

North Street News

North Street Christian Church
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*...for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.
Deuteronomy 5:9b-10*

Living Strong—A Lifestyle of Love

PRAYER IS IN!

As each week passes, I hear more and more people conversing about and becoming more motivated to action by the times in which we live. The economics of our day tends to lead us to think that by incurring more debt that we can somehow get out of debt. There is a push to have us think that our rescue will be found in outsmarting the trend by allowing a more centralized approach to many areas of our social existence. I simply want to encourage every man, woman, boy and girl of NSCC to remember that the Lord's principles of stewardship are never violated without penalty and that God has not resigned as Our Rescuer! Now is a time, as always, to PRAY. Consider the truths in the Bible concerning the rise and fall of nations. Consider the stories of faithful men and women in the toughest of times in the history of the Nation of Israel and in the history of the Church. *God blesses faithful remnants! Even ONE faithful person can make a difference!* The following words are still true . . . *if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* (II Chronicles 7:14) This is a conditional statement that was given by God to the nation of Israel at the dedication of Solomon's temple. It certainly has application to all times and all nations. It is an IF/THEN statement. In this case, God's blessing is promised IF His people will do certain things – FIRST. IF we humble ourselves, pray, seek God and repent from wickedness - THEN He will hear, forgive and heal – the whole land.

IT IS TIME TO PRAY!

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"That they may all be one. That the world may believe." — Jesus • "The church of Christ is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one." — Thomas Campbell

Celebration of Restoration
October 4, 2009 5:00 p.m. — Pittsburgh PA
Soldiers & Sailor's Memorial Hall

- An introduction to the Restoration Movement for some...
- A re-aquaintance to the Restoration Movement for others...
- A celebration of the Restoration Movement for all!

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

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TOO SCARED TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Are you thinking of teaching a Sunday School class, but not sure what to do or how to do it? You should come to Pastor Jeff's class on Monday afternoons this fall. He will be teaching **"How to put the Bible in words we can understand"** and **"How to present a message to result in understanding"**. His class starts on Sept. 14 at 12:30PM and if you come, you will start learning how to teach a Sunday School class and begin *leaving that scared feeling* behind. This course meets for 2 hours at a time. The course title is Hermeneutics. The cost is only \$25 and the class will meet 13 times. It is sponsored by Butler Bible Institute. See Pastor Jeff or Bob Ogden to enroll.

BUTLER BIBLE INSTITUTE CLASSES BEGIN

September 8th Noon-2:00p.m.

Butler Bible Institute (BBI) is offering a class about End Times, Eschatology 103. This course, taught by John Gumpper and Gretchen Miller meets every Tuesday from Noon until 2:00 p.m. It earns one semester unit and provides an easily accessible means of studying and learning more of God's Word.

The cost is \$25.00 and financial aid is available if you qualify. See John, Gretchen, or Bob Ogden to register for the class.



Wanted: Cookie Bakers

For Shepherd of Heart Open House August 30—1:00—3:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate cookies, please call or let Fi Saeler know. We are so grateful for your help! Fi Saeler: 724-283-7535

SERVING TODAY

- **Today's Greeters:** Rose Craig
- **Nursery Helpers for Sunday School:** Joan Cole and Kathy Twerdok
- **Nursery Helpers for Our Worship Gathering:** Joan Cole and Kathy Twerdok
- **Communion Prep:** Rondi Morder

HELP WANTED TODAY! Immediately following worship, many hands are needed to move the nursery from the Preschool to Room 103. Shepherd of My Heart Preschool begins September 8th.

Take time to encourage a shut-in this week:

Myrtle Cumberland

Greenview Dr. Apt. 205A

Butler, PA 16001

200th ANNIVERSARY

Announcing the Bicentennial Celebration of the "Declaration and Address"

On Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 1:00—5:30 p.m., Christians from the three streams of the Campbell-Stone Movement are invited to come together on World Communion Sunday to celebrate our common beginnings and common love of Jesus Christ. The event will be held in the Parking Lots across from the Observer-Reporter, 122 S. Main St., Washington, PA and will include booths with historic memorabilia, showing of the film "Wrestling with God", tours, buggy rides, special old-style music, food and refreshments. In addition, at 2:30 there will be Frontier-Style Worship using Alexander Campbell's 1840 outline of worship and music of the era. See front page for another Restoration Celebration to be held at Soldiers and Sailor's Memorial Hall.



Thank you to all at North Street for your prayers!
Also the meal sent down on Saturday was delicious. Thanks again.
Love,
Deb Souzer

North Street Congregation,

I want to express my thanks for the dinner the ladies of the church provided for my son's memorial service. It was wonderful and very delicious. I also want to thank Pastor Bob for his comforting words.

Thank you and God Bless You,
Myrtle Cumberland & Family
(Mother of Jim Brown)

North Street Family,

We want to let you know how blessed we felt while visiting. You made us feel so welcome and blessed beyond measure. It was so wonderful to visit and share with so many of you. Thank you so much for your generous gifts. We love and appreciate all of you.

Love,
The DeWitts (Scott, Jonna, Madison, & Mason)

Dear North Street,

Thank you all so very much for your love and support, and the beautiful flower garden arrangement in the tragic death of Daryl's brother, Ken. You are such a blessing for us during this sad time.

Much Love,
Daryl & Sam Taít

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION GOSPEL-DRIVEN?

An article from the *Christian Leadership Alliance* asks the question many pastors wrestle with: *What does it look like when a Christian organization is driven by the Gospel?* Author James Tonkovich, Ph.D. clarifies, "It is a question of how we do business, not of what business we do." Tonkovich says Gospel-driven organizations **affirm the absolute and eternal truth of the Gospel message**. He reminds us that the disciples did not use private intuition or personal insight to determine truth; instead, they used God's written history, which was therefore fully objective, public and authoritative. To prevent a Gospel-orientation that appears heartless and brutal, Tonkovich urges organizations to **maintain a spirit of brokenness**, with particular note of our mission to minister to a broken world filled with broken people—and even broken Christians. In addition, "The hope we cling to is not our ability to achieve great things," says Tonkovich. "Our only hope is the sure fact that Jesus has already accomplished the Great Thing." He says Gospel-driven organizations **realize their primary mission is to join Christ in His work**, not just to engage Christ in their work. Tonkovich concluded his article with the comment that without this Gospel-orientation, a Christian organization may be indistinguishable from its secular counterparts. "Anyone can plan, raise money and develop programs...but driven by the Gospel, we can expect truth to prevail, brokenness to be healed, and the sufficiency of Christ to be made known in and through us." from "The Gospel-Driven Organization," *The Christian Leadership Alliance*, 8/7/09

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR 2009-2010 MAKE SURE YOUR PRESCHOOL SIGN IS IN YOUR YARD!

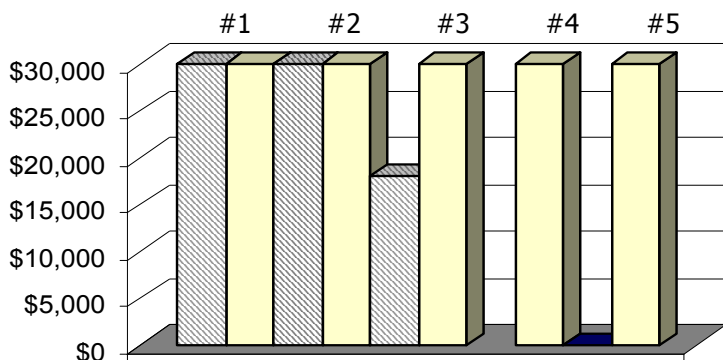
Help advertise Shepherd of My Heart Christian Preschool by placing your preschool sign from last year back in your yard. Registration for 2009-2010 is now in progress. Informational brochures are available at the rear of the auditorium and at the Church Office. For more information, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO MAKE OUR NEXT GOAL!

We need \$11,862 to reach third 30K goal!

2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND

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



SAVING THE NEXT GENERATION

Children affected by the AIDS crisis are crying out for help. Through HopeChild Sponsorship, clean water; health care, nutritious food, shelter, and education are provided. Sponsorship packets can be found on the table at the church entrance. We have nine packets left. For \$35.00/month you can sponsor one of these nine children.

LAST WEEK AT NSCC

Attendance: 194
Offering Total = \$7,132
(General—\$5,650; Designated—\$675; Building—\$807)
LET THE CHURCH RISE TOTAL TO DATE IS: \$334,758.80

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK August 23—August 29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Gathering 7:00 Girls Summer Study at Legacy	6:00 Worship Rehearsal					

My battle every morning is to get happy in Jesus.
- John Piper