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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 in December 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

Worship on Sunday, December 27 will be held as usual. Chapel Hour at 8:00, Sunday School at 9:00, and The Gathering for Worship at 10:15. Next Sunday's message is entitled - Alrightokuhuhamen!

### Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00

On Thursday, December 24 North Street Church will gather at 7:00 for Candlelight Christmas Eve worship. (A musical prelude will begin at 6:45.) 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!

#### YEAR END OFFERING REPORT

The best estimate of our NSCC Stewardship Department reflects that we need to receive approximately \$10,000.00 in offerings before the end of December in order to meet our anticipated expenses for 2015. There are two regular Sunday offerings which remain, December 20 and 27. (The Christmas Eve offering, other than designated gifts, will be used to support our Benevolence Fund as we approach 2016.) When giving, if you could possibly include an extra gift to help meet our budget, it would be most beneficial toward ending the year in a good financial position. Our Stewardship Department is thankful for your prayerful consideration.

#### **NSCC Holiday Office Hours**

THE NSCC Office will be closed on December 24-28. The office will be open from 9:30 until 4:00 on December 29 and 30. The office will be closed on December 31 and January 1.



#### CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY AT NSCC



#### NSCC Light of Life Community Outreach Hot Chocolate Drive/Open Christmas Day

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? LOLCO is open Monday through Friday from 8 am -2 pm. LOLCO will be open on CHRISTMAS DAY from 11-2 and serve a lunch for anyone who wants to drop in! See Curt or Pam Weichey for details or to volunteer.

## Christmas Eve Offering Designated to NSCC Benevolence Fund

This year's Christmas Eve offering, with the exception of gifts designated otherwise, will be used toward the NSCC Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund in 2016 will not be a budgeted item but will be funded by designated gifts. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us help others in 2016.

### NSCC Kids Helping Others

I was sick and you cared for me. (Matthew 25:36) Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the Children's Hospital Outreach. The tote decorated by the kids, along with cards made by the Eckerts, and all the donated goodies will be delivered Christmas Day by Alishia Cousins.



#### **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 Convery's

**Shermans Nursery** Joan C. & Shelly P. Children's Church During 10:15 Gathering Room 303-305

Greeter

The Convery's &

#### **OFFERING REPORT**

Ages: 4yrs - 2nd Grade

December 13, 2015

General \$ 9,612.00 Designated \$ 5,615.00 Total \$ 15,227.00

Building Fund \$ 246,339.00

#### SEND A CARD

Peggy McClimans 4114 Karla Dr Butler, PA 16025





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 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.

December 23 and 30 — No TAG enjoy CHRISTmas break!

#### PIONEER CLUB

OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO PRAISE HIM!!! Good morning North Street, we are having so much fun at kids club!!! We got to see a LIVE NEWSCAST of the Christmas Story! We talked to Mary and Joseph, the Innkeeper's Wife, the Angel, and the Shepherds! This week was our Christmas party!! We watched the story of the little drummer boy and made drums of our own! We are

sad to have the NEXT TWO weeks off for Christmas but we have a surprise for you that you will not want to miss! We are bringing out our dancing shoes to celebrate the REASON FOR THE SEASON! Jesus Christ!



#### THANK-YOU NSCC FAMILY!

We would like to thank everyone for the support of the cookie drive, puzzle pieces, donations and prayers throughout the process of our desire to adopt.

With your help, we are closer to our goal. Thank-you, Nathaniel and Kasey Gaiser ~Puzzle pieces are still available. Please see Denise Kerr

#### North Street Christian Church Backpack Ministry Report

Winter is here, but must be hiding right around the corner! We have given out five backpacks during the month of November and two so far in December. We have been blessed with so many donations from you and the surrounding community and want to thank everyone for the items received. We will keep you updated on how the backpacks help us to be a light and introduce people to our God Savior Jesus Christ. If you know of an individual who will benefit with a backpack or you would like to donate items, please see Denise Kerr to obtain a backpack or see where our needs are focused this month.

Thank you and God Bless.

#### **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)

#### NSCC Basketball!

NSCC's next game will be TOMORROW, December 21! The boy's will be playing 1st Baptist at 7:50 at Cub's Hall.

#### **SCORES:**

NSCC 26 vs St. Fidelis 3 - 58

WINS - 1 LOSSES - 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20	21	22	23	24	25 11-2 LOLCO
8:00 Chapel Hour	8-2 LOLCO	8-2 LOLCO	8-2 LOLCO	8-2 LOLCO	रुट्टि
9:00 Sunday School	7:30 Leadership	7:00 Bible Study		7:00 CHRISTMAS	MERRY
10:15 The Gathering	Meeting	at Klutinoty's		EVE	CHRISTMAS
				WORSHIP	CHRISTMAS