

North Street Christian Church

March 22, 2020
Morning Worship at 10:00

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." -Psalm 121:1-2 ESV

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 God influence in our community. The message of the cross keeps us vertically and horizontally focused. Thanks for joining us today!

JOY, PATIENCE, CONSISTENCY

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

In **Romans 12:9-21** the Apostle Paul shares Holy Spirit breathed words as he becomes very practical concerning how Christians should conduct themselves at all times. It is of great benefit to read those verses often as they become a daily code of conduct delineating the marks of the truly Christian life. In verse 12 he gives a succinct but complete statement concerning our making it through hard times. He says, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12) Did you get that? He says that in the midst of our difficulties to find our joy, to remain patient and to keep on praying! Now isn't that exactly what we find ourselves doing in these recent days? Now, let's dig a little deeper:

REJOICE IN HOPE - The Christian's hope is not based upon wishful thinking or the simple desire that things will hopefully get better. Our hope is found in knowing by faith the Lord's plan for the future. Hebrews 11:1 links our hope to our faith when it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Jesus, our living hope, promised to be with us always. (Matthew 28:20) He also said, "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33b) We can find our JOY even now as our HOPE is built upon trusting the person and promises of God.

BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION - Patience in the midst of trouble is not natural - it is supernatural! How can we maintain a patient spirit while there is so much pressure being applied in so many areas of our lives? Interestingly, PATIENCE DOES NOT COME FROM TRYING HARDER RATHER FROM SURRENDER. In Galatians 5:22, 23 the Word lists the fruit of the Holy Spirit. One characteristic of Holy Spirit dominance is PATIENCE or longsuffering. We can remain patient as we suffer long because the Lord will provide the means for us to do so by the presence of His Holy Spirit. PATIENCE IS A DIVINE ENABLEMENT! Proverbs 3:5,6 teaches, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct a your paths."

BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER - Prayer becomes the consistent normal response to life for faithful Christians. Paul once said, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) As we mature in the faith, PRAYER BECOMES THE SPIRITUAL AIR WE BREATHE moment by moment. Our constant, persistent praying not only helps us to cope but also produces effectual results. (James 5:16) Paul tells us, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." LET'S CONTINUE TO BE CONSISTENT IN PRAYER finding the peace that only He can grant.

The response to COVID 19 puts us in new and unfamiliar territory. There is some hardship at this time but we also are seeing how people are finding ways to creatively respond and to care one for another! As we move forward with JOY and PATIENCE and CONSISTENCY let us know without a doubt that OUR GOD IS ABLE!

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
John 16:33*

NSCC You Tube Live-Streaming Channel

Our Sunday messages will now be live-streamed on YouTube. If you would like to access the Sunday Morning message via YouTube a link is provided on our NSCC Website at <http://northstreetchristianchurch.org/>.

NSCC Facebook Daily Word of Encouragement

Each day at 5:30 pm NSCC has been posting a daily word of encouragement as written by Pastor Bob or Pastor Jake. In order to read the Daily Word of Encouragement simply go to the NSCC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/northstreetchristianchurch/>.

The posts are also being shared by others in various formats. Feel free to pass the Daily Word of Encouragement on to your friends and family.



COVID 19 RESPONSE UPDATE

NSSC Sunday Morning Worship has now been SUSPENDED. On Thursday, March 19 the NSSC Elders and Pastors made the decision to suspend Sunday Morning Worship for a period of two weeks (March 22 and 29). The SUNDAY SERMON WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED at 10:00 each Sunday morning. To access LIVE-STREAM LINK – go to The North Street Christian Church Homepage, (<http://northstreetchristianchurch.org>), and click the button that says – Click Here to Join Us for Online Church.

All other church events are suspended until further notice:

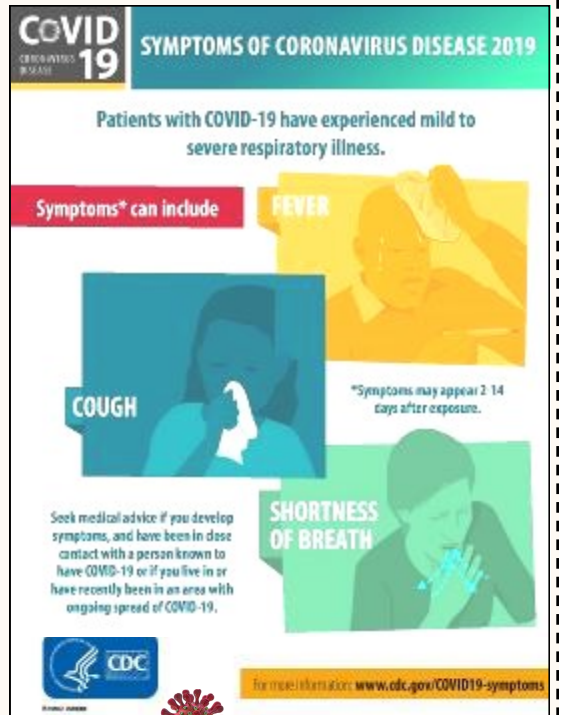
- Sunday School Classes are suspended until further notice.
- All Church Sponsored Weekly Bible Studies are suspended until further notice.
- Kid's Club is suspended until further notice
- Rooted Youth Ministry is suspended until further notice.
- Shepherd of My Heart Preschool will follow protocol of Butler Area School District.
- The Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be rescheduled for a later date.
- The NSSC Community Meal is suspended until further notice.
- Please do not bring food into the Church at this time.
- All nursing home and hospital visitations are suspended. (Due to hospital and nursing home facility requirements)

Other response measures include:

- Increased sanitization efforts throughout our facilities will be implemented.
- Extra attention will be given to restrooms, nursery, high touch areas, hard surfaces, water fountains, handheld equipment etc.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

Your cooperation is appreciated and needed:

- Avoid shaking hands and hugging at gatherings.
- Please cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or with your elbow, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water (cold or hot) for at least 20 seconds especially after using the restroom, after physical contact with others, before and after eating, after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Avoid touching your own eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Please personally dispose of any Kleenexes you have used.
- Stay home when you are sick (fever, cough & difficulty breathing are COVID-19 symptoms) or when you have been in the presence of others who are sick.
- If you are at a higher risk for serious illness from COVID -19 because of your age or because you have a serious health issue, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk.



Giving Online or US Mail

Some have asked for information about giving online during the response to the COVID 19 pandemic. You are able to give by downloading the app "TITHELY" on your smartphone.

If you would like to mail your offering via US Mail, please send it to

North Street Christian Church
220 West North Street
Butler, PA 16001



Announcing Future Schedule Changes

Any changes to our church schedule will be announced via the NSSC website at <http://northstreetchristianchurch.org/> and via the NSSC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/northstreetchristianchurch/>. The Church Office telephone number is 724-282-7700.

A Special Message About The Coronavirus by Dr. David Jeremiah

Recently, Dr. David Jeremiah preached A Special Message About The Coronavirus. It is worth your time to listen to it! It can be found via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdPyAyZVNuQ&feature=youtu.be>.

THE SIX MAIN POINTS ARE:

1. Concentrate on Prayer
2. Control Your Mind
3. Count Your Blessings
4. Claim Your Promises
5. Consider Your Responsibility and
6. Continue Your Work

NSSC Weekly Giving for March 15

General Fund:	\$4,771.38
Designated:	\$1,235.00
Total:	\$6,006.38

Meeting Ministry Needs

Our church family is asked to please communicate any ministry needs to Pastor Bob or Pastor Jake during this coronavirus pandemic. NSSC will do its best to help meet those needs as they arise. Our Church Office telephone number is 724-282-7700.