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North Street News

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Today's Message

Together We Can!
"Trusting, Praying, Working"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I: The Mangels

Worship II: The Seavers

Nursery

Worship I: Kathy Twerdok &
Ashley Grooms

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &
Adrianna Passauer

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: The Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 102
Worship II 140
Total Attendance 242

Offering Report

November 2nd

General - \$ 6,511.00
Designated - \$ 1,001.00
Total - \$ 7,512.00

November 9th

General - \$11,637.00
Designated - \$12,564.00
Total - \$24,201.00

Building Fund Balance is

\$15,394.00.

15% of General Offering is
Given to Missions Each Week

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Lillian Shaffer, Brownsdale
Manor, 119 Brownsdale Rd.,
Butler, PA 16001.

Nevertheless we made
our prayer to our God,
and because of them we
set a watch against
them day and night.
Nehemiah 4:9

Let the Church Rise: Love God, Love People – Here and Now!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 23 – ONE WORSHIP GATHERING!

The current Sunday morning sermon series Let the Church Rise: **Love God, Love People – Here and Now** has led hearers on a quite exciting journey. The first message was a challenge to consider/reconsider the PURPOSE of God's Church on earth and the VISION of North Street Christian Church to fulfill that PURPOSE by loving God and loving people – here and now! The next message reminded hearers of how God provides – perfectly and with just enough and in His time – which results in His followers having a DAILY DEPENDENCE upon God for all spiritual and temporal needs. The third message taught hearers to give joyfully, sacrificially and expectantly – and when that is done – God's blessing is realized. Remember this formula from II Corinthians 8 and 9 – JOY + POVERTY = GENEROSITY! That's a WOW! The Word teaches the faithful to give proportionately – from their means; sacrificially – beyond their supply; and generously – of their own free will!

This week's message is entitled **TOGETHER WE CAN: Trusting, Praying, Working**. The challenge will be for us to proceed in our ministry and facility improvements in faith and prayer and by working together. A key verse for today's message is from Nehemiah 4:6 which says, "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for **the people had a mind to work.**" Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday! The message is entitled **Commitment is Not a Dirty Word: Is There Ever a Good Time to Say, "I Do?"** At the end of the message those in attendance will be given an opportunity to give a generous and sacrificial gift and/or make an ongoing commitment to our remodeling/building project. It is through giving, praying and working together that our commitments can be fulfilled. As a reminder, we will proceed step by step as the funds are made available. NSCC intends to remain debt free. Let us partner with God and His people for our future as a Church that loves God and loves people – here and now! On Sunday November 23 and Sunday November 30, Sunday School will be held at 9:00 and Worship will begin at 10:15!

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Let the Church Rise: Love God, Love People—Here (and There) and Now!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—Next Sunday, **November 23rd** is the deadline for the Operation Christmas Child collection at North Street Christian Church. You still have time to fill a shoebox for a special **child of God** that lives in poverty every day. We have so much to be thankful for every day, and with the holiday season quickly approaching, let us pass on our blessings to those children in need. It will not change the world, but it may change the world of the child who receives it. Yes, it is a simple gift that costs you a little time and money, but sharing the message of our loving Lord Jesus Christ, the gift is eternal. Jesus says in Mark 9:37, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me." Please bring your shoeboxes next Sunday and place them beside the stairs of the platform. May the Lord bless your week as you bless others. If you have any questions, call Bridget Pierce at 724-282-4547.

DON'T BE ALONE FOR THANKSGIVING—You are invited to come and join our family for food and fellowship here at North Street on Thursday, November 27th at 5 p.m. Call Cissy at 724-283-6689 or Dale at 724-282-0647 to RSVP.

NEW HATS. COATS. GLOVES. MITTENS. USED COATS—The Missions Department has set up a Christmas Tree in the Church Dining Room. We are collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and used winter coats, including sweatshirts and hoodies, to be distributed to our guests during our December Community Meal Outreach. Bring your donations and place them in the boxes at the base of the tree. Men's size 3X are needed.

FOOD DRIVE—A non-perishable food drive is in progress. We will distribute the food to our Community Meal Outreach guests in December. The Young Believers in Christ will keep the donations organized for us and will sort and pack all items for their distribution. THANKS YBICS! Non-perishable food items can be placed in the receptacles found at each of the main entrances of the Church building.

COOKIE BAKE—Legacy Youth Ministry will be baking cookies to be distributed to our Community Meal Outreach guests on December 13! A baking party is being planned to bake the cookies in the Church kitchen. Donations for supplies and/or funds to buy supplies are being sought!

Thanks for loving people here and now!

EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITY!

Butler County Prison Ministry

Do you want to be part of an exciting, front line evangelistic endeavor? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Pastor Jeff and Pressing On Ministries have some openings for people to get involved in evangelism at the Butler County Prison. Every Friday evening, from 7:30-9:30, we distribute Bibles and tracts and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a group of men who are seeking. We are looking for men who can commit to going in once or twice a month, and you would be required to have a background check done at the prison (no charge). We are planning a special meeting / training for volunteers. And don't worry - we will also be doing "on the job training" - you will NOT be going alone but will be with one of our ministers as you get familiar with this ministry and what is required. If you are interested, or would like more details, please contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700.

LET THE CHURCH RISE; LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE—HERE AND NOW!

North Street Christian Church Business Directory

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP ONE ANOTHER!

We are putting together a directory to list the goods and services available through the members and friends of NSCC. A sample handout is included with today's newsheet. We would like to list all businesses, home businesses, crafters etc. in one directory so that we can help one another in time of needing goods and services from others. If you are in business, have a trade, offer a service or make items for purchase, please fill out one of the NSCC Business Directory Forms included with today's handout and place in the offering or mail it to the Church Office at 226 West North Street, Butler, Pa. 16001. The directory will be compiled over the next several weeks and printed in full. Updates will be ongoing.

TRUTH PROJECT TRAINING BEGINS

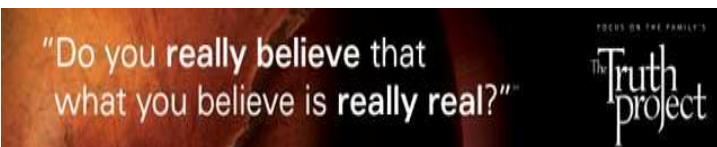
Saturdays from 8-11 at Legacy

In January of 2009, NSCC will begin a 12 Week Small Group Bible Study Series presenting the TRUTH PROJECT in DVD format from Focus on the Family. Those desiring to be group leaders are required to attend the training which is now offered on Saturday mornings from 8-11 at Legacy. There are six training sessions in total. The training dates are November 15,22,29 and December 6,13,20. It is not too late to be trained. Make up sessions will be offered as needed. See Terry Hartman or Dennis Muir for more information.

Time to Name Leaders for 2009

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Each year in November, leaders are nominated to hold the positions of Elder, Deacon, and Deaconess. The congregation is encouraged to submit names of church members to be considered for any of these positions. Just contact any of the following Elders: Bob Huber, Jeff Miller, John McIntyre, Doug Emmett, Bob Ogden, Chuck Rath, Terry Hartman, or Mark McCoy. On November 30, the congregation will be asked to approve the candidates who meet Biblical qualifications and are willing to serve.



A DONATION OR A SACRIFICE?

The pig and the chicken were talking about how they could help the NSCC Building Fund. The chicken came up with the idea that they could hold a Ham and Egg Breakfast to help out. The hen went on to say that she would provide the eggs if the pig would provide the ham. The pig thought about that for a few minutes and said, "That's easy for you to say. For you it would mean giving a donation. For me it would mean a total sacrifice!"

David said, ". . . for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing." (1 Chronicles 21:24)

Thank You For Your Love

The Huber Family would like to thank everyone who so kindly met our needs as we grieved the death of our foster son and brother Matt Petrosky. The visits, words of encouragement, the cards and flowers, the fruit basket and other remembrances continue to mean so much in a time like this. Please continue to pray for us, for Matt's mother Phyllis and sister Josie and his children Madison, Nicholas and Mariah of for their mother Deana.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.
Ps 5:11-12

November 16th—November 23rd

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II Missions Prayer Meeting/ Legacy
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	12 noon—2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	BBI Board Meeting Elders Meeting
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy Open Bible Study (Room 102)
<u>Thur</u>	6:00-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BBI Let the Church Rise: Love God, Love People—Here & Now Prayer Meeting
<u>Fri-Sun</u>	Weekend to Remember	
<u>Sat</u>	8:00-11:00 a.m.	Truth Project Training Seminar/Legacy November 22, 29 and Dec 6, 13, 20
<u>Sun</u>	COMMITMENT SUNDAY—ONE SERVICE Sunday School at 9:00 & Worship at 10:15	

STEWARDSHIP NOTES:

How to Prosper in A Declining Economy

Newscasts report daily that our economy is on a downward trend. People are losing their homes, highly-paid executives are losing their positions and having to settle for lower-paying jobs, food and energy costs continue to increase, and the list goes on.

While these facts are true, what we are experiencing is not new. In Jeremiah 29, the "weeping prophet" predicted long-term captivity. Israel would endure 70 years of hard labor before they would be allowed to return to their homeland. Let's all hope and pray that our current economic downturn won't last that long!

We have compiled a list of things you can do to survive or thrive in our current economy:

1. Learn to be content. (1 Timothy 6:6-9).
2. Pay your bills faithfully. Making your payments on or before the due date is a positive testimony to your creditors and a good example to your family/neighbors.
3. Prioritize your debt, making sure you don't compromise your home or your transportation.
4. Negotiate with creditors as needed. Be proactive. Seek a meeting with them to make payment arrangements rather than waiting until

you miss payments and they come looking for you.

5. Downsize if it puts you in a better cash position.
6. Pay extra whenever you can to accelerate payoff dates.
7. Have a garage sale to generate extra cash to pay down debt or to increase savings.
8. Work your way through the Crown Money Map.
9. Capitalize on your most valuable assets, your family.
10. Learn to garden, use fresh vegetables and fruit when in season, try a new recipe.
11. Cancel cable/satellite. Instead, read a book, play a table game, or share coffee with friends.
12. Explore bartering to save on outgoing expenses.

"A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." Proverbs 22:3

From Crown Financial Ministries

For a Crown Money Map or personal financial counsel you may contact the Church Office at 724-282-7700 or Curt Knottick at 724-283-2908.