

North Street News

Welcome to North Street Christian Church. We are a Bible church dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to faithfully deliver the life-changing message of the Scriptures 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 today.

Welcome to Christmas 2015 at North Street Christian Church Emmanuel – God With Us!

Our Sunday mornings will be focused on Emmanuel – God With Us! Isaiah proclaims, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) The angel said, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

The sermons in this three week series, Emmanuel - God With Us, are as follows:

December 6 – Jesus, The Creed of Christmas

December 13 – Joseph, The First Father of Christmas

December 20 – Bringing Christmas Home, From Bethlehem to Nazareth to Jerusalem

Our Sunday worship times are Chapel Hour at 8:00 and The Gathering for Worship at 10:15. This Christmas, let us draw near to God as He has drawn near to us through the gift of His only, begotten Son. He is Emmanuel – God With Us!

Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00

On Thursday, December 24 North Street Church will gather at 7:00 for Candlelight Christmas Eve worship. The evening will include special music, congregational singing, the reading of Scripture and the Lord's Supper. Pastor Jeff Miller of Harvest Bible Chapel Pittsburgh North will deliver the Christmas Eve message, Joyful Belief. Christmas Eve at North Street Christian Church is a highlight of our worship calendar. Invite your family and friends and come join us!

CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY AT NSCC



You can help us help others at Christmas and beyond! Here are four NSCC Christmas Giving Projects in which you can participate:

Children's Hospital Project:

Our Children's Church kids are decorating a crate/tub with words of encouragement and filling it with notes and goodies for the family pantry located on one of the floors at Children's Hospital. If anyone is willing to donate a Christmas treat (i.e. instant cocoa, coffee, packaged cookies, chocolate), please drop it in the box located in the Welcome Center. Please see Michelle Cousins or Kristy Donaldson if you have any questions.

LOLCO Hot Chocolate

We are collecting all kinds of Hot Chocolate mix for our NSCC LOLCO Christian Drop-In Center. There are bins at each entrance of the church building with signs that say HOT CHOCOLATE FOR LOLCO! When you are out shopping would you pick up a can or box of hot chocolate packets to share with our daily visitors at the NSCC Light of Life Community Outreach?

Community Meal Food Vouchers

On Saturday, December 19 we plan to give our Community Meal families a \$10 gift certificate to help provide their Christmas meal. If you would like to help with this project, your donation can be placed in the regular NSCC offering and be designated for Community Meal Christmas project.

Benevolence Fund Offering on Christmas Eve

This year's Christmas Eve offering, with the exception of gifts designated otherwise, will be used toward our Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund in 2016 will not be a budgeted item but will be funded by designated gifts. This is another way you can share your Christmas generosity!

CANDY CANE EVANGELISM ON DECEMBER 18

Dennis Muir is putting together a group of people to hand out free candy canes at the mall on Friday, December 18. The candy canes will include The Candy Cane Christmas Story. If you want to participate, let Dennis know you're coming along and plan meet at the church on the 18th at 6:30 p.m.

The Legend of the Candy Cane

A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness of the true meaning of Christmas. He incorporated several symbols from the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White would symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard would symbolize the firmness of the promises of God. The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. It can also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd. The red stripes are for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life. Every time you see a Candy Cane, remember the Wonder of Jesus and His Great Love that came down at Christmas.

SEND A CARD

Don & Bernice Divers
1215 Oneida Valley Rd
Chicora, PA 16025



YAG

December can be a busy month. Between finals and Christmas there doesn't seem to be enough time in the day. But what an amazing time of the year to focus on who Jesus is and look at his miraculous birth. If you are in college or are a young adult, don't miss out on Thursday nights. This is a season where we like to have a lot of fun, but really dig into the true meaning of the Christmas story.

- Thursday - December 10 — Last YAG lesson of 2015
- Thursday - December 17 — YAG Christmas party
- Thursday - December 24 — Christmas Eve Worship at North Street
- Thursday - December 31 — Happy New Year

TAG

Wednesdays have been a lot of fun for North Street youth. We have been discussing who Jesus is, how the word of God reveals Him, how God defends His own word, and now we are starting into some lessons on how creation itself proclaims there is a Creator. We have a few more weeks of looking at things God has designed and the amazing qualities that scream HE EXISTS.

- Schedule:** December 2 and 9 - we will have TAG
December 16 — CHRISTmas Party
December 23 and 30 — No TAG enjoy CHRISTmas break!



SERVING TODAY

- Chapel Hour 8:00
- Communion Preparation
- The Klutinotys
 - Greeter
 - The Collins
 - Nursery
 - Kathy T.
- Sunday School at 9:00
- Nursery
- Joan C. & Kathy T.
- The Gathering at 10:15
- Communion Preparation
- The Converys
 - Greeter
 - The Converys & Shermans
 - Nursery
 - Joan C. & Kathy T.
- Children's Church
- During 10:15 Gathering
- Room 303-305
- Ages: 4yrs - 2nd Grade

OFFERING REPORT

December 6, 2015

General	\$ 5,468.00
Designated	\$ 614.00
Total	\$ 6,082.00
Building Fund	\$ 245,999.52

Pioneer Club

THIS IS A CALL TO WAR!!!! Good morning North Street, I have a challenge for you! The Wednesday night kids program is GROWING rapidly!! Last week we had five new children join our club! We are overwhelmed with the amount of answered prayers. Now, I have this challenge for you, PRAY. I would like you to pray about our ministry as well as what ministry God is calling you into. Take some time this week to see if God is calling you to join our war for the hearts of His children. The battle for their hearts is being fought with or without your help. The world looks to take a hold and shape the lives of these children, and it is so easy for the world to win. But if we fight together, we can help fight for the hearts of these kids by planting seeds of love, grace, and mercy! So just take some time this week and see if God is leading you to fight this battle. Thank you!!

Katie Davidson

Monday Night Men's Ministry

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17

All men and boys of North Street Church and their friends are invited to join together for Monday Night Men's Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. on December 14 and 28. This month's studies are entitled **Real Men Pray with Boldness** and **Real Men Love to Worship**. Meet in the Dining Room.

NEW 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE PICK-UP YOUR 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.
ALSO, PLEASE FILL IN FULL FIRST AND LAST NAME (NOT JUST INITIALS)

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:30 - 4:00
FRIDAY - SUNDAY CLOSED
ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE WEDNESDAY BY NOON

NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR



Beginning in January, I will be taking over as nursery coordinator and I am in need of a few volunteers to help out with our littlest members during the worship at 10:15. If you are willing and able to help out it would be greatly appreciated! Even if it's once every few months, it is a blessing. If you are over 18 you will need to get your PA state clearances before you can help. They are both free for volunteers and you can even have the church office help you get them. I look forward to working with you! You can contact me at (724) 524-1023 or by email at meganforeback@yahoo.com.
Again, thank you! Megan Foreback

YEAR END OFFERING REPORT

The best estimate of our NSCC Stewardship Department reflects that we need to receive approximately \$15,000.00 in offerings before the end of December in order to meet our anticipated expenses for 2015. There are three regular Sunday offerings which remain. (The Christmas Eve offering, other than designated gifts, will be used to fund our Benevolence Fund as we approach 2016.) Our Stewardship Department asks that when giving, if you could possibly include an extra gift to help meet our budget it would be most helpful toward ending the year in a good financial position. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

NSCC Basketball Start!!!

NSCC's next game will be TOMORROW, December 14th! The boy's will be playing St. Fidelis 3 at 7:00 at Cub's Hall.



SCORES:

NSCC - 41 vs CAC 2 - 23
WINS - 1 LOSSES - 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 The Gathering	14 8-2 LOLCO 7:00 Men's Ministry	15 8-2 LOLCO 7:00 Bible Study at Klutinoty's	16 8-2 LOLCO 6:00 TAG 6:00 Pioneers Club	17 8-2 LOLCO 7:00 YAG	18 8-2 LOLCO 6:30 Candy Cane Evangelism	19 5:00 Community Meal

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