

Today's Message: Humbled by the Witness of the Water and the Blood

# OUR SENIOR CITIZENS (55+) TO BE GUESTS OF HONOR Sunday April 26 at Legacy

Legacy Youth Ministry invites all Senior Citizens of NSCC to be GUESTS OF HONOR for a Ham Dinner after Worship II on Sunday April 26 at the Legacy House at 232 West North Street. Those involved in our Wednesday night youth ministry at Legacy will prepare an excellent meal to include ham, baked potatoes and other sumptuous dishes with homemade dessert! You can sign up today by calling the office at 724-282-7700 and leaving a message. Of course there is no charge. Please come and join your friends for a great meal and wonderful fellowship.

#### Casas Por Cristo Missionaries Have Returned—New House Dedicated on Easter Sunday

We praise the Lord for the safe return of our 17 short-term missionaries who spent Easter week in El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico building a house for the Maria Elena Vazquez family. We heard briefly from Maria and our group during Worship II last Sunday. Photos in next week's News Sheet will help tell the story.

To the group who went – "We are humbled by your commitment and are glad that you all have returned safely." Ready to go again?

The group included 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.

We say thanks to all who supported the group, to the tech team for making telephone connections last Sunday, to all who prayed and gave in any way. One of our Core Values at NSCC is to experience missions first hand.

There is a stir amongst us for a group to accompany Pastor Bob to Thailand in Feb/Mar 2010 – let pb know if you are being called.

### LET THE CHURCH RISE REPORT OUR FIRST \$30,000.00 GOAL HAS BEEN MET!

On Easter Sunday \$1997.00 was designated for Let the Church Rise Building Fund. That amount put us over the top in meeting our first \$30,000.00 matching gift for 2009. Having met that goal, an additional \$30,000.00 will now be donated by Mrs. B.D. Phillips. That gift then added to our total giving will permit us to proceed as planned with our first step of remodeling the main and upper levels of the yellow brick building! We have now begun working on the second \$30,0000 matching gift. We have \$610.77 toward the second goal — only \$29389.23 to go! There are five \$30,000.00 matching gifts available for 2009. Thank you to all who have given to Let the Church Rise

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME—To Those Who Were Baptized and Joined NSCC Last Sunday

On Easter Sunday we witnessed 6 baptisms at NSCC. Being baptized in obedience to Jesus Christ were Charity O'Donnell, Jessica Criley Chrissy Bell, Liam Crowley, Amanda Walters, and Cindy Smith.

Those placing their membership with NSCC are Carol Durbin, Shongo Raines, Charity O'Donnell, Jessica Criley, Chrissy Bell, and Liam Crowley.

We thank the Salvatora Family and the Congregational Care and Fellowship Department for the Gift Baskets that were presented to our new members.



May 15-16th

NSCC Youth (and adults who wish to join them) will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine, a World Vision program that allows young people to make a significant impact on the problem of world hunger while growing closer to God and to each other.

By pledging to go without food for 30 hours, participants not only raise money to help feed and care for children worldwide, but also gain an understanding of how it feels to experience hunger. Over the years we've learned that this experience, combined with a

greater awareness of the suffering taking place in many parts of the world, will inspire young people to compassion and a greater desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Learning to rely on God and each other also bonds them and helps them grow spiritually.

In 2008, over 500,000 young people across the United States helped raise over \$12.1 million dollars to help feed and care for children in countries like Swaziland, Malawi, Haiti, and the United States.

If you are interested in participating, see Lacey Eckert for a fund raising packet.

# TRUTH GROUP LEADERS/STUDENTS PB is Looking for Testimonies

As our Truth Group Bible Studies draw to a close Pastor Bob would like to include some testimonies from our leaders and students concerning how your faith has grown through these 12 studies. Do you have better insight to God's plan for you life/family/career/citizenship? Is your faith stronger? Have you taken a stand on some particular issue that you did not seem so important in the past? Do you have a greater compassion for the world around you? Let us know what you're thinking! Send a 3-5 sentence testimony to pb at <a href="mailto:hubi@bloodbot.com">hubi@bloodbot.com</a>. We want to hear from you.

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say,

"Good Morning, Lord,"
and there are those who wake up in the morning and say,

Good Lord, it's morning."

#### **UPCOMING LEGACY EVENTS...**

Sunday, April 26th, NSCC Dinner for Sr. Citizens

ca Saturday, May 9th, Erie Splash Lagoon

© Friday-Saturday, May 15th—16th 30-Hour Famine



## THE WORK CONTINUES IN THAILAND

Under the guidance of Barnabas Seangsirikhun, work on the Hui Ko Ahka Village Church building in northern Thailand continues. More gifts are needed to complete the work and then on to Nuang Kiew Lahu Village to build a larger building. Please pray and consider giving to these additional worthy projects.



We thank Greg Simpson and Jim Convery and all they recruited to help prepare and serve a great pancake and sausage breakfast on Easter Sunday. The meal was great and you all did a fantastic job. The sausage was super! The fellowship was the best.

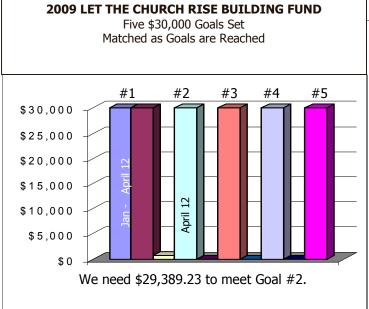
We thank Kim Gaiser and THE EASTER WORSHIP CHOIR. It was the coolest thing to have that many worship leaders – and it sure helped open some seats in the auditorium for others! Will Petsinger, age 6, gave Kim G. a note that says, "To the People On Stage: I like everybody singing!" Please plan to do that again soon! The Lord certainly had to be pleased with the praise in song at NSCC on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who dedicated themselves to helping make it all happen.

Take time to
encourage a
shut-in this week.
Send a card to:
Mary Ann Cornelius
YWCA Room 207
120 W. Cunningham St.
Butler, PA 16001

GRADUATE
RECOGNITION DAY
Graduates will be honored on
June 7th. If you know anyone
who is graduating this year,
please call the Church Office. We would also
like a picture to post on our storyboard.

Our thanks to Maxine Jackson who donated flowers in memory loved ones.

#### April 19th Attendance Sunrise Service 93 Worship Gathering <u> 269</u> Total Attendance 367 Offering General -\$ 4.634.40 Designated -17.00 Building -\$ 1,997.00 Total -\$ 6,648,40 Let the Church Rise Total to Date: \$227,231.00 Remodeling begins at \$250,000



#### **SERVING TODAY** Greeters Worship I The Winters Worship Pete Kovach Nursery Worship I Tyler Smith & Kathy Twerdok Sunday School Joan Cole Kathy Twerdok Brandy Bergbigler Worship II Joan Cole The Lord's Supper Worship I Paula Bauer Worship II Barbara Carson

**NOTICE:** Pastor Jeff's class on Revelation will now meet in the Church Dining Room and the International Sunday School Class taught by Doug Emmett and Pastor Bob will now meet in the Library.

### WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK-April 19th-April 25th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 Worship I 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship II	6:00 p.m. Worship Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 p.m. BBI "New Testament Survey"	BB I " The Next Step in End Times Study" <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Building/	6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy 7:00 p.m. Open Bible Study (Auditorium)	<b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> BBI "Continued Studies in Biblical Apologetics"		<b>6:00 p.m.</b> New Members Dinner

Love God, Love People—Here and Now!