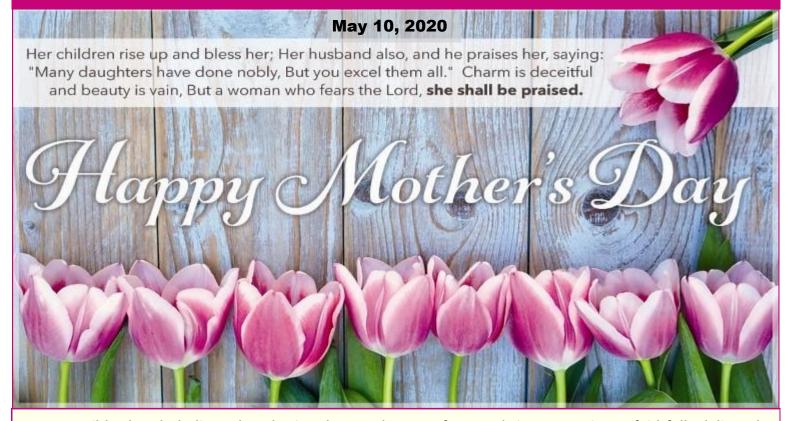
# North Street Christian Church



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

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#### LIVING THE WAY CHRIST DIED

Today Sunday May 3, Pastor Jake will continue preaching an 8 week sermon series entitled <u>Living The Way Christ Died</u>. The series will lead listeners through the words uttered by Jesus while being crucified while making application to our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

Whether we are meeting face to face or online, let's all do our best to not miss one of these timely messages. If do you happen to miss one, you will be able to watch anytime online.

# Living the Way Christ Died

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Taradise."
"Woman, this is your son."

"This is your mother."

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
"I thirst."

"It is finished!"

"Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit."

# Happy Mother's Day

We wish all moms a Blessed Mother's Day today, May 10. Even with all of the changes about us mom's have remained faithful in every way! Our prayer for you is for God's abundant grace to give you the patience and strength and support and resources you so dearly need day by day. Here's an anonymous poem to encourage all moms. You are irreplaceable!

#### Her Love is Like an Island

Mother's love is like an island,
In life's ocean vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.

'Tis bound on the north by Hope, By Patience on the west, By tender Counsel on the south And on the east by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And thro' the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty
is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit
of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates."

Proverbs 31:28-31

## **Reopening NSCC Report**

The Elders and Pastors continue in weekly decision making concerning the reopening of Sunday Worship at NSCC. On Sunday May 10 we will continue with Church Online. It appears hopeful to be able to offer in person worship (perhaps with altered times or rooms) in the near future. Thank you for your patience and support as we get through this pandemic together.

## **A Good Quote**

Future worry is overwhelming. There's a reason. We don't have grace today for tomorrow. One of Satan's simplest tricks and most effective devices is to draw our attention to things we can do nothing about. There's nothing worse than a crisis that can't be fixed. If our hours are spent with thoughts of tomorrow's problems, which are not accessible today and which we know we cannot touch with today's resources, we are doomed to worry. And worry wears us out... [Yet] our calling is today. It's not that we don't think of tomorrow, but it must consistently be filed under "future grace." The tide of confidence in God's sufficiency must wash out worry. In fact, it's a command. "Do not be anxious for tomorrow." To go there is to disobey a directive from the One who holds every moment in His hand.

#### HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE

One is by downloading the app "TITHELY" on your smartphone.

The second is to mail your offering to:
North Street Christian Church
220 West North Street
Butler, PA 16001,

The third is by simply dropping off your contribution in the mailbox outside the office door.

# **NSCC Church Online**

NSCC continues to hold Church Online on YouTube. To join us Sunday Mornings click the link provided on our NSCC Website at

www.northstreetchristianchurch.org.
Church announcements begin
at 9:50 and Church Online begins at 10:00.

# **Meeting Ministry Needs**



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

# NSCC Facebook A Word of Encouragement

A few days each week at 5:30 pm NSCC has been posting a word of encouragement as written by Pastor Bob. In order to read the Word of Encouragement simply go to the NSCC Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/northstreetchristianchurch/">https://www.facebook.com/northstreetchristianchurch/</a>. The posts are also being shared by others in various formats. Feel free to pass the Word of Encouragement on to your friends and family.

#### **CLUBHOUSE and ROOTED NEWS**



**Kids Club News:** I am still trying to send out emails twice a week for all my kiddos that I can't see right now, so keep checking your emails. If you aren't on our email list, we can change that. Send me an email at <a href="mailto:davidsonkatie95@gmail.com">davidsonkatie95@gmail.com</a>. Our lives and our church look different but our God is still the same! Love, Miss Katie

Rooted: We are still in this together. Not hand in hand but heart to heart as we stick together to fellowship and learn about our

God who doesn't change. We still meet on Sunday evenings via the internet. It has been such a blessing for us to continue watching our group grow together in Christ. Although we cannot wait to play GaGa or be together again, we press on. See what we are up to ROOTED on our Rooted Facebook page!



May 3, 2020
General \$ 3,965.90
Designated \$ 85.00
Total \$ 4,050.90

# SHEPHERD OF MY HEART PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun at Shepherd of My Heart Preschool! If you know of anyone that has young children that may be interested in our program, please tell them about our preschool or pass along a brochure.

Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (4-5 years olds) Must be 4 years old by September 1. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:15 - 11:45 AM. Tuition: \$110 per month (September through May)

PRESCHOOL (3-4 years olds) Must be 3 years old by September 1 and potty trained. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 11:15 AM. Tuition: \$85 per month (September through May)

Call Shepherd of My Heart Today. Schedule a Visit! Telephone: 724-282-4511

# On Withering and Fading

## Pastor Bob Huber

The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?"

"All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:6-8

The faithful prophet Isaiah recalls the visions and voices from the Lord throughout his writing of what we know as sixty-six chapters of the Bible. He is faithful in communicating revelation from the Lord to the people. That's what prophets did - spoke God's message to the people. The priest in turn spoke the people's message to the Lord.

Here Isaiah speaks faithfully as he contrasts what lasts and what doesn't. It is clear that as Israel would be carried into captivity that life and death would continue. Isaiah says that our lives are like grass and flowers - they wither and fade as time marches on. But he is quick in a comeback to say that the word of God never changes. Deliverance is promised, deliverance will come - and it did, and it does!

In the New Testament, both James (1:10,11) and Peter (1:24,25) quote from Isaiah 40 as a reminder of the brevity of life on this earth in contrast to the everlasting nature of the word of God. What He says has happened, what He says happens, what He says will happen!

Let us be good stewards of this life as we dwell in these withering and fading vessels but let us also be looking beyond knowing that the word of the Lord is powerful and effectual and absolutely true. It always has been so, it is so and it will always be so!

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10,11