Beach
- © June 30 - July 3rd: Island Outreach Camp Creation
- © August 5 - August 9: Princess Camp at Christ is the Answer Retreat Center
- © August 11 - August 15: VBS/Day Camp at YMCA Camp in Slippery Rock
- © Details to Follow - Watch for announcements of the time for our organizational meetings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Because of God's faithfulness, your generosity and the willingness of a group of people who will GO, the Casas por Cristo II Missions group now has the funds to build a house for Sandra Ivonne Castillo Martinez and her three children Aylene, 4yrs old, Miguel, 2 yrs old, and Margarita, 1 yr old! The group will depart June 14 and return on June 21. We will pray for the team on Sunday June 8 at the end of Worship I and also at the beginning of Worship II. Remaining funds will be used for van rental, groceries, housing etc. while in El Paso and Juarez. Group members are Andy Bilowich, Michelle and Jim Convery, Tyler Cranmer, Eric Eury, Gary and Kelly McDeavitt, Dennis, Marianne, and Casey Muir, Gary Saeler, Lauren Sears, Nikki and Sue Simpson, Ashley Tack, and Christina Wick.

May 25th— May 31st

Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Mon	Church Office is Closed	
Tues	9:00-11:00 a.m. 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study B.B.I.
Wed	10:00 a.m.— Noon 12:00 Noon	B.B.I. Staff Meeting
Thur	11 a.m.—1 p.m.	Preschool Picnic
Fri	6:15 p.m.	Softball Game

NEW TOTAL—30 HOUR FAMINE

Lacey Eckert Reporting

I am thrilled to tell you that the final count brought us to \$4008.60! That is almost \$600 more than our initial total on famine weekend! With that money, we will help feed 11 children for an entire year, and with the matching government grants World Vision has obtained, the amount will be quadrupled, feeding 44 children for a year! We ended up raising over \$100 per participant - double our fundraising goal. Thanks again for all of your help in coordinating the weekend; I couldn't have done it by myself!

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE
THE REMAINDER OF 2008:
JUNE 29TH—FIFTH SUNDAY
AUGUST 31ST—FIFTH SUNDAY & LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 30TH—FIFTH SUNDAY**