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North Street News

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Today's Message

"How God Provides-Manna in the Morning
Putting Yesterday, Tomorrow & Today into Perspective"

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 & Josie Hartman

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole, Mary Stevenson & Emily Huffman

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: The Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 90
Worship II 138
Total Attendance 228

Offering

General - \$ 3,984.00
Designated - \$ 126.00
Total - \$ 4,110.00

Building Fund

\$14,630.09

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Cheryll Martin, 627 Herman Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

Give Us This Day Our
Daily Bread

Matthew 6:11

New Energy at North Street Christian Church

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

Each day this week has led to another story, another word of encouragement, another joyful thought of new life. It seems that since Sunday there is new energy at NSCC. It revolves our discovery of the stages of life of a Church – conception to infancy to growth to prime to aging to dying. We learned that if we do not intend to thrive we will slowly die! We also learned that NEW VISION brings new life! And it has been evident at NSCC this week!

Our decision to raise funds to remodel and build an addition is a new vision that brings this excitement along with it. This Friday, Saturday and Sunday the informational meetings will be held where every household is asked to attend one of the meetings. At each meeting a review of the project will be given, each household will receive a booklet displaying the plans to date and a time for questions and answers will be held.

Friday – Pizza Supper at NSCC at 6:00 , Child Care at Legacy,
Saturday – Dinner at Natili's, S. Main St. at 6:00—Meeting following at NSCC
Sunday – Meeting held at NCSS after Worship II

Nearly 70 people have joined our daily prayer groups! Remember there is a Let the Church Rise Prayer Meeting here this Thursday at 7:00! See you then! We will also gather on the 13th and 20th.

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

Next Sunday's Message – Together We Can! *Trusting, Praying, Working*

Help Wanted: You Can Touch Others in the Name of Jesus

MISSION DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Sunday October 26, the Missions Department held the quarterly meeting to receive updates on each of our missions and to plan for the future. Here are some details:

Community Meal Outreach: We continue to serve free meals to the needy and lonely of our community every 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month. To date this year we have served 1,452 hot meals to our friends and neighbors. WE NEED HELPERS each time we serve. If you would volunteer to help in set-up, hosting, serving, kitchen or clean-up, please fill out the pink COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEER card found in the each pew today and then put that card in the offering plate as it passes by today. NEW GLOVES, NEW HATS, CLEAN USED COATS in

good condition will be collected and distributed again this year. The hats and gloves can be put on the Christmas Tree in the Church Dining Room area beginning next Sunday November 9. Coats can be put in the receptacle beside the tree. Several men's XXXL coats are needed this year.

A FOOD DRIVE and COOKIE BAKE will be organized in the near future to share with our Community Meal friends for Christmas.

Remembering Our Missionaries at Christmas: We are sponsoring a CARD SHOWER with personal greetings and favorite Scriptures to send to all of our missionaries at Christmas. You can get your cards, include a personal note and Scripture and simply place the cards in

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A Great Idea Put into Action for Our Building Fund

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Several years ago, Audrey Clark had a great idea when we talked about raising funds for future ministry. She called her idea CHANGE FOR CHANGE. The idea is that together we could all collect our change (pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters) and bring it to Church as an extra way to donate funds for the changes needed in our facilities. We are putting her idea into action! To aid our BUILDING FUND we will have two 5 gallon jugs at the rear of the auditorium for any who wish to participate in donating their CHANGE FOR CHANGE. One jug will be for pennies and the other for nickels, dimes and quarters. This could really add up! Get this - In December of 2007 Paul Brant, age 70, bought a new Dodge Ram pick up for \$26,670 in rolled quarters and dollar coins. The coins weighed nearly a half ton! It took him 13 years to save that much – so all of us saving together could make a pretty hefty donation in just our extra coins! Brant said that he is as thrifty as his father was, who, Brant says, used to take his family on vacation with the change he'd saved up. By the way, when Brant bought his previous Dodge truck in 1994, he paid for the whole thing with all the quarters he'd saved up over 23 years. And with the nickels, dimes and pennies, he bought his wife a new Dodge Neon! (I think we will need a change counting committee real soon!) Thanks Audrey for a GREAT IDEA!

Legacy Open House

You are invited to Legacy Open House for a tour and refreshments today any time between 9:30 and 1:00. If you have already seen Legacy then come just for refreshments. Please pray that Legacy will always be used for ministry and God's glory. *Therefore, my beloved brethren be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil was not in vain.* Corinthians 15: 58

Pick Up YOUR VOTERS GUIDE TODAY – Voter's Guides from the Pennsylvania Family Institute are found in the narthex, at the Welcome Center, and in the Church Dining Room. Please take one to help make informed decisions at the polls this Tuesday.

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the Christmas Basket found at the Welcome Center in the Annex. Just the mission name or family name will be needed on the outside of the envelope. The missions/missionaries are: The Saengsirikhuns in Thailand, The Houtens in Belize, The Mitchells in Romania, The DeWitts of Casas Por Cristo, Pressing On in Butler and New Directions Farm in Mars Hill, N.C. Also the Missions Department will be remembering our foreign missionaries with a family gift. If you would like to help defer the cost, you can make a special donation and mark it Christmas Gift for Missionaries.

2009 MISSION TRIPS – To date 2 missions trips will be sponsored by North Street Christian Church in 2009. A group will be recruited to go to **BELIZE** in February or March to build a restroom facility on the Teen Missions Campus where the Houten's serve the Lord. All materials are provided by Teen Missions. We will need to send 6-10 laborers. Matt Eckert will lead a group to **MEXICO** in April over Spring Break, (April 8-14) to build a house with Casas Por Cristo. The group members will raise funds for all costs including the materials for the house. TEENS are especially encouraged to consider serving on this trip.

The next **MISSIONS PRAYER LUNCH** which is open to all who would like to attend is scheduled for Sunday November 16 immediately following Worship II. The lunch and meeting will be held at Legacy. Remember that next **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9** is the **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH!**

A Congregational Care and Fellowship Ministry Meeting will be held Monday Nov. 10 @ 7:00pm in the church dining room. Members of this ministry are asked to attend as well as **anyone** desiring to serve with us in any aspect is encouraged to come. We are involved in much ministry in this church which is very rewarding, and requires many hands and feet and much heart. If you can't make the meeting please see me personally or call me at home or e-mail; 724-586-2042, silver@usachoice.net. Serving with purpose and joy for His glory, Doug Emmett.

COME SENIOR CITIZENS...

Taste and see the Lord is good. Psalm 34:8


Please join us next Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 pm. in the Church Dining Room. We will be sharing a bountiful Harvest meal together. We will enjoy your fellowship!



ALONE FOR THANKSGIVING?
We invite you to come and join our family for food and fellowship here at North Street Thursday, November 27th at 5 p.m. Cissy and Dale

November 2nd—November 8th

<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 Congregational Meeting
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Worship Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	12 noon.—2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BBI 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 Prayer Meeting
<u>Sat</u>	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Community Meal Dinner Out /Campaign Meeting



MISSING ANGEL
A wall hanging made by Margaret Taggart that was located in the Dining Room has turned up missing. This wall hanging won a blue ribbon and is very important to her. If you have any information about the whereabouts of this angel, please contact Margaret at 724-290-3510.

Operation Christmas Child has begun for this holiday season. As we enjoy spending Thanksgiving with friends and family reflecting on our blessings, Operation Christmas Child is preparing for the arrival of the shoeboxes that they will ship all over the world.



To ensure the children receive their shoeboxes before Christmas, the collection **deadline is November 23rd**, just three weeks away.

Toys, school supplies, and other items in the shoeboxes are wonderful, but "The Greatest Gift of All" is the booklet included in their language proclaiming the love of Jesus!

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord." Psalm 127:3a
More information will follow. For questions, call Bridget Pierce at 724-282-4547. God Bless.

SEVEN STEP SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS - CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Chuck Bentley, CEO Crown Financial Ministries, Gives the Following Advice:

Submitted by Curt Knotick

Step 3 – Become Culture Contrarians

Ask for the American citizens to show the way for the change we need. We have reversed the sense of order in our nation.

Support measures that create accountability for government officials to get our federal, state, and local governments fiscally responsible. How can we demand change when we reflect the same lack of self control demonstrated by the spending habits of our government?

We must lead, not wait to be led.

Step 4 – Call for Non-Government Solutions for the Hurting

I call on the business community to develop programs that help the real backbone of this culture, the work force. Reward your employees who want out of the financial trap they are in. Have a contest or offer assistance to help people to sell their houses, to downsize, to get rid of the gas-guzzler, or to pay off mountains of credit card debt.

As the great unwind takes place, seize the opportunity to help. Offer flexible schedules for the work-at-home parents. Have an assistance plan to avoid foreclosure for those who will live on a budget and make necessary lifestyle changes. Have a frugal Friday where everyone brings their lunches, shares rides, and reduces wasteful spending. Give a cash prize or gift card to those who have new ideas and ways to help improve the financial health of the company or its employees. Encourage helping others in the company and reward those who take initiative to do that.

Step 5 – Mobilize the Power of Serving Each Other

I would call for a renewed purpose for neighbors and community groups to find out how they can innovatively help those facing foreclosure in their communities. Step up and ask God for creative solutions that negate the need for a government solution. Many people simply need someone to help them see through the pressure and stress they face. Mobilize volunteers who have the capacity to coach and counsel others in their time of need.

Knock on a neighbor's door and ask if you can be of any help. Recommend they turn to Crown where they can find a trained financial coach for free.

Ask a retired banker, stockbroker or financial planner if they will help individuals learn basic money management skills rooted in Biblical principles. Invite them to speak up in churches, lunch meetings, or in a community room of your apartment complex. Look for wisdom and soak it up when you find it.

Set up assistance programs among professional associations that rewards being wise with money. Make living within your means the expected culture in your groups. Pastors, doctors, lawyers, bikers, athletes, car dealers, counselors, retired people, educators, and many more all have large associations that can mobilize people to help others. Make it a goal that your association will implement a new plan to educate those who struggle with financial issues.

Steps 6 and 7 and conclusion next week.