

North Street News

North Street Christian Church
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Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you fail to meet the test!
2 Corinthians 13:5,6

Today's Message: Are You Sure?



Pastor Jeff Miller

YOU CAN KNOW FOR SURE

Hell Is Too Long To Be Wrong

New 3-Week Sermon Series by Pastor Jeff Miller Sunday May 3, 17 and 24

What is the most tragic thing you can think of? A person heading for hell is tragic, but what about a person who knows this but doesn't care? Even more tragic than this is someone thinking they are heading for heaven, but will hear the words of Christ, "Depart from me, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:23) Such a life is lived with the sad epilogue that they lived a life self-deceived. And according to Jesus, this isn't only possible, but it is reality - especially in the church. It is this self-deception that should be the concern of every single person, the possibility that you aren't saved, but have deceived yourself into thinking you are.

So is it possible to be self-deceived? Yes. But is it also possible to have total assurance of eternal life? Yes! How can you know? II Corinthians 13:5 gives the answer: God's Word calls us to **test ourselves!** This 3 part series teaches the danger of self-deception, the evidences of being a Christian, and the promise of assurance that God gives us. Grab your #2 pencil and open your heart for an open-Bible test!

KENYAN PASTOR JOSEPH MATUA

To Preach at NSCC Next Sunday MAY 10TH

Pastor Joseph Mutua Muindi is the founder and pastor of Cornerstone Church in Nairobi, Kenya. He and his wife, Faith, have three daughters and a new grandson. This ministry is only seven years old, but God has quickly raised it up for such a time as this, in Kenya's History.

Greetings from NSCC Shepherd Doug Emmett

Joseph Mutua of Kenya will be preaching here on May 10, and since he comes via myself as Pastor Bob has said, I felt it might be good to explain how we became acquainted. When a member of the Body of Christ joins another church or fellowship that member brings with him relationships that have been built and nurtured over time through serving and growing in the Lord. Being involved in ministry you meet many people, but those who are truly profitable and impact your life are the ones that you make an effort to stay in relationship with, because they carry within them that which is of intrinsic value. It is not outward adorning, but it is the hidden man of the heart.

Joseph is a man of humility that serves under great duress in Nairobi, Kenya. I met him through Pastor Jacob Luffy who pastored a church in Coraopolis, where I took Bible classes. Jake, along with Jim Klein who now pastored that church and several other men are the "father's" who nurtured me in the faith. When I met Joseph, I saw in him the same humility and love for Christ and His Body as the men whom the Lord was using to disciple me. When Joseph was in the U.S. 18 months ago, he spoke at North Street one evening in the library to about 15 people. This time he will preach from the pulpit and my hope and prayer is that we will all be there to hear what the Lord has to say to us corporately and individually through him. What drew Lisa and I to this church was the preaching of the undiluted Word and the humility that accompanies it every Sunday.

Please do not take this opportunity lightly to edify and encourage Joseph with your presence and perhaps bless him financially. Working together with you for your joy.

SHEPHERD OF MY HEART PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010



Shepherd of My Heart Christian Preschool is a ministry of North Street Christian Church. Our ministry is to 3, 4, and 5 year old children within North Street Christian Church and families in the community. Our spiritual mission is to assist parents in raising their children with Christian values.

We accomplish this through Christian curriculum and teaching about the love of God through Jesus Christ, as taught in His Word, the Bible. To register your child or to request more information, call the church office at 724-282-7700.

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED

Graduates to be recognized 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.

Thank You!

TO: NSCC LEGACY YOUTH
 All the Seniors who attended the dinner at Legacy last Sunday wish to thank everyone involved in making this memorable event so wonderful. The food was delicious, the fellowship heart warming, and the hospitality of the youth was outstanding. We are grateful for the faithfulness of the next generation.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS TUESDAY

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.





Pastor Bob Huber

LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING CAMPAIGN WHY DEBT FREE?

How we use our money is an outward indicator of our spiritual condition.

This is true for individuals and families. It is also true of local Churches. Ministering and living debt-free is not an impossible dream, rather it is God's best and highest way of doing things. Borrowing money is not always sinful, but it can be risky, wasteful and unwise. The Bible cautions strongly against both borrowing and debt. To borrow and not repay is a sin

J. Hudson Taylor who founded the China Inland Mission and who opened the most heavily populated nation on the earth to the Gospel was highly respected for his faith and insight. He was firmly convicted that God's work, done in God's way would never lack for God's provision. He said the following, *"It is really just as easy for God to give beforehand; and He prefers to do so. He is too wise to allow His purpose to be frustrated for lack of a little money; but money wrongly placed or obtained in unspiritual ways is sure to hinder blessing. And what does going into debt really mean? It means that God has not supplied your need. You trusted Him, but He has not given you the money; so supply yourself, and borrow. If we can only wait right up to the time, God cannot lie, God cannot forget: He pledged to supply all your need."*

Debt-free ministries ranging in size from 100 to 10,000 are found throughout America. When interviewed, the leaders of those ministries testify that it is an exciting, challenging and rewarding adventure to carry out God's enterprise in such fashion. DELIGHTED is often the word that best describes the reaction to doing God's business with no debt.

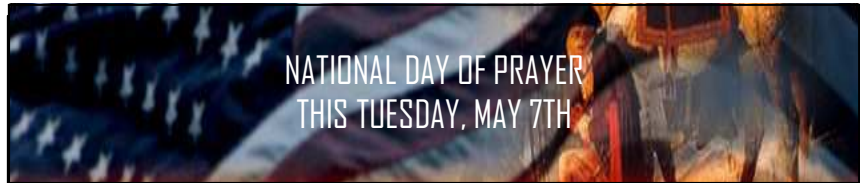
An infectious enthusiasm and creativity results when the goal and determination is to do effective ministry without debt. When people are taught to tithe and give and they do so, all of the resources that God desires to pour out are already provided through not only their finances, but in their gifts, abilities and talents. A new treasure is unlocked that helps people find their place and purpose in ministry. With debt and a worldly philosophy of financing, the people in a Church are typically under-challenged and often not joyfully involved in first-hand ministry.

Too often ministries learn to trust their own innovations and worldly resources rather than doing business with God. Let us seek the Lord with gladness and trust Him for every provision as we give sacrificially to God through the ministry of North Street Christian Church.

The excitement and enthusiasm is growing!

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Resource: The Debt Free Church



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

This year, the White House has failed to comment on whether the tradition of hosting conservative evangelicals will continue. The National Day of Prayer Task Force, headed by Shirley Dobson, is making other plans and has opted to hold its annual event on Capitol Hill in the morning, the same time as its representatives are usually at the

White House.

The doors of NSCC will open all day and a prayer gathering is from 12:15 – 12:45 in the Auditorium.

There is a Community Prayer Gathering at Faith Fellowship Alliance Church, 200 Fared Dr. A prayer service will be hosted Thursday evening, May 7. This service will begin with worship at 7:00 PM.

Adults, teens and youth are invited to attend.

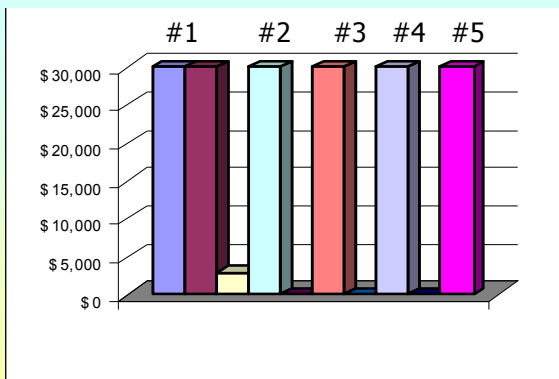
What does it take to feed a hungry child?

It takes only \$30 a month, a dollar a day. 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.

NSCC UPDATE

2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND

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



SERVING TODAY

Greeters

Worship I Irene Divers
Worship II The Rays

Nursery

Worship I Nick Bartley & Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole

Worship II Erica Record & Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper

Worship I Michelle Convery & Ashley Tack

Worship II Rose Craig

April 26th Attendance

Worship I	124
Worship II	124
Total Attendance	248

Offering

General -	\$ 5,418.00
Designated -	\$ 2,308.00
Building -	\$ 1,496.00
Total -	\$9,222.00

Let the Church Rise

Total to Date: \$259,661.80

We need \$26,958.20 to make it to our second 30K goal!

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK May 3rd-9th

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" 7:00 p.m. Gluten Free Meeting NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER-9-4 NSCC Open Prayer Gathering 12:15-12:45		5:00 p.m. Community Dinner

Take time to encourage a shut-in this week.

Send a card to:
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Love God, Love People—Here and Now!