

North Street News

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
Isaiah 55:8-9

WELCOME PASTOR JOSEPH MATUA

We welcome Pastor Joseph Mutua Muindi of Kenya Africa who will share today's message. Pastor Joseph is a friend of Elder Doug Emmett who will introduce Joseph today. Pastor Joseph is the founding Pastor of Cornerstone Church in Nairobi, Kenya.

He and his wife Faith have 3 daughters and one grandson. Joseph's ministry involves overseeing 55 congregations from Nairobi to Mt. Kilimanjaro, which includes 5 Massai congregations. He manages the Building for the Future Ministry School. He oversees a Benevolence Program which helps to clothe and feed the needy. In Kenya, 12,000,000 people are facing starvation! He has developed a Children's Ministry to feed and educate destitute children and also has developed a Home Drug Abuse Program for Children.

Ministry in Kenya has not been easy. There remains much violence in Kenya begun by a disputed election in 2007. There is civil unrest and violence. Armed robbers have actually entered Church worship to take the belongings of those gathered. Pastor Joseph's car has been stolen, demolished and replaced several times. His home was attacked by night by a large gang of thieves. They beat Pastor Joseph and tied up his wife and daughters while they ransacked their home. The thieves opened a propane gas valve in order to kill them – but by God's hand they escaped from the devious plan.

Pastor Joseph said that while their trials seem endless, they have found God's work and faithfulness to be so great that he calls his trials "BLESSED DEVASTATION!" We welcome Pastor Joseph to NSCC today. A free will offering will be taken for Pastor Joseph's ministry following his message today.

WORK WEEK AT NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 31-June 6 — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER MEETING THIS SATURDAY MAY 16

Plans are moving forward in preparation for remodeling of the Yellow Brick Education Annex of NSCC. May 31 will be the last Sunday that the yellow brick will be used until early fall.

Within one week from that date, the people of NSCC will:

Remove all furniture and materials from the nursery, classrooms and offices and set up the nursery and children's classrooms in the lower level beneath the main auditorium

Move some items to storage

Remove the ceiling in the Church Dining Room

Remove all doors and trim in the yellow brick annex

Remove carpeting throughout

Make other preparations for construction to begin June 8.

A VITAL MEETING FOR ALL WHO WISH TO VOLUNTEER DURING OUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY MAY 16 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH DINING ROOM-BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.

Some rearranging of garage space will also be done that day. See Bob Ogden or call him at 724-283-3413 for more information or to volunteer if you are not able to attend the meeting on the 16th.

*So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, **for the people had a mind to work.***

WHY DEBT FREE?

Part 3

Some people like it plain and simple and respond well to a list. Here's a good list for your consideration.

Spiritual Benefits of Non-Borrowing Ministry

- Depends more on God
- Allows God to show His faithfulness
- Teaches the importance of giving
- Teaches sacrificial giving
- Teaches people to avoid surety (obliging self for another's debt)
- Testifies to the world about the reality of the Gospel

Ministry Disadvantages Associated with Borrowing

- Becoming a slave of a lending institution
- Becoming a slave to big givers
- Becoming trapped by financial pressure
- Becoming mired in endless cycle of borrowing
- Losing flexibility to respond to ministry opportunities

Practical Benefits of Non-Borrowing Ministry

- Helps prevent focus on fund-raising
- Allows interest funds to be invested for eternity
- Helps promote Christian unity
- Sets a financial example for believers
- Helps guard a ministry from hard economic times
- Encourages members' active involvement
- Stimulates ministry creativity and innovation

From The Debt Free Church

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, **And lean not on your own understanding;** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5,6*

Next week we will take a close look at King David's desire to build a permanent place of worship for God and how the leaders and people gave freely and wholeheartedly.

PRAYER MEETING FOR MISSIONS

LEARN/PRAY/ENCOURAGE

Sunday May 17 at Legacy

All who would like to spend some time in direct prayer support of our missions and missionaries are invited to come to Legacy immediately following Worship II next Sunday, May 17. Through the direction of our Missions Department leaders reports will be given concerning each of our mission outreaches and time will then be spent praying for each one followed by a time of writing cards of encouragement for our missionaries. Lunch will also be served. Come and join us!

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
MAY 15TH-16TH



Please consider sponsoring NSCC youth who will be going without food for 30 hours **this Friday—Saturday.**

This World Vision event not only feeds hungry children, but also teaches our youth the compassion of Christ. It takes just a dollar a day to feed a hungry child.

For questions, call Lacey Eckert at 724-445-3985.

WELCOME BETH, THAD, MADDY and GWENYTH HOUTEN who have returned to the US from Belize! BRENT will follow in early June. The Houtens will take some time to visit their supporters, and family and friends and then continue their ministry with Teen Missions in Merritt Island, Florida. It's great to have you home!

VBS / KIDS' OUTREACH MEETING

Summer is finally upon us, and with that comes the joy of reaching out to kids in our community with our special summer activities!

Camp Creation, an outreach to children who live in the "Island" here in Butler will be July 13-17, 4:30-7:00 each day. This is held at Rotary Park (across the street from the Farmer's Market on Chestnut Street). We are looking for people wanting to serve by leading a devotion, leading games, and providing supper.

VBS/DayCamp will be held at YMCA / Armco Park August 10-14, from 10:00-3:00 each day. We will be bussing kids from NSCC, leaving the church at 9:20 and returning at 3:30. This is for elementary school aged kids in our church and community. We need lots of teenage and adult helpers to teach the VBS lesson, provide lunch, lead recreation, and lead arts and crafts. We will be teaching from Answers in Genesis' new VBS materials "Operation Space: A Close encounter with God's Word".

Organizational meeting and prayer for these two activities will be held **June 1 @ 7:00** at the Legacy House. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend. Please call Pastor Jeff for more information, to register your kids, or to sign up to help: (724) 282-7700.

FINISHING STRONG!

THIS WEDNESDAY, May 13, is the last YBICS/ Pioneer Club meeting until September 23! We had another great year of learning about the Lord and His Word, while having fun and enjoying new friendships at the same time! At our meeting this Wednesday, we will be having worship time in the auditorium (led by the Junior High Crew) followed by opportunities for each class to share what they have been learning through the year. Then we will be breaking out the ice cream sundae bar in the dining room and playing some games! Parents are welcome to attend!


BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS
 If you would like to donate cakes or cup cakes (no nuts, raisins or icing) for Meals on Wheels, please bring them to the church office in time to be delivered Monday, May 18th. To make a donation or any questions, call Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472.

SERVING TODAY	
Greeters	
Worship I	Irene Divers
Worship II	The Rays
Nursery	
Worship I	Jessica Goettler & Kathy Twerdok
Sunday School	Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
Worship II	Adrianna Passauer & Mary Stevenson
The Lord's Supper	
Worship I	Michelle Convery & Ashley Tack
Worship II	Rose Craig
ATTENDANCE MAY 3, 2009	
Worship I	97
Worship II	<u>129</u>
Total Attendance	226

In honor of Motherhood, the following Beth Moore DVD series has been donated to our church library. There are twelve lessons on "Wising Up When Life Happens."

A Call to Wise Up
 The Heart of Wisdom
 A Wise Friend
 Learning Wisdom from a Fool
 Wising up at Work
 Wising Up with Our Money
 How Wisdom Looks on a Wife
 Wisdom for a Woman's Sexuality
 Wisdom for Moms
 Wisdom with Words
 The Wisdom of Restraint
 Wisdom to go Your Way in Safety

Thank you Congregational Care & Fellowship Ministry.
 Have a Blessed Mother's Day.



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 Pete Kovach who donated flowers in memory of his wife, Phyllis, and loved ones.

HELPING HANDS CLEANING SERVICE
Tired of cleaning??? I have the answer!!!
CALL ME—Lori
I clean what you are tired of cleaning—your house (dishes, vacuuming, dusting, bathrooms, bedrooms, and much more.
DAY PHONE: 724-841-0245 EVENING 724-244-8303

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT LEGACY

The three-week DVD Bible study by Beth Moore entitled, "Measureless Love" continues. Two weeks are remaining, May 12th and May 19th. Fellowship begins 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.

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK May 10th—16th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 Worship! 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship II	6:00 p.m. Worship Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. Womens Bible Study at Legacy 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"		9:00 a.m. Construction Meeting-Dining Room 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner
			Take time to encourage a shut-in this week: Opal Everton 152 Royal Oaks Dr. Apt.206 McKeesport, PA 15131		30 Hour Famine	