

North Street News

North Street Christian Church
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Easter Sunday

**The Power of Resurrection
Sunrise Worship at 6:45
Resurrection Worship at 10:15
North Street Christian Church**

WE WELCOME YOU to North Street Church today. Along with believers throughout the world we are celebrating Easter - the RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST. JESUS is God's gift to the world. Through His death, burial and RESURRECTION, He brings good news which is the foundational truth and sustaining power of the gospel we proclaim. Thank you for joining us to worship HIM as LORD and SAVIOR.

Our schedule includes SUNRISE WORSHIP at 6:45; BREAKFAST in the Dining Room at 8:00; SUNDAY SCHOOL classes for children, youth and adults at 9:00 and RESURRECTION WORSHIP at 10:15. Child care for infants and toddlers is available in our nursery (Room 203) during both worship gatherings. During Resurrection Worship, Children's Church (Room 202) will be held for children through 2nd grade - the children will be dismissed to attend Children's Church as the congregation sings BECAUSE HE LIVES.

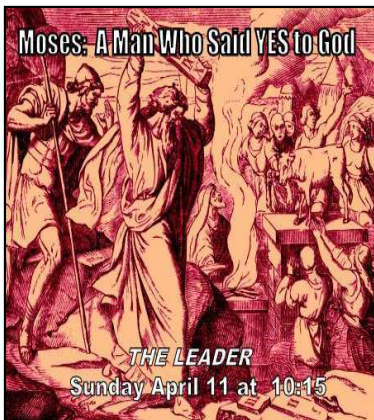
But thanks be to God, who gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren be STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING In the work of the Lord, knowing that Your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Corinthians 15:57-58



TEAM THAILAND - In June, six people from NSCC will depart for a two week trip to Thailand. The group will hold an evening Bible School for the children who live at the Children's Ministry in Chiang Dao. You can help them to get there by enjoying a spaghetti dinner and buying some roni rolls!


Hungry for spaghetti and meatballs? Then let the Thailand Team prepare it for you **Sunday, April 18th**. Take outs are available after the 8:00 Chapel Hour and Sunday School, and sit down or take outs are available after the Gathering for Worship at 10:15. The price of the luncheon is \$6.00 each; children 10 and under is \$4.00 each and includes spaghetti, 2 meatballs, salad, bread and a cookie. Come hungry!!! Another Roni Roll sale is planned for **May 2nd**. This is the last fundraiser the Thailand Team will be having. The price is \$3.50 each or 5 for \$15.00 and can be purchased from any team member.

TEAM MEXICO - A team of house builders from NSCC will head to San Antonio Texas, July 10. They will then drive to Acuna, Mexico to build a house and return to Butler on July 16 or 17. The group will be joining the ministry of Casas por Cristo to build a 15X30 house for a poor family. **Matt Eckert is our Team Leader and would like to meet with all who are interested in being a part of the team. A meeting will be held at Legacy next Sunday, April 11 at 6:30.** The cost of the house is \$7,000.00 - that calculates to approximately \$15.00 per square foot. Be thinking about how many square feet you would be willing to purchase!



The sermon series, **Moses: A Man Who Said YES to God**, returns on Sunday April 11 at the 10:15 Gathering for Worship. The remaining sermons in the series are:
April 11 - The Leader, part 1
April 18 -The Leader, part 2
April 25 - Facing Failure
May 2 - Anger's Bitter Fruit
May 9 - Say YES to God

Community Events for Women
Beth Moore Simulcast - "So Long - Insecurity"
Continental Breakfast at Legacy House at 8:00 a.m.
Depart from the Church at 8:30 a.m. to go to Conference.
Saturday April 24: 10 - 4 at Harvest Community Church
Tickets are \$15.00 and include lunch.
For tickets or more information, call Cindy Horwat at 724-285-8009.
Becky Tirabassi Live
Hosted by Women Who Care
Saturday May 8 from 8 - 3
Community Alliance Church in Butler
Informational brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

 On May 7th—May 8th, our youth group will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Between now and then, we're raising money to help World Vision fight hunger. If you haven't done so already, please consider how you can support our students by donating to the 30 Hour Famine. Every \$30 we raise can help feed and care for one child for a month. Want to learn more about our youth group's Famine and how you can help? Call 724-282-7700 or e-mail northstreetchristianchurch.org.

**MEN WHO PRAY WILL MEET THIS TUESDAY APRIL 6 AT 6 PM
THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD APRIL 17 AT 8 AM!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

STAYING IN LOVE DVD SERIES

April 14th, 21st, 28th & May 5th at 6:45
Led by Dennis and Marianne Muir in Room 102

ABOUT A MILE

Friday, April 16th
At the Net Outreach

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 17th at 8:00

MISSIONS FUNDRAISERS

Sunday, April 18th
Spaghetti Dinner.

Saturday-Sunday—May 1st—2nd
Roni Roll Sale

WORLD VISION 30 HOUR FAMINE

Friday and Saturday, May 7th and 8th
See Meghan Duffield for Forms and Information

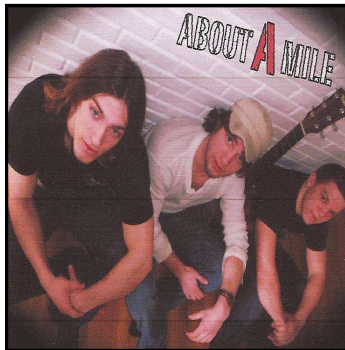
NSCC CAMP OUT

July 1-5th

DAYCAMP!

August 16-20th at Lutherlyn
10 a.m.—3 p.m. daily!

We need teachers and helpers of all types!!!



**ABOUT A MILE
AT THE
NET OUTREACH
100 CENTER AVE.
BUTLER, PA
APRIL 16TH AT 7:30
P.M.
TICKETS ARE \$5.00
(PRESALE) \$8.00 @
THE DOOR—
AVAILABLE
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR
FROM ADAM KLUTINOTY.**

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who hosted or donated food, time, energy and enthusiasm for last week's Welcome Banquet. Know that you are greatly appreciated and your "phileo" is manifest through your service.
Doug & Lisa Emmett

Thank you Pastor Bob and Pastor Jeff for your visits during my recent hospital stay. Thank you to the congregation at NSCC, you may have prayed, sent meals, cards, and e-mails before and during my recovery. The outpouring of love and support from so many of you has been a humbling experience for me and my family. The Lord has brought me through a season of my life and he has taught me to be still and wait patiently on Him. I am so thankful to the Lord and my church family.

In Christ,
Deb Group

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Jim and Michelle Convery and family in the recent death of Michelle's father, Mr. Ron Todd of Williamsburg, Va. A memorial service will be held here at NSCC this Thursday, April 8 at 6:30. The family will receive guests from 5:30 until the service begins.

Our sympathy is extended to Lloyd (Bebe) Leight and family upon the death of beloved wife and mother, Joyce Leight. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 11:00 at Thompson Miller Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9.

Our sympathy is extended to Donley Martin and family. Don's brother, Pastor Dave Martin passed away on Thursday, April 1. Dave lived in Washington, Pa.



**RUSS MITCHELL PUBLISHED IN
ABANDONED TIMES MAGAZINE**

Russ Mitchell, who is from NSCC and serves the Lord with OC International in Bucharest, Romania is influential in the Christian movement throughout the country of Romania. One area of influence is with the STV2 (Student Volunteer Movement 2). Russ recently wrote a powerful article concerning Christian world influence and evangelization. The article is entitled What Do You Know About the World God Loves? See the attachment to today's news sheet to read Part 1 in full. Part 2 will be printed as soon as it is published! Let this also serve as a reminder to pray for Russ and Cathy and their family.

**JIM RIEMER'S RETIREMENT PARTY IS THIS FRIDAY
FROM 6-9 P.M.—ALL OUR NSCC FAMILY IS INVITED**

On April 1st, 2010, Jim retired from his job of 32 years. The end of a season of his life, but the beginning of a new season. We are excited to see what God has in store for us. On Friday evening, April 9th from 6:00 - 9:00 we will be celebrating Jim's retirement in the beautiful new NSCC dining room. We wanted our WHOLE family to be there, so you are all invited to join us for some food and fellowship. Come at 6:00 and stay all evening, or drop in anytime. We look forward to seeing you there! No gifts please. Love, The Riemers

| OFFERING: | 3/21/2010 | 3/28/2010 |
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| General | \$5,908.85 | \$3,147.50 |
| Designated | \$ 312.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 380.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Total | \$6,600.85 | \$3,497.50 |

SERVING TODAY

- Today's Greeters:
Worship Gathering: The Crattys & The Croups
- Nursery Helpers:
Sunday School: Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
Worship Gathering: Joan Cole & Brandon Cranmer
- Communion Preparers:
Worship Gathering: Marlene Winters & Debbie Souzer

Our thanks to Sara O'Donnell who donated flowers in memory of her son, Jay O'Donnell.

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK April 4—April 10th

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6:45 Sunrise Service 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Gathering | Church Office is Closed 12:30—2:30 BBI 6:00 Worship Rehearsal 7:00 Freedom | 6:00 Men Who Pray 6:30 Maranatha at Legacy 7:00 Elders Meeting | 6:30 Pioneer Club/YBICs/Legacy 6:45—7:45 God's Law of Reward Study | 12:30—2:30 BBI 6:00—7:00 BBI | 6:00-9:00 Jim Riemer's Retirement Party | 5:00 Community Dinner |

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

PRESCHOOL BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER—REGISTRATION BEGAN MARCH 1ST



Perhaps the best known verse from the Bible is John 3:16. *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

These 25 words well summarize the message of the entire Bible. God loves all the people of the world. He does not want anyone to perish, but to have eternal life. God gave his Son, Jesus, to deal decisively once and for all with the consequences of sin which cause people to perish. But only those who believe in Jesus have eternal life.

Not only is this Good News for perishing people, but for those of us who already believe in Jesus, it helps us view the world from God’s perspective and helps us understand our part in God’s eternal plan. So the intent of this article is for us to look at our world from God’s perspective and consider our response to God’s amazing love.

What do you know about the world God loves?

The world that God loves has over 6.8 billion people and daily grows by 229,000 people – over 80 million people a year. Let’s try to visualize 6.8 billion people. If everyone in the world stood shoulder to shoulder, the line would circle the globe 85 times. Or if you were to shake hands with all these people at the rate of 100 people a minute, it would take you nearly 130 years to greet each person. That is a lot of people! Yet God loves them all and knows each one.

So what do you know about those who believe in Jesus?

Today people are believing in Jesus at an unprecedented rate.

An average of 178,000 people a day hear the message of redemption in Christ for the first time – 65million people a year.

Every hour, more than 3,500 people decide to follow Jesus Christ.

Each day 85,000 people across the globe come to faith in Christ.

In China 25,000 per day accept Christ as Savior.

In Africa 20,000 each day believe in Jesus.

In India nearly 20,000 people a day turn to Him.

More Jewish people have embraced Yeshua (Jesus) as Messiah since 1967 than all the years between 100 AD and 1967.

More Muslims have come to

faith in Christ in the last 30 years than any time in history and most of these have come to Christ since 9/11.

The number of Evangelical Christians is growing two times faster than Islam and three times faster than Hinduism or Buddhism.

On average 3,500 new churches open every week around the world.

Thus we are living in a time of great global harvest.

The Growth of Christianity in the Global South

The last 100 years saw incredible progress in the spread of Christianity. In 1910 80% of all Christians were found in Europe and North America. Today, due to the growth of Christianity in the Global South, over 60% of all Christians are found in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The “center” of Christianity has moved out of Europe and North America and now rests in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In the last ten years for every one new believer in North America and Europe, there are 30 in the Global South. Amazingly Spanish is the most common language spoken by Christians.

Several areas have seen a profound transformation in terms of Christian growth.

In **1910**, 9% of **Africa** was

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Christian. One hundred years later nearly 50% of Africa is Christian. In the middle of the African continent the change has been more dramatic shifting from 1% to nearly 80% Christian.

In **1900 Latin America** had 50,000 Protestants. By 1980 they grew to 20 million Protestants. In 2000 there were 100 million Protestants in Latin America.

In **1949 China** had less than one million Christians. Today officials in the Chinese Government estimate that there could be as many as 130 million Christians in China. There are now more Christ followers in China than in the United States!

In **1900 South Korea** had no Protestant churches. Today 30% are Christian and some of the largest mega-churches in the world are in South Korea.

In **1979** there were 500 believers in **Iran**. In 2008 there were one million.

In **India** the number of Christians has **doubled in the last 7 years** from 50 million to 100 million.

In spite of this amazing progress, there still remains much to do.

Just how many people do believe in Jesus?

If the world was made up of ten people, and we were to ask each one, "Do you believe in Jesus Christ?" we would hear the following responses:

Three would say "Yes, I am a Christian."

These represent 2.2 billion people in the world today. This is not to say that all these are true believers having eternal life. A good number of these are Christians in name only. They have some association with a church. Perhaps they were baptized as an infant or occasionally attend a Church service. They

know something of the message of the Bible. But they do not have a personal faith in Jesus that results in having eternal life. The largest concentration of nominal Christians is found in Europe and Russia.

Four others would say, "No, I do not believe in Jesus." These 2.6 billion people have heard of Jesus, but have not yet said "yes" to his offer of eternal life.

But three would ask, "Who is Jesus?"

This group of two billion people has never heard of Jesus. In fact, they have very little opportunity to hear about him. Where they live there are very few churches and few Christian workers. It is likely that these people do not even know a Christian. Perhaps the Bible is not even in their language. These are the least reached, cut off from the influence of the Good News.

What is the conclusion of our survey? More than **seven out of ten are perishing!** Three have never heard of Jesus. Four say they do not believe in him. And in the most optimistic case, three out of ten people in the world might be true believers, having eternal life. How do you suppose God feels about this situation?

