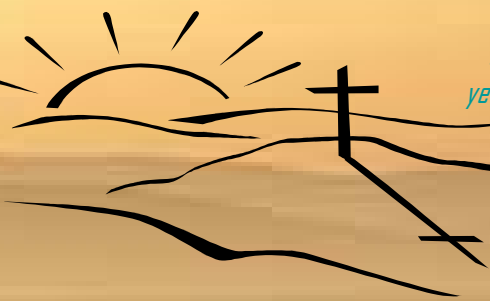


North Street News

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For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 Romans 5: 6-8

Today's Message: Living on This Side of the Cross

EASTER - Forgiveness/Reconciliation/New Life

In the King James Version of the Bible the word EASTER is used one time. In Acts 12:4 it says about Herod arresting and intending to kill Peter, "And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people."

Other versions interpret the word as Passover not Easter and rightly so, as the Greek word used in the verse is "pascha." Pascha is the Greek spelling of the Aramaic word for the Passover, from the Hebrew pasach, "to pass over, to spare," a feast instituted by God in commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt, and **anticipatory of the expiatory (atoning) sacrifice of Christ.** (Vines)

The word Easter is of Saxon origin, Eastr, the goddess of spring, in whose honor sacrifices were offered about Passover time each year. By the eighth century Anglo-Saxons had adopted the name to designate the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Making application – Christians do have a "passing over" of our own to celebrate. It is the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover. In Egypt before the Exodus – the death angel passed over the homes of the Israelites as they had sprinkled their doorposts and headers with the blood of the lamb. And then they were delivered. Set free from their bondage. Because of Christ – the Lamb of God – whose blood was shed on the cross – Christians are DELIVERED once for all from the slavery to sin. Our sin bondage is no longer that which dominates.

Instead, our freedom from sin and in Christ is the controlling truth and made real by the indwelling presence of God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit has set us free from sin and death. All because of the blood of The Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Praise God – we have been spared. Our sins have been atoned.

You can live in the reality of a FORGIVEN, RECONCILED, NEW LIFE! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

To BELIEVE means that you recognize Jesus Christ as your Savior - to confess His Name above all names - to turn from walking away from Him and His ways to walking toward Him and in His ways - to openly ask Him to forgive you and receive you as one of His own - to be obedient in all things. Come to Jesus! Trust and Obey.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

During today's Worship several people will be baptized. **Baptism is a visible, God-chosen, God-commanded response of faith.** True faith in Christ always leads to obedience to Christ. Baptism is a step of obedience upon belief. Baptism is intended for everyone who has come to faith in Christ. Christian baptism is not for Church membership rather it is an act of obedience in response to the Savior/Lordship of Jesus Christ. Baptism after belief is the biblical pattern. Being baptized fulfills the Great Commission. Being baptized is an illustration of our identity with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Being baptized announces a life change – the picture is that the old self is buried and the born again self is resurrected. The reality of being born again of course takes place in the spiritual nature of a man. Every believer is to be baptized. If you have come to believe in Christ as your Savior/Lord and have yielded to Him but have never been baptized, you need to take this biblical step of obedience. We would desire to teach you more about this blessed command of Jesus Christ. Please let us know if you have a desire to be baptized – just fill out a pew card today. A sermon entitled Christian Baptism can be accessed on our homepage at northstreetchristianchurch.org.

On Being Forgiven and Forgiving Others

A powerful theme of the Easter Season is FORGIVENESS. Of course we know that Jesus at the cross established our forgiveness through His own shed blood. The Scripture not only teaches vertical forgiveness (the God-to-man kind) but also horizontal forgiveness (the person-to-person kind.) In other words, not only are we to be forgiven, WE ARE TO FORGIVE. Paul to the Christians at Colossae said, "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." WOW – what a call – as He forgave me!

Here's some help in working on horizontal forgiveness.

1. Admit the Offense – if offended by another but pretend not to be – the wound just festers and spreads – nothing will change for the good.
2. Make a List – Go ahead - actually make list the offenders in your life.
3. Clear Your Conscience – confess to God and then to the offender – confess your wrong responses – bitterness, hatred, gossip, slander, not taking action sooner, hardness of heart.
4. Thank God – yes thank God for every wound. (I Thessalonians 5:18)
5. CHOOSE to forgive. Forgiveness, like agape love is a choice. You may not always *feel* like forgiving – but it is the right thing to do.
6. ERASE THE LIST.
7. Rebuild Relationships – confirm your Godly love to the people who **were** on the list.

"BUT THEY DON'T DESERVE IT," you might say. Actually that is the whole point. If a person could earn his way back into your favor, we wouldn't call it "forgiveness." Remember – forgive, as the Lord forgave you. Boy am I glad that God didn't make His decision to forgive me on whether or not I deserved it. How about you?

Adapted from Revive Life Action Ministries

WELCOME HOME SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES TO JUAREZ

On Monday and Tuesday the Casas Por Cristo house builders will return. We praise the Lord for these faithful brothers and sisters –Matt Eckert, Michelle Cousins, Tyler Cranmer, Nathan Huber, Chuck Kildoo, Toby and Tammy King, Luke Klutinoty, Gavin Lingenfelter, John McIntyre, Adrianna Passauer, Bridget Pierce, Bonna Ray, Mandy and Gary Saeler, Ruth Stiltz, and Christina Wick.



Our thanks to Sara O'Donnell who donated flowers in memory of her son, Jay O'Donnell and in honor of mother and family.

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK-April 12-April 18th

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6:45 Sunrise Service 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Resurrection Worship | 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal | 12 noon-2 p.m. BBI "The Next Step in End Times Study" 6:30-8:30 p.m. BBI "New Testament Survey" | 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy 7:00 p.m. Open Bible Study (Auditorium) | 6:00-8:00 p.m. BBI "Continued Studies in Biblical Apologetics" | 6:30 p.m. — Legacy Party at Hubers' | 5:00 p.m. Community Meal |
| Encourage a shut-in this week. Send a card to: Sarge Chernick 105 Sunflower Rd. Butler, PA 16001 | | | | | | |



A huge thank you from the family of Davanna Feyrer and the staff of Dr. Stephanie Kobil for making last Sunday's benefit spaghetti dinner such a big success. There was a great turnout from the community and from North Street Christian Church who graciously donated their time and funds.

In addition to the 750-800 dinners served, there was a bake sale with total donations in excess of \$13,000. The funds will be placed in the Davanna Feyrer Trust for her care.

The generous spirit of God's people is alive and well!

To My Fellow Followers in Christ at NSCC,

Thank you all so much for the support you have shown my family. We are tremendously grateful for all of the prayers and contributions that have enabled my children and I to start a new and secure life in accordance to God's will.

We look forward to sharing with you, our walk in faith and obedience, and hope that you joyfully receive us as part of your family in the Body of Christ.

May God bless you all exceedingly abundantly for having the heart of a servant.

Thank you again in the Name of Our Gracious Lord.

Agape ∞

Jessica, Rashean, Shaniah, Justice, and Jedaiah

THANK YOU—

From the bottom of our hearts, to everyone who generously contributed funds to pay for Owen's medical equipment. We would do anything to help bring healing to our son, and we are quite overwhelmed at the outpouring of love you all have shown. We are already excited at the progress he has made and are even more excited to see what lies ahead as he continues his therapy.

Jeff and Erin Miller (and Cade!)

GREETINGS FROM THE MITCHELLS IN ROMANIA

Hello!

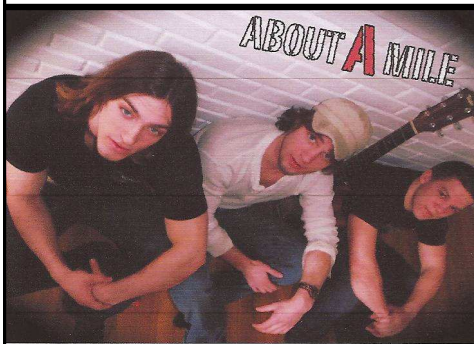
I hope your spring is as beautiful as ours is! We have blooming trees and lots of green perking up all over... God is so creative... and generous to give us such variety and detail!

Russ left this morning for his final Partners In Missions meeting before the conference next month. He'll be gone until fairly late tomorrow evening. We would appreciate your prayers for those meeting to have clear communication, the plans to go forward as God would have them and the potential participants to register before the deadline later this week.

Our kids' school is in need of teachers for next fall... we are losing quite a few folks this spring and they'll need to be replaced quickly so that the new ones will have time to prepare to come. God provided a former aid to come in and cover the Aid/Physical Education need. Several of us have been able to share the librarian duties since they're only two afternoons a week. Thank you for praying!

Our family is preparing to be in the States

VOTE FOR ABOUT A MILE!



Go to www.alive.org and click on "NEW ARTIST TALENT SEARCH" Enter your e-mail address. click the link in your email and vote for About A Mile.
You can vote once a day, until May 15th.

REQUEST FROM THE LIBRARY

If you have the following books sitting on the shelf at home and would like to donate them to our church library, please see Sherry Singer or leave them on the desk in the library:

- [Love and Respect](#)
- [Perilous Pursuit](#)
- [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World](#)
- [Having a Mary Spirit](#)
- [The Five Love Languages](#)
- [Laying down My Isaac](#)
- Expelled (DVD)
- Facing the Giants (DVD)

this summer. We are looking forward to seeing most of you while we are there! We need prayer for our housing plans in the Butler, PA area... for the second week of June and most of August... please pray that God would direct us to a host (or hosts), a house sitting situation or another form of accommodation while we are there! We continue to praise God for His provision of a Tracfon and vans for the summer!

We also praise God for each of you and the vital part you are playing in our work in Romania!

Thank you!
Cathy

April 5th

Attendance

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| Worship I | 91 |
| Worship II | 210 |
| Total Attendance | 301 |

Offering

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| General - | \$ 5,861.00 |
| Designated - | \$ 295.00 |
| Building - | \$ 1,380.00 |
| Total - | \$ 7,536.00 |

Let the Church Rise

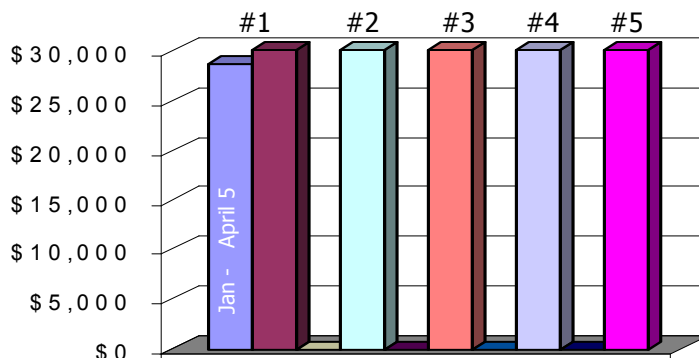
Total to Date:

\$225,234.00

Remodeling begins at \$250,000

2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND

Five \$30,000 Goals Set
Matched as Goals are Reached



We need only \$1,386.23 + to make our first 30K goal!
LET'S MAKE IT TODAY!

Serving Today

Greeters

The Winters
Pete Kovach

Nursery

Sunday School
Kathy Twerdok
Joan Cole

Worship Gathering
Joan Cole
Walker Hartman
Emily Huffman

The Lord's Supper

Paula Bauer
Barbara Carson