

# **January 3, 2016**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a

## new creation;

old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself though Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

# 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.



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### Today's Message Life, Time and Eternity

Welcome to 2016! Another New Year is upon us and it is only 356 days until Christmas – my how time flies! Today's message, Life, Time and Eternity, will lead us on a tour through several key passages in the Book of Ecclesiastes, a book written by wealthy and wise Solomon as he pondered life and its deeper meaning. He said, "there is nothing new under the sun"; "there is a time for everything" and "God has made everything beautiful in His time." We will be checking it all out this morning – come let's journey together with the Teacher.

# Men's Ministry News NORTH STREET MEN ARE CALLED TO RISE UP!

# First Sermon Series of 2016 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

**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 schedule for January and February:

Saturday, January 2 – Men's Breakfast at 8:00 – Real Men Don't Use Straws/A Look at David's Mighty Men

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 <a href="https://www.reversethecurse.org">www.reversethecurse.org</a> for more information.

#### **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 will be 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 Christian Church will return to normal in February serving on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

#### A Thank You from The Hubers

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and joy for the many ways we are remembered at Christmas here at NSCC! So far as we can figure – this was our 38<sup>th</sup> Christmas with you! The gifts, cards, photos, goodies and love offering are such a blessing in so many ways. God has been so good to all of us - let's continue to fulfill His command to LOVE GOD and LOVE PEOPLE here and now! With Christmas Love, Pastor Bob and Kathi Huber

#### Thank you from Jake

NSCC, it is a pleasure to be able to be part of a Christ that seeks Jesus the way you do. I feel so blessed to have a Church that takes care of its pastors the way you do. The Christmas gifts that came from members of this Church were a humbling reminder of how God provides. Thank you all for your generosity and love. I love you all, pray for you all regularly, and look forward to pursuing Jesus through the text of God's Word with you.

JANUARY	
Sunday 3	8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 The Gathering
Monday 4	8-2 LOLCO
Tuesday 5	8-2 LOLCO 7:00 Bible Study at Klutinoty's
Wednesday 6	8-2 LOLCO 6:00 Pioneers Club 6:00 TAG
Thursday 7	8-2 LOLCO 7:00 YAG
Friday 8	8-2 LOLCO
Saturday 9	5:00 Community Meal

#### **Pioneers Club**

It's a New Year North Street! We are so excited to get back to learning about God on

Wednesday Nights! Pioneer club will begin on January 6 at 6:00 PM in room 303 above the nursery! It is a new year and a new section in our lessons! It is the perfect time to join the club. We are growing quickly! Please continue to pray for us as Thank you for your prayers! Katie Davidson and The Pioneer Club we start this new year together!

#### YAG

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 Scripture. Thursdays 7-8

#### 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 infoat 724-865-2117.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Chapel Hour 8:00 Communion Preparation The Hartman's <u>Greeter</u> Andy Lasichak

> <u>Nursery</u> Megan F.

Sunday School at 9:00

**Nursery** Joan C. & Megan F.

The Gathering at 10:15 Communion Preparation

Alicia & Michelle C. <u>Greeter</u>

> Kathi Huber <u>Nursery</u>

Joan C. & Phill S.

Children's Church

During 10:15 Gathering Room 303-305

Ages: 4yrs - 2nd Grade

#### Youth

YAG crew, it's been a fun but Youth of North Street, now is a great time to come get involved in the youth program. busy holiday season. With January 6th we are starting a new year of digging through Gods word. 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.

#### **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 order between 11:45 and noon). All members of NSCC are encouraged to be in attendance

#### 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! On Christmas Day, over 130 people enjoyed a Christmas meal at the NSCC LOLCO and even Mayor Tom Donaldson helped to greet and serve our guests. Also, thank you to all who donated toward our hot chocolate drive! Please continue to pray for and support this vibrant ministry.

#### NEW 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE PICK-UP YOUR 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES 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.



#### **NSCC Basketball!**

NSCC's next game will be Thursday Jan 7th at 8:50 at the Cub's Hall.

NSCC - 22 vs CAC 1 - 37 NSCC - 49 v 1 - Wins 4 - Losses NSCC - 49 vs 1St. Baptist - 52

#### OFFERING REPORT

December 24, 27, 2015

GENERAL \$ 4,952.00 DESIGNATED \$ 3,206.00 TRUST INCOME \$ 20,547.14 \$ 28,705.14 BUILDING FUND \$ 246,879.52

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