

North Street News

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And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, Hebrews 10:24

Today's Message: How Can We Yet Be So Worldly?

Let The Church Rise Building Report

On Easter Sunday the congregation of NSCC met the first of five goals of raising \$30,000.00 toward remodeling and new construction of our facility. The matching gift for that amount has now been received bringing our total raised to date to \$258,165.80. We will now proceed with the first step of our building and remodeling plan.

Brett Ligo of Ligo Architects was invited by our Buildings and Grounds Department and Project Overseer, Bob Ogden to the meeting of the Church Board held on Tuesday April 21. Brett presented the construction drawings for needed improvements to the lower, main and upper levels of the yellow brick building. The next step is to now seek bids for the remodeling and make final determination concerning the order of procedure. If all goes as planned, the yellow brick building will be closed for a good part of the summer and ready to use in its remodeled condition by September. Plans for Classroom locations and the Sunday School and Worship schedule are under present discussion by the Christian Education and Worship Ministry Departments.

Our next step in giving is to work toward the next four \$30,000.00 goals to be matched in 2009! We thank all who have given to date and encourage everyone to continue to give prayerfully and sacrificially for this worthy project.



Plans laid out by Bob Ogden and Brett Ligo.



April 21st Board Meeting

Why Debt Free?

NSCC is in a season of improving our facilities by remodeling our present building and with a new addition to include a lobby/elevator/restrooms and offices. Ultimately an additional phase of construction will house a new multi-purpose facility to include a new kitchen/dining area that can also be utilized for other purposes such as worship gatherings/concerts/recreation/receptions etc. NSCC is debt free. This would be a likely time for a Church like ours to borrow the funds to complete the entire building project at once. But we have chosen to proceed debt free. We believe that we are called by God to do so.

The leaders of NSCC have agreed that God's best for the Church is to not have debt. Churches have too often found them-

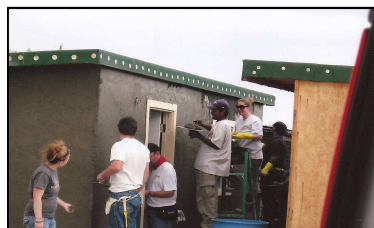
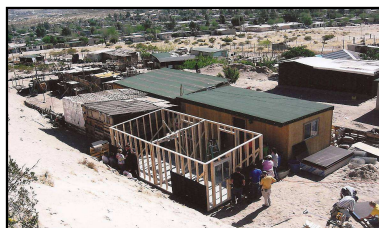
selves in financial difficulty as a result of going into debt for new and improved facilities – finding out that long-term payments put the Church in position of consistently "paying for yesterday's ministry today." When this happens, opportunities to grow and expand are held back by having to pay year-after-year for that which is already in hand or that which has already been expended. They find that the freedom to follow God's call has been mortgaged to an earthly lender and that the resulting bondage is draining in every way. In some extreme cases, Churches have lost their property to the lender and too often the debt encumbers the next generation. This is something that we are not interested in doing.

For the next several weeks articles will be included in the North Street News explaining further the reasoning, power and freedom in being debt free, trusting God each step of the way and for our future. Here's a good quotation on the subject from The Debt Free Church, "borrowing is contrary to the way God funded every ministry project in the Bible. God's plan has always been to meet ministry needs through the sacrificial giving of His people." At NSCC, debt free ministry becomes everyone's responsibility. Please join us in making this a matter of consistent prayer and sacrifice.

Copies of The Debt Free Church are available for borrowing from Pastor Bob.

A NEW HOME FOR THE MARIA ELENA VAZQUEZ FAMILY

On Easter Sunday the new home for Maria Elena Vazquez and her son Junior was dedicated to the glory of God and the keys were handed over to Maria by a group of 17 folks representing the Lord Jesus Christ and NSCC. Our group was led by Matt Eckert and our missionary supervisors from the Casas por Cristo ministry were Scott and Jonna DeWitt joined by their children Madison and Mason. During Worship II, the group from NSCC will take some time to give testimony of their trip and how things like this change lives and worldviews forever. We thank all who have given and all who have gone to share the love of the Lord with a world that is lost and dying. Please pray for Junior Vazquez as he deals with diabetes and a gangrenous infection in his foot.



We Welcome Our Visitors— Here at North Street Christian Church There Are No Strangers—Just Friends We Have Not Met.

UPCOMING LEGACY EVENTS...

- ☞ Sunday, April 26th, NSCC Dinner for Sr. Citizens
- ☞ Saturday, May 9th, Erie Splash Lagoon
- ☞ Friday-Saturday, May 15th-16th 30-Hour Famine



You can help worldwide hunger by sponsoring NSCC youth who will be going without food for 30 hours **May 15th-16th**. Anyone planning to participate in this World Vision event, needs to see Lacey Eckert at or call her at 724-445-3985. She will need names of participants and T-shirt size **NO LATER THAN Sunday, May 3rd**.



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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS



A three-week DVD Bible study by Beth Moore entitled, "Measureless Love" will be presented in three sessions; Tuesday, May 5th, May 12th, and May 19th at Legacy. Fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the study, based on Ephesians 3:18-19 and Psalm 103:11-12 will begin at 9:30. If you have any questions, call Sherry Singer at 724-482-2802.

Take time to encourage a shut-in this week.

Send a card to:
The Corvins
544 Brownsdale Road
Renfrew, PA 16053

LET THE CHURCH RISE IN THAILAND



New Site

We bought the lumbers and woods preparing to build the Church. We need your help to buy the woods.



Left-Pastor Cha SI
Right-Barnabas

Nuang Chiew Lahu Village



Interior of New Building

The money is gone and the Church is not finished yet. We need to work on the walls, windows, paving tiles, ceiling, electricity and painting. Please remember this in your prayers.



Barnabas and Sergius

Hui Ho Akha Village

NSCC UPDATE

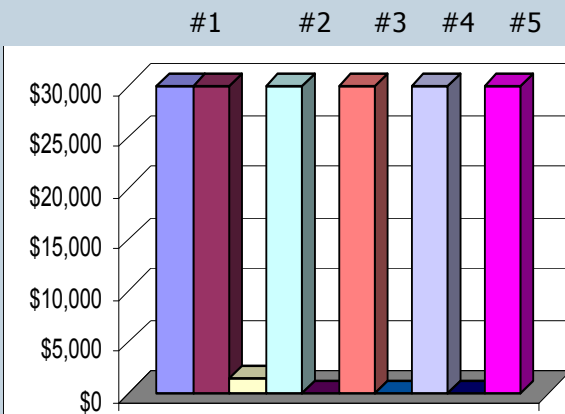
April 19th Attendance	
Worship I	114
Worship II	122
Total Attendance	236
Offering	
General -	\$ 5,082.00
Designated -	\$ 627.50
Building -	\$30,934.80
Total -	\$ 36,644.30

Let the Church Rise

Total to Date: \$258,165.80

2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND

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



We need \$28,454.20 to make it to our second 30K goal!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters

- Worship I The Winters
- Worship II Pete Kovach

Nursery

- Worship I Kathy Twerdok & Michelle Zang
- Sunday School Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
- Worship II Joan Cole & Arianna O'Donnell

The Lord's Supper

- Worship I Paula Bauer
- Worship II Barbara Carson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Toby & Tammy King, William Smith and Shongo Raines who placed their membership with NSCC last Sunday, April 19th.

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 26th-May 2nd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 Worship! 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship II 12:00 Noon Senior Citizen Dinner at Legacy	6:00 p.m. Worship Rehearsal	12 noon-2 p.m. BBI "The Next Step in End Times Study" 6:15 p.m. Softball Game 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"		

Love God, Love People—Here and Now!