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Today's Message

"Strong and Courageous -
The Old Man Who Kept Doing
Great Things For God"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship I: The Kremers

Worship II: The Simpsons

Nursery

Worship I: Sandy & Trevor
Hempfling

Sunday School: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole &
Kathy Twerdok

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: The Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I 95
Worship II 129
Total Attendance 224

Offering

General - \$ 5,524.70
Designated - \$ 387.95
Total - \$ 5,912.65

Building Fund

\$14,511.09

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement
to Doug & Marian Corvin, 544
Brownsdale Rd., Renfrew, PA
16053

*But My servant Caleb,
because he has a differ-
ent spirit in him and has
followed Me fully, I will
bring into the land
where he went, and his
descendants shall in-
herit it.*

Numbers 14:24

LET THE CHURCH RISE

Love God, Love People—Here and Now

On Sunday October 26, we will begin a six-week challenge concerning our faithfulness to the call and commission of North Street Church in downtown Butler, throughout the community and in the world. The challenge is entitled **LET THE CHURCH RISE!** The challenge will lead us to consider our spiritual purpose and vitality! As the theme says, we are here to love God and love people – here and now! *Of course Jesus first said that when asked what was the greatest command! He said to first love God with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength and then to love your neighbor as yourself – which cannot not be unlinked from loving God.*

The goal of our challenge will be to begin raising funds for remodeling our structure and to build an addition to include a new entrance and offices. Certain areas of our building, simply put, require upgrading. Additional restrooms and re-designed educational space are needed NOW! A new entrance will provide open lobby space and easy accessibility to the rear of the auditorium. New offices will allow us to function more efficiently on a day-to-day basis.

The six messages in the **LET THE CHURCH RISE** challenge are:

October 26
God is Able, Are We Ready and Willing?
The Call of the Church in the Community
November 2
How God Provides - Manna In the Morning
Putting Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow into
Perspective
November 9
Together We Can!
Trusting, Praying, Working
November 16
The Giving That God Blesses
Giving Up, Giving In, Giving Over and Above
November 23
Commitment is Not a Dirty Word



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Is There Ever A Good Time to Say "I Do?"
November 30

The Power of **Living Thanks**
Let's Give, Let's Grow, Let's Go!

(There will be one worship gathering on the 23rd and 30th. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 and Worship at 10:15 on those days.

In addition to being challenged during the Sunday morning messages, everyone is asked to attend one of three informational meetings. At these meetings the details of our plans will be spelled out, each family will receive a booklet copy of the plans, and opportunity will be given for input and for a question and answer session. Informational meetings will be held as follows:

Friday, November 7 - Family Pizza Supper
w/Child Care at NSCC
Saturday November 8 - Dinner Out w/
meeting at NSCC
Sunday November 9 – Meeting will follow
Worship II

Every Thursday will be PRAYER DAY. Each person is asked to pray in the morning and the evening concerning the ministry of NSCC and God's provision through His people as we step out to make our ministry more effective for His eternal glory. **LET THE CHURCH RISE!**

MISSIONS – A VITAL LINK FOR MINISTRY AT NSCC

Missions Departmental Meeting/Sunday October 26

North Street Church has a most vital world missions ministry. We have a very close and working relationship with the Saengsirkhuns in Thailand. Barnabas personally relies on Pastor Bob Huber for prayer support, counsel and vision for the church which reaches out to Lisu speaking people in the city of Chiang Mai and for the Lisu, Lahu and Ahka Hill Tribes Churches in the mountains to the north. Much of the financial support for this ministry also comes from North Street Church.

We have very personal connection with the Mitchell's in Romania as Russ grew up right here at NSCC. PB married Russ and Cathy when they served the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Russ presently, through the Lord's grace and the OCI ministry, is making a national impact on the spreading of the Gospel in all of Romania. The Mitchell's are dependent on our prayer and support.

We have a very personal connection with the Houten's who serve with Teen Missions. They are one of us! The Houten family presently lives in Belize and are helping to develop the ministry and campus of Teen Missions there. Primary financial support and much prayer support for the Houten's comes from NSCC.

In addition to these, we have vital links with the DeWitts and Casas Por Cristo, New Directions Farm in Mars Hill, N.C. and Pressing On and our Community Meal Outreach right here in Butler.

Just as we have had an economic stir up in the US – so has the remainder of the world. The finances of our missions and missionaries have also been affected. In addition, plans for 2009 must be made. The Houten's have asked that we send some folks to them to build a new restroom facility on their jungle campus. (Materials will be supplied by Teen Missions) We would like to build with Casas Por Cristo again in 2009. In 2010, Pastor Bob would like to lead a team to Thailand once again.

YOU are invited to our missions meeting. We need prayers, visionaries, planners, organizers and every other kind of gifted people to help us make an impact in the world here and now. We must love God and love people you know! If you will join us come to the Dining Room after Worship II next Sunday October 26.

LOVE GOD! LOVE PEOPLE! HERE AND NOW!

RESCUE THE PERISHING, CARE FOR THE DYING

“For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!” There was a distinct passion in the Apostle Paul’s life. It was for others to know Jesus as He knew Jesus. For Paul, sharing Christ was not a hobby, a suggestion or an option. To share Christ was the fulfillment of a command and he did it with PASSION.

Most of us do not like commands. Tell us we have to and we won’t. Force us and we may. For Paul – I THINK HE LOVED THIS COMMAND! So what would be wrong with that? If we are commanded to do anything by God – why not love what we do?

The plain Gospel is less vogue and somewhat hidden in today’s popular Church. We may bring it up after a good concert, a good movie, game night, carnival or car show! Perhaps being so culturally relevant is not so

important as compared to just obeying God’s command to preach the Gospel. And when we do – it is not for bragging – it is for passionate obedience to God’s command. And when we do – we just may LOVE IT too!

Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, wrote so many hymns we love to sing. When she was up in years she visited the Macaulay Rescue Mission in NYC. She stood before a crowd of homeless, drug-addicted, alcoholic men. She said, “Is there a young man here who doesn’t have a mother?” One young man timidly raised his hand. He explained she died when he was very young. She asked him to come to the front. She gave him a big hug and kissed him on the cheek. It touched her heart so much that she went home that night and wrote these words, “rescue the perishing, care for the dying,

snatch them in pity from sin and the grave, weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save.”

Years later Ira Sankey was singing for D.L. Moody in St. Louis. He rose to sing that song, but before he sang he told that story. As he told the story a middle-aged man jumped up and shouted, “It was me! I’m the young man she wrote about. She kissed me. I could never get away from that moment.” He explained that as a result he became a Christian and straightened out his life!

Go tell them that Jesus is mighty to save!

Lovin’ It,
pb

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL—it is time to sign up to play basketball for NSCC in the Butler Church Youth Basketball League! We will sponsor a girls team for girls in grades 7-12 and two boys teams – Junior High and Senior High. Practices will begin soon. A clipboard to sign up is available at the Welcome Center in the Sunday School Annex. Anyone interested in helping to coach can see Dave Klutinoty or call him at 724-789-9758.



BUTLER BIBLE INSTITUTE—An end times fundamentals class will be held on Thursdays. Wars and economic challenges that are current today remind me that the End of the Church age may be near. No one but God the Father knows when that will occur. Our world view is greatly affected by our understanding of what the Bible teaches about

Christ, His death, His paying the price for salvation for all who believe in Him, and His role in the termination of the Church age, the tribulation time, Armagadden, the millennial age to come and Eternity. Getting a firm grip on these events gives us a peace when we are in Christ. Knowing as much as God has revealed about the end times effects how you plan, pray and act. Take advantage of the special course price for this 2 hour class that runs 7 weeks. The \$75 cost for the 14 hour course is reduced to \$50. For more information see Bob Ogden or call him at 724-283-3413.

Legacy Open House
November 2nd
Details will follow in next week’s News Sheet.

October 19th—October 25th

<u>Sun</u>	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
<u>Mon</u>	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
<u>Tues</u>	12 noon.–2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	BBI Bldg. & Property Meeting 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.	BBI
<u>Sat</u>	8:00 a.m.	Legacy Work Day

Thank you
Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the prayers and support I have received after my automobile accident. I am truly blessed to have such caring friends.
Sincerely,
Barbara Carson

Stewardship Notes

THE ECONOMIC EARTHQUAKE OF 2008

Submitted by Curt Knotick

In 1991, Crown Financial Ministries late cofounder Larry Burkett wrote *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, warning of the dangers of the ever-growing appetite for debt by our society and federal government alike. Some painted him as a “doom and gloomer”, especially in the light of the robust economic growth of the 90’s.

The simple advice about borrowing that Larry referenced was based upon Proverbs 22:7, “Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.” God’s Word has certainly proved to be true. Our recent economic woes have shouted loudly that biblical principles apply to individuals, families, Wall Street firms, and even government.

Following a reduction of lending standards for the qualification of a home mortgage, millions of borrowers took on debt obligations they simply could not afford. These mortgages were packaged and sold throughout a massive, global network. A bubble of non-sustainable housing prices was created. This set the stage for some of the unthinkable events we have witnessed. Foreclosures escalated in 2006, 2007, and 2008, triggering a real economic earthquake, a financial tsunami, and a breathtaking, wild roller coaster ride as global financial stability teetered on the edge of a

meltdown.

This is the most significant financial crisis the United States has faced since the Great Depression, and the aftershocks of these historic events will soon follow. The World as we know it has changed.

We hear both political candidates stating that the root of this financial crisis was greed, not only on Wall Street’s part, but also by the government, investors, and some individuals who knew that they could not afford the house they were financing. But herein lies the problem. *We cannot legislate a solution to greed, since greed is a heart issue.*

We individually need to take responsibility and begin to apply God’s financial stewardship principles to our own lives, and need to hold accountable our elected officials and federal government to do the same.

Over the next few weeks, we will discuss seven steps, as authored by Crown Financial Ministries that will help us all individually and as a whole in doing our part to live by biblical financial stewardship principles. *(Excerpts taken from Chuck Bentley, CEO Crown Financial Ministries)*