December 6, 2015

# North Street News

## 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 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 congregational worship will begin promptly with the reading of Scripture followed by a selected song which will introduce the message. The sermon will then be delivered and followed by congregational singing, the Lord's Supper and the weekly offering. 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!

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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.

## Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00

On Thursday, December 24 North Street Christian 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. Christmas Eve at North Street Christian Church is a highlight of our worship calendar. Invite your family and friends and come join us!



# Monday Night Men's Ministry

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

All men and boys of North Street Christian 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**. Pastor Bob says, "One of the most essential elements of a strong Christian walk is that it is not taken alone. Sometimes the way is steep and hard and that's when we discover that we need each other. Real men need other real men to share in this real journey we call life!" You are encouraged to come and join us for a great time of study, prayer, and fellowship on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>! We meet in the Dining Room.

### NSCC Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon

THIS Wednesday, December 9 at Noon Gospel Singer Dan Schall in Concert

All NSCC SrCitz and their friends are invited to join us for a great holiday lunch hosted by Pastor Bob and Kathi Huber this Wednesday, December 9. The meal will include ham and turkey with salad, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, drink and dessert!

Gospel Singer Dan Schall will be our guest and share in ministry following the meal. Dan shares his music ministry in many crossroad towns throughout the eastern states. Through his music, he conveys his love for Jesus Christ and his concern for his fellow man's eternity. Dan stutters when he speaks, but the Lord has granted him a singing voice to share the Lord's words through music. He made his commitment to share the gospel message, after hearing someone sing the song, "He Touched Me."

The anger that he had stored up for many years of his youth was released by knowing that Jesus Christ died for all the trials that he had gone through. He had difficulty in being able to share what Christ meant to him in spoken word, so he began to share what Christ meant to him in song. Through his concerts, he is able to reach out in a simple way to help move others to realize what God has given them.

It's not too late to sign up for our Christmas luncheon – just see Kathi Huber today or call the office at 724-282-7700 by noon tomorrow!

#### HSCC LOLCO

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

The North Street Christian Church Light of Life Community Outreach is our Christian Drop-In Center meeting at Legacy Ministry House. LOLCO has been in existence for over 14 months now and continues to reach out to people daily in the name of Jesus, Monday through Friday from 8 am 'til 2 pm. Morning devotions are held at 9:00 and again at 11:30. There's always coffee and snacks available and lunch is served daily at noon. Anyone and everyone is invited to drop-in for some fellowship, a word of encouragement and a prayer. LOLCO will be open on Christmas Day from 11-2.

LOLCO depends totally on donations and volunteers. HOT CHOCOLATE is a need right now so Pastor Bob has declared December as LOLCO HOT CHOCOLATE MONTH at NSCC! Would you pick up some hot chocolate and drop in one of the boxes found at the entrances of the church building? If you would like to get further involved, please see Curt or Pam Weichey.

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

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)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 The Gathering	7 8-2 LOLCO	8 8-2 LOLCO 7:00 Bible Study at Klutinoty's	9 8-2 LOLCO 6:00 TAG 6:00 Pioneers Club 6:15 Bible Study	10 8-2 LOLCO 7:00 YAG	11 8-2 LOLCO	12 5:00 Community Meal

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHALLENGE

On December 13, the Children's Church would like to complete a Christmas service project. The project involves decorating a crate or metal tub with words of encouragement/Christmas themes and filling it with notes and goodies for the 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.



#### **NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR**



Hey NSCC! 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 <a href="mailto:meganforeback@yahoo.com">meganforeback@yahoo.com</a>. Again, thank you! Megan Foreback

### NSCC Basketball Start!!!

NSCC's next game will be TOMORROW, December 7th! The boy's will be playing CAC 2 at 7:00 at Cub's Hall.

#### **SCORES:**

NSCC - 18 vs St. Fidelis 1 - 56

# SEND A CARD

Myrtle Cumberland 205A Greenview Dr. **Butler, PA 16001** 



#### **SERVING TODAY**

Chapel Hour 8:00 **Communion Preparation** The Klutinoty's <u>Greeter</u> The Collins Nurserv Kathy T.

Sunday School at 9:00 Nurserv Joan C. & Kathy T. The Gathering at 10:15 Communion Preparation

The Convery's Greeter The Convery's & **Shermans** <u>Nursery</u> Joan C. & Charity O. Children's Church During 10:15 Gathering Room 303-305 Ages: 4yrs - 2nd Grade

## It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive

For the past 5 years or so, the preschoolers at Shepherd of My Heart have participated in the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox packing party. This year was an extra special year! The children watched an OCC video. In this short video a typical, young, 9-10 year old American girl, showed her comfy life and the fun things that she likes to do. Her secure life is much like that of most of the preschoolers. Then she explained how she learned about OCC and the poverty-stricken children on the other side of the world. The video showed a child, dirty and shirtless standing in the rubble (possibly his yard or play area). The girl explained how she eats three meals a day plus snacks, but these children may only get one meal per day. This was the beginning of eyes being opened! The preschoolers couldn't believe that these children do not have snacks!

After the movie, it was time to pack shoeboxes and so, we were off to the shoebox packing party! At the first stop were toiletries, the basic necessities. Again, eyes were opened—does this mean that many children do not have soap, toothbrushes, socks, and so on? There were also tables of toys, candy, and school supplies. Each child was delighted and excited to fill 2-3 shoeboxes.

Packing a total of 34 shoeboxes!

Later, at the end of the day, I was describing this special event to a preschool parent. I asked her child to describe some of what was learned, but the child was speechless. I believe that at least one little life was impacted.

Our class intended to bless children living far away, but we ourselves were blessed. Isn't it amazing how God works! Fi Saeler, Teacher

#### 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 Service 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 2nd and 9th - we will have TAG

December 16th - CHRISTmas Party

December 23rd and 30th — No TAG enjoy CHRISTmas break!

#### OFFERING REPORT

November 29, 2015

General \$ 4,179.00 Designated \$ 695.00 Total \$ 4,874.00 Building Fund \$ 245,930.51

## Pioneer Club

HEY THERE NORTH STREET!! WE HAVE BIG NEWS FOR YOU!! Our welcome center got a face lift! Now you can get the latest North Street News and see what we are learning about! And don't be alarmed... we are drawing on it! The panels are now chalk boards! So come check out what we are learning!

Thank you for your continued prayers, Katie Davidson

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