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# NORTH STREET NEWS

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We welcome you to North Street Christian Church, a Bible church dedicated to the promotion of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to faithfully deliver the life-changing message of the Bible and we work to be a Godly influence in our community. The great confession that Jesus is the Christ, the great commission to go and make disciples, the great commandment to love God and love people and the great promise of Christ's second coming all work together to keep us vertically and horizontally focused. Thanks for joining us for worship today!

## COMING THIS FALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL September, October, November

**FOR MEN** – Stepping Up, A Call to Courageous Manhood from Family Life. Come and spend time with other men who desire to live right, love well and lead with a purpose. It will make a difference!

**FOR WOMEN** – The Life Ready Woman from Family Life. Join Shaunti Feldhahn to discover God's road map for finding balance, peace and delight in this crazy contemporary life. You will be led to explore your heart, your relationships, your specific challenges, and unique gifts and personality.

### Stirring Up the Sincere Minds of the Faithful *A Christian Primer from II Peter*

The Apostle Peter, sensing that his death was near, penned a letter to the *called out ones* of his day, that letter written in the almost-fashion of a last will and testament. Knowing that false teachers, scoffers and blasphemers would pollute the way, he reminds his brothers and sisters to be aware and alert and to remain pure as the Day of the Lord draws near.

The four messages in the series are:

August 3 - Our Secure Foundation

August 17 – The Day of the Lord

TODAY - Deception, Depravity, Destruction

August 24 – Our Steadfast Hope

### August 10th - 16th

#### Sunday 10th

8:00 Chapel Hour

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 The Gathering

#### Monday 11th

12:00 Preschool Board Meeting

6:00 Worship Rehearsal

7:00 Freedom

#### Tuesday 12th

7:00 Bible Study at the Klutinoty's

#### Thursday 14th

7:00 Y.A.G. at Legacy

#### Saturday 16th

5:00 Community Meal

### DAY CAMP 2014

"AAARRRGGGeth Ye Mateys!" Day Camp 2014 – Pirates and Ships – has been one the best Day Camps ever! NSCC bused nearly 50 kids to Slippery Rock Baptist Camp for DAY CAMP 2014 held August 4-7. The daily schedule included The Morning Show, Worship Time, Bible Time lesson (presented by a different Pirate each day), free time, crafts, swimming, recreation, lunch, snacks etc.! We say thanks to everyone who helped in any way! O what a happy event – see our photos:



**Serving Today**

**Chapel Hour 8:00**

**Communion Preparation:**

**The Eury's**

**Greeters: The Eury's**

**Nursery: Kathy Twerdok**

**Sunday School 9:00**

**Nursery: Kathy Twerdok &**

**Joan Cole**

**The Gathering 10:15**

**Communion Preparation:**

**Hayward Smith &**

**Sherry Geibel**

**Greeters: The Eckert's**

**Nursery: Joan Cole &**

**Sue Morrissey**

**Children's Church:**

**During 10:15 Gathering**

**Room 303-305**

**Ages: 4yrs - 2nd Grade**

**HEALING IS A CHOICE**

This is a study for women that meets on Friday nights.

We share in Christian fellowship, Scripture reading, laughter, hugs and snacks.

Our schedule is: September 12th, and September 19th in the library at 7:00p.m.

Following in October meeting the 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th.

Invite your friends & family!

See you there!

**SOFTBALL UPDATE**

**NSSC CSP3**

**13 4**

**NSSC CSP3**

**14 7**

**NSSC won the first round of playoffs!**

**Offering Report**

August 3, 2014

General \$ 5,585.96

Designated \$ 545.00

Total \$ 6,130.96

Building Fund \$220,513.85

**NEWS SHEET SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE EVERY WEDNESDAY BY NOON. THANK YOU!**

**Youth of North Street!**

**GRADES 7-12**

North Street Youth, this school year we will be going through a youth group revamp. We will be starting Wednesday nights with a new routine, it will all be based on learning the word of God but we will be growing as a group and having a lot of fun together. Start praying about attending this year on Wednesday nights and be thinking about some friends that you can bring with you to help them see who Jesus truly is.

**Y.A.G.**

WE thank the "YAGGERS" who volunteered as leaders and helpers for Day Camp this past week – we really couldn't have done it without your presence and energy! The kids loved it and the Lord was glorified. The Thursday Night Young Adult Group will meet this Thursday, August 14 at Legacy Ministry House at 7:00. If you are out of high school and into college or a career (late teens and twenty somethings etc.) you are invited to get together with people just like you for weekly fellowship and Bible study. Come this week and check it out!

**SEUSSICAL and NSCC YOUTH**

This past weekend, the Butler Summer Dramatics Project presented the musical Seussical at the Succop Theatre at Butler County Community College. Seven young people from NSCC were part of the production. They were Josh Croup – percussionist for the pit orchestra; Emily Bilowich - Jungle Citizen, Fish; Ariana O'Donnell - Jungle Citizen, Solla Sollew Crew; Charity O'Donnell - Jungle Citizen, Solla Sollew Crew; Nicole Collins - Jungle Citizen, Circus McGurkus; Sydney McDeavitt -Whos; Anna McDeavitt - Whos. Congratulations to our youth and another job well done!



**Friday Night Ladies Study**

The ladies study will be at Deanna Kratt's house 115 Kirk Rd, Prospect at 6:30 starting Friday the 22nd. The subject will be "Grumbling Pt. 2." Please call Deanna with any questions at 724-822-9633, or Kristi Donaldson at 724-283-5259

**Congratulations Cole & Ethan**

Cole Miller won 1st place with Pedals, Milwaukee, and Moose. 4th place in the showmanship division. This is in the 4-H Dairy Show at the Butler Farm Show. He leases 3 Guernsey cows through Oakland Farm.

Congratulations to ETHAN ZANG and his Holstein Spring Calf, FLOWER! They took second place in the 4-H Show for 8 and 9 year olds! WAY TO GO ETHAN and FLOWER!



COLE MILLER



ETHAN ZANG

**AUGUST 15-17**



**SEND A CARD:**

Janice Barbary  
530 Sunset Dr  
Butler, PA 16001

**HOMELESS MISSIONS MINISTRY AT NSSC**

You have helped sooo much, but we are still in need of a few more items. Please take a look at the list below and see if you are able to help with any of these. There will be a sign up form at the back of the church, or see Curt & Pam Weichey.

**NEEDS:**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 4 Sm. First Aid Kits | 4 Hand Towels           | 4 Bars of Soap   |
| 10 Feminine Products | 8 Shampoo               | 10 Conditioners  |
| 8 Hand Sanitizers    | 10 Deodorants           | 10 Comb/ Brushes |
| 8 Towels (Bath)      | 10 Gloves (Trader Horn) |                  |

*Second Quarter 2014*

# *North Street Christian Church* **Missions Update**

## **THIS ISSUE:**

***Pressing On/The Smiths  
Community Meal Outreach  
Homeless Mission of NSCC  
My Choice Medical Clinic***

## **A Note From NSCC Missions Department**

The NSCC quarterly Missions Update is meant to familiarize our congregation, friends, and supporters with the work of the missions we support locally, stateside, and internationally. This issue highlights four local missions that minister to people right here in Butler. Enjoy reading, and please pray for all of our missions and missionaries. Thank you for your support.



## **PRESSING ON MINISTRIES**

**Dan & Pam Smith**

**Pressing on Ministries is a local Christ-centered, Bible-teaching outreach offering hope and freedom to those struggling with substance abuse and other sinful habits. They meet for Bible Study every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at 113 S. McKean St. To learn more, visit their website at:**

**<http://www.pressingon4him.com/index.php>**

**“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.” 2 Corinthians 4:5**

I believe the Lord led us to this ministry through a number of ways. Before Pam and I were saved in 1978 the lifestyle we lived was reckless and loose. I lived for the world and its parties. Most of the people I hung with were the same and some of them became lifelong criminals. After becoming a Christian, I had a concern for my friends because I knew they were lost and headed for hell. Living the criminal lifestyle put many of them into prison and, looking back, I can see how the Lord led me into prison ministry. I would visit them in prison to share my testimony. Eventually it led me to get involved at the local prison. Today we minister to inmates in and out of prison and others who are struggling with sinful habits (addictions). They come to us with a desire for fellowship and teaching of God's Word. Our brother Eric, came to Christ out of alcohol addiction wanted to start a meeting at his church for anyone who wanted to deal with addictions God's way. AA became known as Absolute Authority, the Word of God. Those interested in worshiping and studying God's word were directed to North Street Christian Church. I started coming to some of the meetings when I returned to Butler after living in North Carolina for a year and a half. In North Carolina, I worked on a ranch for men struggling with addictions. That was the beginning of Pressing On Ministries. Pastor Bob Huber asked me if I thought about doing it full time.

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I was already involved with the local prison for years and when I came back to Butler I started ministering in the prison. At the time, I was out of work and prayed about a full time ministry. The pieces started falling together and here we are. The scripture verse I clung to during the whole process was Hebrews 11:6: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." I still believe with all my heart, without faith it is impossible to please God. I was reading a quote by Erwin Luther where he said, "Better to have tried and failed than to have failed to try." I kept saying to those who would ask me how I was going to finance it, "Let's get this straight first of all, God doesn't have a problem with finances."

We also believed the Church should be everywhere since society and government has their man-made programs everywhere. Acts 2:46-47 tells how the early church would gather, scatter, then splatter the Gospel everywhere they went: "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Pressing On Ministries was birthed by a vision of some brothers who believed that we, the Body of Christ, needed to provide a place that could be more visible and available in our community, to provide fellowship and in-depth Bible study. People would ask me, "What do you do there?" My reply, "We point people to Christ and His Truth." We believe the Word of God, as applied by the Holy Spirit of God, does the work of God! We are, in a nutshell, the body of Christ being more visible and more available in our community. As Bonar put it, "Save the lost and help the saved."

### **Why the name Pressing On?**

We must press into the kingdom to be saved and that takes place the moment we come to saving faith in Christ (justification). Luke 16:16 states, "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it." "Pressing" in that passage means to force, to seize, to press in, to be desperate to enter, no matter what the cost! Then we are to press on for a lifetime to become conformed to the image of Christ (sanctification). Our concern increased when we saw the way the world, with all its philosophies, false teaching, and satanic lies has deceived many about what the truth is concerning man's true condition before God and unbiblical teachings of sanctification. The world's ways have led many evangelical churches to a man-centered centered approach to ministry. Whenever you make man and his need the focus instead of Christ, His Gospel, His Word, and His Glory, you become man-centered in your ministry. Don't get me wrong, we are to love our fellow man and are even called to love our

enemies, but we are to love the Lord our God a whole lot more and point to His truth. We only truly help those in need with God's truth.

The truth, when it comes to spiritual growth, is not just, let go and let God. It is to trust God and get going! Know, grow and go, if you want to keep the glow. (Phil. 3:13-14: "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.") Many of those who have severe addictions want a quick fix. They don't realize the means of grace God has provided for our growth: His Word, prayer, and fellowship of His people. To neglect them is to hinder your growth in gaining victory over dominating sinful habits/addictions and making yourself useful for His work. It's like exchanging your sinful addictions for the right and good addiction to Jesus Christ, His Word, and His service. One of the men at the ministry said that "we need to chase after Him like we chased after our sin."

1 Cor.16:22 - "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!"

John 17:17 - "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Ps.138:2 - "I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name."

As St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ"

### **We believe the Christian is called to warfare.**

That means we have enemies. And the enemy of our souls' main strategy is to keep the unbeliever from hearing about Christ and for the believer to keep his focus off Christ. It's all about Christ and His cross! We believe as Ed Welch put it: "Addictions are a worship disorder and something or someone has taken the place that belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ." We all struggle with sin but we should not be enslaved to it. And a big part of the problem is that we are to not only put off but put on, to get busy with His work. Sins of omission usually lead to sins of commission, but it should all flow from a heart of worship. As A.W. Tozer once said: "We need to teach young believers how to worship before service," because that is what will lead us to effective service. The more we focus on Christ, His person, His cross, His work, His glorious being, the more we will serve with passion and impact.

### **About Pressing On Ministries**

The ministry is non-profit, and currently has about twelve volunteers and six board members. The volunteers help mainly with the prison ministry, (Continued on p.3)

though some teach at the ministry on McKean Street. We are supported by some churches and many individual donors, for which we thank God for their continued support. We are currently going through a study titled *Grounded in the Faith: An Essential Guide to Knowing What You Believe and Why* by Kenneth Erisman. There are also times of discussion around biblical issues. We plan evangelistic outreaches and serve at the local prison every Friday evening. There is a growing vision for a live-in program for men; possibly a farm, if the Lord wills it.

#### **Editor's Update**

Since the time of the writing of this article, Pam Smith was hospitalized and diagnosed with leukemia. Within a short time, she left the earthly, passing onto glory to be home with Jesus. Pam died on July 1 and her Memorial Service was held on July 7 at the Christ Bible Church in Cranberry Twp. Please continue to pray for Dan and Pressing On Ministries during this time of bereavement and seeking the Lord's will for the future. .

**Please pray for open hearts, courage, and for more laborers to join us as we reach out in summer evangelism/discipleship. Pray for all the prison ministry volunteers to be faithful and courageous for Christ, and for all the inmates to become prisoners of Christ. Also pray for discernment, patience, and compassion at the weekly ministry Bible studies.**

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## **COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH**

**Submitted by Dale Reimer**

**Community meals are served the second and third Saturdays of each month right here at NSCC at 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Bob was the real beginning of the Community Meal idea. He had a conversation with an older gentleman who told him that there was nowhere for low income people to go on Saturdays for a hot meal and our church should do it. At a Christmas concert rehearsal, Pastor Bob sat down beside me and said, "I have an idea," and explained the need for a hot meal for low income people on Saturday. He said that as Cissy and I had a heart for feeding people, he thought we should discuss it and see if it would be possible to start something on a Saturday. Cissy and I talked and prayed about it for a few weeks. We had no idea how to go about it, so we made an appointment to go over to Katie's Kitchen and help. We spent an evening and learned as much as we could. Jim stopped in at the other free meal providers and told them we were going to start providing meals on the second Saturday of each month. We had a food drive (as we do each year); recruited people to help; and bought trays, glasses, and other essentials. Our church family was generous beyond our imaginations with food, money, and time. We were in the Community Meal business! We decided to add a devotion at each meal for the workers and for our guests. Many of the same people who worked the meals at the beginning are still involved. And as time has gone on we have had many new people join us to help. In the beginning Cissy Bergbigler, Pam McGarrity, and I handled the meal preparation. When Pam moved away, Kathi Huber and Debbie King joined the cooking crew. It was only about 2 months before we added a second Saturday. Eight years later we are still providing food and fellowship to the people in need in our community.

**Please pray for willing workers for the Community Meals, especially during the summer months. Also pray that those who are served find God, not just a meal.**

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## **HOMELESS MISSION of NSCC**

**The homeless mission of NSCC has many facets, but focuses mainly on meeting the needs of people here and now while sharing the love of Christ. To learn more, contact Curt & Pam Weichey at 724-355-7124 or email them at: [angelbeliever@zoominternet.net](mailto:angelbeliever@zoominternet.net)**

God put it on our hearts and the hearts of North Street Christian Church on Saturday July 20, 2013 to start a Homeless Mission. There have been many people with many needs who have come to the community meals over the years, but this particular night we were all BLESSED to meet a guy named "Ryan." That was the beginning of the NSCC Homeless Mission and the Blanket Box. We had a "Parking Lot Prayer" with a group of folks after the community meal that night. We were praying when Pastor Bob pulled into the parking lot. The homeless have been on the hearts of Pastor Bob & Kathi for years, and we all felt a strong push from the Lord right then that the Homeless Mission was God's plan for all of us and NSCC. The Lord has put the homeless on the hearts of NSCC, many other churches, and people in our community and we all need to work together to help God's people.

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So far, we've been able to tell many people about Jesus; pray with them; as well as supply beds, furniture, and miscellaneous items to those in need. We've given out close to 30 blanket boxes which contain such things as a Bible, a twin blanket, and hygiene items. And, we done this all through donated items from members and friends of NSCC and the community - praise the Lord! We've also been able to work with Bill & Deb Halle and Dana & Sally Perkins from the Winter Relief Center and have met many of the folks who stay there. It has been a blessing to work with them and to meet many of their guests. We have met many people at the Grapevine Center in Butler and are building strong relationships. We had two Community Outreach Fellowship Days with hot chocolate and a movie - Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. We will have more fellowship outreach days in the future. We are also planning to show a movie to our community meal guests after one of the upcoming meals. Street Outreach and Brother's Keeper/Sister's Helper has launched from the Homeless Mission.

We want to thank everyone for the monetary donations and the donated items of furniture and household goods that were a blessing to many in our community. Also, we want to thank those involved who put the word out on Facebook to collect many items for people in need. To God be the glory!

*"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard." -Isaiah 58:7-8*

**Please pray for the health and safety of those living homeless/sleeping in the environment, that the community would be more aware of the homeless situation, that employers will open up their hearts and more jobs will be available to the homeless, and that more churches in the community would become involved in assisting with the Winter Relief Center so it can soon be open year round.**



## MY CHOICE MEDICAL CLINIC

**My Choice Medical Clinic is part of Life Choices and has been called to be a culture-changer for our community. For 30 years, they have been dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of young men, women, and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering life-affirming options to those in this difficult situation. To learn more, visit their website at: <http://www.yourlifechoicesinfo.com>**

Life Choices' (originally Pregnancy Support Services) Mission Statement is, "Empowering choices for life, sexual integrity, and healthy families." Our vision is to reach, rescue, and renew all individuals at risk of unplanned pregnancies and STDs. Life Choices was established in 1984 after a concerned group of people, under the leadership of Jessie Schaeffer, felt a pro-life presence was needed in Armstrong County. Jessie started with a phone hotline run out of her home and by 1989, Life Choices was operating out of an office on North McKean Street in Kittanning. As the ministry grew over the years, Life Choices continued to provide FREE pregnancy tests, guidance and practical support to men, women and families in Armstrong County. Through these services, we have the opportunity to share hope and love with each person who walks through our doors, making us one of the most effective outreach centers in our community. In 2005, the office was moved to its current location on Route 422 beside the Kittanning Dairy Queen.

Since its establishment, Life Choices has had the opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of clients and expanded our services to include parenting classes, men's counseling, post-abortion support and a Baby Boutique stocked with new and gently used maternity and baby items. In 2002, Life Choices began presenting programs to promote sexual abstinence until marriage to the students. Currently, there are 4 different programs presented to various ages in Armstrong School District, Redbank Valley Jr.-Sr. High, Freeport Jr. High, Freeport Senior High School and Evangel Heights Christian Academy.

In 2011, Life Choices grew yet again and opened My Choice Medical Clinic in Kittanning, PA; a dream the ministry had since inception. Now young women facing unplanned pregnancies can receive a free ultrasound, in addition to free pregnancy testing and loving consultations. Then in 2012, the second My Choice Medical Clinic was opened in downtown Butler, PA. The following year, 2013, by the grace of God, the third My Choice Medical Clinic opened on the edge of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA.

The future of Life Choices looks no less exciting, as plans for adding STD testing to all three clinics and opening a maternity home in Butler County are in the works!

**Please pray for a boldness for Life Choices volunteers to share salvation with their clients and for the clients' hearts to be prepared and accepting of it, for girls/women in the area with crisis pregnancies to find Life Choices either on the Internet or through referrals from other agencies/churches, and for new volunteers in the Butler Clinic.**