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NORTH STREET NEWS

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January Sermon Series

A Look At Some Disciplines of the Christian Life

As we launch into a new year, Pastor Bob has chosen to lead our congregation through a four-part sermon series directed at discovering and practicing the means of *genuine spiritual development leading to authentic spiritual maturity*. Donald Whitney says, "The spiritual disciplines are those personal and corporate disciplines that promote spiritual growth. They are habits of devotion and experiential Christianity that have been practiced by the people of God since biblical times." *The messages in this series, A Look At Some Disciplines of the Christian Life are as follows:*

January 10 - Prayer and Solitude

January 17 - Study and Meditation

January 24 - Worship and Witness

January 31 - Sacrifice and Service

PRAYER IN ALL THINGS

In the book of I Thessalonians 5:16-18 the Scripture says, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

John Piper in *When I Don't Desire God* says about continual prayer - "Praying without ceasing means at least three things. First it means that there is a spirit of dependence that should permeate all we do...So even when we are not speaking consciously to God, there is a deep, abiding dependence on Him that is woven into the heart of faith. Secondly, it means praying repeatedly and often. Thirdly, it means not giving up on prayer. Don't ever come to a point in your life where you cease to pray at all." Let us be a people of prayer in all things!

Men's Ministry News

NORTH STREET MEN ARE CALLED TO RISE UP!

ALL MEN OF NSCC will want to get involved in our Men's Ministry because it is proving to be a great opportunity for discipleship, fellowship, accountability, friendship and fun. Like it or not - as much as we prefer to never ask for directions, prefer to not follow manuals and prefer to do it our way - the truth is men need other men to stay strong in the Lord! Come and join a bunch of guys just like you and *get your fleshy rough edges sanded off and your dull spiritual edges sharpened!* The NORTH STREET MEN meet the first Saturday morning of every month and the second and fourth Monday evening of every month. Here is the remaining:

Monday, January 11 - Monday Night Men's Fellowship at 7:00 - Real Men Flee Temptation

Monday, January 25 - Monday Night Men's Fellowship at 7:00 - Real Men Repent From Sin

Saturday, February 6 - Men's Breakfast at 8:00

Monday, February 8 - Monday Night Men's Fellowship at 7:00 - Real Men Refuse to Compromise

Monday, February 22 - Monday Night Men's Fellowship at 7:00 - Real Men Lead with Courage

Let us rise up as mighty men of God! "But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." Daniel 11:32b

MARK YOURE CALENDAR NOW! This year's **REVERSE THE CURSE MEN'S CONFERENCE** will be held at the Crossfire Campus of First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 12 from 8 'til 3. Tim Thoma and his crew have invited Robert Amaya of the movies *Courageous* and *Mom's Night Out* and T.C. Stallings of the movies *Courageous* and *War Room* along with Pastor Steve Chiles of the Shartel Church of God in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Pastor Lu of the Murrysville Alliance Church to be the featured speakers. Tickets are \$30.00 and include a continental breakfast and catered lunch. Go to www.reversethecurse.org for more information.

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.

Community Meal Schedule Change For January

North Street Christian Church regularly serves a free meal to our community on the second and third Saturdays of each month. In January there is a schedule change. The meal was served as usual on January 9 at 5:00. **On January 16, there will be no Community Meal served here at NSCC.** (The God's Country ministry at the First United Methodist Church serves a meal every Saturday at 6:00.) The Community Meal schedule here at North Street Church will return to normal in February serving on the 13th and 20th at 5:00.

January Leadership Meetings

The Leadership Meetings for January 2016 will be held on Monday, January 18. The NSCC Board will meet at 7:30 and the Elders will meet following the Board Meeting.

Announcing the Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 31, the Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the budget and the new ministry leaders for 2016 will be held immediately following the Gathering for Worship at 10:15 (the meeting will be called to order between 11:45 and noon). All members of NSCC are encouraged to be in attendance.

PIONEERS CLUB

GOOD MORNING NORTH STREET! We had such a BLAST on Wednesday Night! We are so glad to be back in session! We are GROWING and growing quick! Once again we are asking you to pray for us. We would also like you to pray about YOUR MISSION. Where God can use you this year. I know God is preparing us for more then we ever thought we could accomplish on our own. So we urge you to keep praying and see what God has planned for you for 2016. THANK YOU! Katie Davidson and the Pioneer Club Team

YOUTH

Youth of North Street, now is a great time to come get involved in the youth program. We will be doing some word for word studies through the Bible, some character studies as we look at different people and see how they point to Jesus, and lots of focus on the cross. Wednesday nights are a great time to grow in your faith and learn a lot from Gods word. If you are in 7-12th grade, join us every Wednesday from 6-7. It's all about Jesus.

YAG

YAG crew, it's been a fun but busy holiday season. With Christmas and New Year's now over, we will be jumping into a new series to start our year. I realize schedules are changing with new semesters but if you can be here on Thursday nights, come grow with us as we pursue Jesus through the words of Scripture. Thursdays 7-8

JANUARY	
Sunday 10	8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 The Gathering
Monday 11	8-2 LOLCO 7:00 Monday Night Men's Ministry
Tuesday 12	8-2 LOLCO 7:00 Bible Study at Klutinity's
Wednesday 13	8-2 LOLCO 6:00 Pioneers Club 6:00 TAG
Thursday 14	8-2 LOLCO 7:00 YAG
Friday 15	8-2 LOLCO

THE NSCC LIGHT OF LIFE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The NSCC Light of Life Community Outreach, a Christian drop-in center, continues to be open daily, M-F, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 232 West North Street. Between 75 and 120 people stop in daily for a cup of coffee and snack and/or lunch and also for some fellowship and encouragement. This NSCC mission is supported through donations from churches, individuals, businesses, special events and other resources! Please continue to pray for and support this vibrant ministry.

KEEPING OUR CHRISTIAN JOY

Let's start with a story - coal miners know that dangerous gases can gather silently and secretly in the tunnels of an underground mine. Carbon monoxide will asphyxiate them and sometimes the accumulation of methane will explode. These days, much is done technically to monitor the air quality of underground mines. In the early days of coal mining, they found an effective, low-tech solution: They brought canaries into the mines. A canary's metabolism is very sensitive to air quality. As long as the bright yellow birds chirped and sang, they knew that the air was safe. If gas levels rose, the canaries stopped singing, wobbled on their perches and would eventually fall to the floor of the cage.

Christian joy is like that. One of the first effects of sin is that we lose our joy in Christ. When your heart stops singing, that is a warning to watch your life and doctrine closely. Jesus himself connected our daily spiritual life with joy. He said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. ... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:10-11) If your soul is satisfied in Christ, you will rejoice in Christ. Take your eyes off Christ, and you'll lose your joy. Christian joy is a good barometer of the strength of your spiritual life. Keep your eyes on Jesus and keep your joy!

Resource: Joyless Christianity is Dangerous by Jim Johnston

SERVING TODAY

Chapel Hour 8:00

Communion Preparation

The Hartmans

Greeter

Andy Lasichak

Nursery

Megan F.

Sunday School at 9:00

Nursery

Joan C. & Megan F.

The Gathering at 10:15

Communion Preparation

Alicia & Michelle C.

Greeter

Kathi Huber

Nursery

Joan C. & Michelle Z.

Children's Church

During 10:15 Gathering

Room 303-305

Ages: 4yrs - 2nd Grade

SEND A CARD

Ken & Phyllis Thompson
104 Concordia Way Apt. 206
Butler, PA 16001

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PLEASE PICK-UP A 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES BOX AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FILL IN ALL NEEDED AREAS OF THE ENVELOPE. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE NOT NEEDED IF YOU HAVE GIVEN AND PROVIDED THAT INFO BEFORE.

OFFERING REPORT

January 3, 2016

GENERAL	\$ 3,836.00
DESIGNATED	\$ 835.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,671.00
BUILDING FUND	\$ 246,950.86

THANK-YOU!

Thank-you for inviting me & HBC to celebrate Christmas Eve with you all. It meant a lot to HBC to come - but it was personally very special to me and my family. Here's to a God - glorifying 2016. Jeff Miller

Women's Bible Study

January 22nd at 6:30 at Deanna Kratt's house. The study is on "Jesus our Advocate." Call Deanna for more info at 724-865-2117.

NSCC Basketball!

NSCC's next game is Thursday Jan 14th at 8:50 at the Cub's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 4:00
Friday - Sunday Closed
ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY AT NOON