Sunday November 30, 2008

North Street Christian Church 220-226 West North Street Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

724-282-7700 Pastor Bob Huber Pastor Jeff Miller

# **North Street News**

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church www.northstreetchristianchurch.org Volume 2, Issue 48

#### Today's Message

The Power of Thanks—Let's Give, Let's Grow, Let's Go

Pastor Bob

#### Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship II

#### Serving Today

Greeters

Worship: The Mangels

#### Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship: Kathy Twerdok & Joshua Croup

#### The Lord's Supper

Dawn Cratty & The Grooms

#### Last Week at NSCC

Attendance 203

#### Offering

 General \$ 4,321.00

 Designated \$ 4,041.00

 Total \$ 8,362.00

## **Building Fund Balance is**

\$\_

15% of General Offering is Given to Missions Each Week

#### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Verna Weisenstein, 780 Mercer Rd., Butler, PA 16001

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

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

Sermon Series Concludes Today

Let the Church Rise: Love God, Love People – Here and Now will continue to be a watchword for North Street Christian Church throughout our efforts to improve our facility for the glory of God. Love God, Love People – Here and Now will hopefully remain a description of the plan and purpose of North Street Christian Church throughout the remainder of our history. Today, however concludes the six-week sermon series entitled the same. The final message is entitled, **The Power of LIVING THANKS, Let's Give, Let's Grow, Let's Gol** In this message hearers will be challenged to *live thanks, not just give thanks!* In doing so, we must always compare our lifestyle and efforts for the kingdom to the highest reason for our thanks – that God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son for the redemption of all who believe. During LET'S GIVE – the Stewardship Department will report on last week's commitments received on Commitment Sunday. During LET'S GROW – Pastor Bob will challenge the congregation to BE THE CHURCH – a living body that grows! And During LET'S GO – the clarion CALL TO ACTION will be sent forth. THANKSGIVING should be our lifestyle, not simply a season and holiday in our calendar.

A four-part Christmas Sermon Series from Isaiah entitled "And He Shall Be Called..." will begin next Sunday, December 7. Pastor Jeff will preach December 7 and 14 and Pastor Bob will preach December 21 and 28. Christmas Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY**

<u>Ladies Class:</u> As a Christian woman, you yearn for intimacy with God. You long to know His presence, to be satisfied in heart and soul, but you don't know how. You want to be obedient, but you need a higher motivation than simply choosing to do right. True worship is both a specific act and a lifestyle. As you learn what it means to bow your knee (the/act/of worship), you'll gain a renewed intimacy with God. And as you learn to bow your thoughts, words, attitudes, will, and even pain (the/lifestyle/of worship), you'll be drawn into God's holy and life-giving presence- the place where God will truly satisfy your thirsty soul." This class will meet in room 103, taught by Sherry O'Donnell and Sam Tait

The International Sunday School Lesson Class: Human Commitment is the theme of the lessons for the Winter Quarter. People have varying levels of commitment to all kinds of things. This fact is very useful, because it reveals where a person's heart truly lies. "Are we committed to right things?" is a good question to ask ourselves and each other. In December we will examine, Commitment to the Messiah. Mary, Elisabeth, the Shepherds and John the Baptist will be our examples. In January and February we will consider Old Testament People of Commitment. We'll take a look at people such as the Hebrew midwives in Egypt, Rahab the Harlot, the mother of Samson, Nathan the Prophet and Isaiah when he answered God's call. This class meets in the Dining Room and is taught by Doug Emmett and Pastor Bob Huber.

<u>Christian Parenting</u> - Discipling the children God has entrusted us with is one of our primary duties as Christian parents/adoptive parents/foster parents/step-parents. There are countless models the world offers to raise children. This class will examine God's way. Taught by Pastor Jeff in the Library.

Course descriptions for the remaining classes  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 

#### **CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**

Barnabas Reporting

Dear Brother Bob,

Yesterday I went up to Chiangdao and then went up to Hui Ko Akha village. We gathered Ser-

gius the evangelist and two Akha deacons, Ah xo and Lao Sl. The other fellow evangelists; Inn Sorn and Lemech. We held meeting and try to find the way for building the Church. The old church dimension is 43.5 square meters The Church that going to build is 120 square meters(8 x15) We would like to finish it before the rain comes. We will see how much work we can get done with the budget that we have. For Jasi's Church in Nong Kiew, we have to plan again .

Thank you very much.

May God bless you



L-Present Church Building-R-Site of New Addition



The Meeting of the Minds



Barnabas



Prayer On Site

#### **A CURRENT WORD FROM 350 YEARS AGO!**

Williams Secker Speaks from The Consistent Christian

"You shall not follow a multitude--to do evil." Exodus 23:2

The generality of people--are like dead fish, which float down the stream, wherever it runs. The 'voice of the *people*'--is often the voice of the *devil*. Satan's herd of swine--is larger than *Christ's flock of sheep!* Let them be ever so *mighty*—we are not to *fear* them. Let them be ever so *many* --we are not to *follow* them.

If we will not have the people of the world to be our *leaders*—we shall be sure to have them as our *troublers*. If they cannot *seduce* us into their *evil* ways--they will *oppose* us in our *holy* ways. If they cannot *scorch* us with their fire--they will try to *blacken* us with their smoke. They will *speak* evil of us--because we do not *run* into the same excess of evil with them. Because we refuse to play the *fool* with them--they will say that we are mad.

"Though the people of Israel are as *numerous* as the sand on the seashore—only the *remnant* will be saved." Romans 9:27. The *whole piece* belongs to the Devil—but God cuts off a *remnant* for Himself!

The trees of righteousness are thinly planted--in the world's orchard. There are many wicked sinners --to one godly man! Pebbles lie abundant in the streets --but pearls are rare to find.

Sinners are certainly the *greatest* company —but they are also the *worst* company. Remember, the *multitude* of *people*, are like the *droves* of *cattle*—which go to the *slaughter!* 

Those who follow after others in sinning—will be sure to follow them in suffering! Alas, the largeness of the multitude, will not extinguish the fierceness of the flame! The great number of those immortal faggots (traditional British term for "bundle of sticks")—will but intensify the fury of the eternal fire!

From: The Consistent Christian, William Secker, 1660

Little is known about William Secker. He is known to have ministered at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, then later at *All Hallows Church*, London Wall. His last days were passed as rector of a Church in Essex.

. <del>♦</del> <del>♦</del> <del>♦</del>

☆

☆

#### **DECEMBER 14TH IS INFANT RECOGNITION DAY**

#### Dear Parents:

If your infant has never been a part of infant recognition at N.S.C.C., please contact the church office, or let me know. We would like to have Infant Recognition on December 14th. "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord." Thanks for your kind attention to this matter.

Doug Emmett.



# 25 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order poinsettias to beautify our Church during the Christmas services and for you to take home to beautify your homes or to bless a friend or shut-in, order forms are located in the narthex and in the Welcome Center. Please complete the form and place it in the offering by December 7th with your payment. If you have any questions or need to phone in your order, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

Thank You to all who filled a shoebox for a needy child. Your time, money and effort will not go un-noticed. That child will know that you loved them enough to send this care package for them. Pray for that child over the next month. Ask God to reach inside their little hearts and show them His Love. God Bless you this holiday season and continue to help those in need this holiday

season and all year round, for Christ is Christmas, but He is also

here the other 364 days of the year. In Christ's Love, Bridget Pierce

# **VACCINATION INFORMATION TO BE SHARED**

Are you completely informed to make an educated decision about vaccinating your child or even yourself? This issue affects every American of ALL ages! Please educate yourself on this very important issue! An informative seminar will be presented by Stacy Milliron on Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm at the Legacy House! She will share her research concerning childhood and adult vaccinations, including the flu shot! Please come and invest time into educating yourself. Seating is limited. Please call 724-772-2045 to reserve a seat or if you would like additional information!

#### **COOKIES NEEDED!**

**Butler County Prison Ministry** 

The annual Christmas party for the Prison Ministry is tentatively planned for December 19th. Anyone wishing to donate cookies for the party can bring them to the Church anytime prior to that date.

Also, Friday evenings from 7:30-9:30, we distribute Bibles and tracts and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a group of men at the Butler County Prison who are seeking. If you have a heart for evangelism and can commit to going to the prison once or twice a month, please attend the training meeting December 6th at 9 a.m.

# 

Gift to the Community!

December 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

At First Baptist Church

221 New Castle St., Butler, PA

Featuring a live Cantata "Near to the Heart of A God" with orchestra and drama; special video cre- a ated by the Youth; a Christmas craft; A Christmas Walk-Thru and refreshments. There is no charge for the program, but tickets are required. For tickets or more information call 724-287-7241.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

## **NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 6TH**

<u>Sun</u>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Gathering
Mon	6:00 p.m.	Worship Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	8:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Wed	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Parent Council Meeting Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy Open Bible Study (Room 102)
<u>Thur</u>	6:00-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	BBI Vaccine Program at Legacy
<u>Sat</u>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Truth Project Training Training for Prison Ministry Christmas Program at the First Baptist Church