

North Street News

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*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My People Israel.
Matthew 2:6/ Micah 5:2*

Today's Message: Jesus— Our Peace

LET THE CHURCH RISE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BEARS FRUIT

\$403,223.85 Raised /Remodeling Near Completion

Just over one year ago, from October 26 – November 30, six messages were presented as we ventured through **LET THE CHURCH RISE** Capital Campaign. The messages were:

God is Able, Are We Ready and Willing?
The Call of the Church in the Community

How God Provides - Manna In the Morning
Putting Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow into Perspective

Together We Can!
Trusting, Praying, Working

The Giving That God Blesses
Giving Up, Giving In, Giving Over and Above

Commitment is Not a Dirty Word
Is There Ever A Good Time to Say "I Do?"

The Power of Living Thanks
Let's Give, Let's Grow, Let's Go!

Maybe you remember a little about the messages and the consecutive meetings we had, which resulted in our commitment to Phase 1 of a Building Plan. Phase 1 was to remodel the Christian Education Annex and Dining Room of our present facility. Commitments were made, giving began, a Master Site Plan was completed, blueprints were drawn, approvals and variances were obtained and remodeling began in June. We will be ready to open the newly remodeled Christian Education Annex within the next few weeks!

The Building Fund total to date is \$403,223.85. We have utilized \$359,349.12 of the fund in the planning and remodeling the three

floors of the annex. We presently have an approximate balance of \$45,000.00 and estimate the remaining cost to finish the project to be about \$75,000.00. We are only \$8,487.87 away from meeting our fourth matching gift of \$30,000.00, which will allow us to complete our plan. After completing present renovations, the next step will be remodeling the Church Kitchen and that will begin as soon as we receive the necessary funds. The final \$30,000.00 goal and the \$30,000.00 matching gift will allow us to do that project and have some funds remaining toward new construction!

Pastor Bob is looking for 100 Commitments of \$400.00 with the gifts being given on Christmas Eve, which will allow us to meet our goals for 2009! Will you prayerfully consider giving a gift of \$400.00 toward LET THE CHURCH RISE and help us make our goal? Thank you to all who have faithfully prayed and worked and given! God has always used people just like YOU! *By Faith, By Prayer, By Work!*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Prelude Begins at 7:00 p.m.

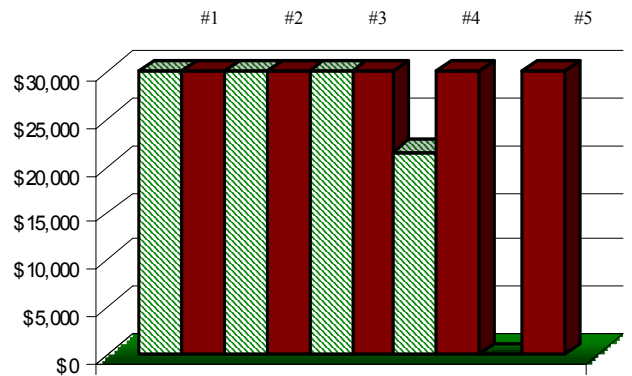
On December 24 at 7:00 our Christmas Eve Worship will begin. Following the prelude, the Christmas Eve Choir will lead the congregation in meaningful worship. Included in the evening will be messages from our Pastors, the serving of the Lord's Supper, and congregational singing of Silent Night as worshipers depart. A special offering for our Building Fund will be received this year.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO MAKE OUR NEXT GOAL!

We need \$8,487.87 to reach **fourth** 30K goal!

2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND

Five \$30,000 Goals Set—Matched as Goals are Reached



DECEMBER NORTH STREET MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY DECEMBER 19 AT 8:00

Michael's Restaurant/Buffer Served

Sign up today for this month's North Street Men's Breakfast to be held this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Michael's Restaurant on 422 W next to Trader Horn. Following some great fellowship and a delicious buffet meal of bacon, sausage, eggs, toast and pancakes the North Street Men will receive spiritual nourishment from Matt Eckert as he addresses those present with a message entitled, In the LORD, in the World. Through Matt's study and meditation on Psalm 37:3-7 he will lead the men to understand that even while we struggle in this world, we can live as over-comers as we LIVE IN THE LORD. Matt will speak about our trust, delight, commitment and rest in the Lord! Matt is dad to Ryan and Julia and husband to Lacey and is a teacher in the Butler School District. Matt serves the Lord through NSCC as a short-term missions leader, teacher and worship leader.

SIGN UP ON PASTOR BOB'S LIST BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY!

All men and boys are invited. Cost is \$7.45 plus tax and tip.

BLESS THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS

*Supply a Gift Bag for Community Meal Families
Distribution is Saturday the 19th*

Our final Saturday Community Meal for 2009 will be served this Saturday December 19 at 5:00. Following the meal we would like to send a Christmas Gift Bag home with each family. In each bag, we would like to place the following food items:

- Small box of cereal
- Small jar of peanut butter
- Small jar of jelly
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce
- 1 lb box of spaghetti
- Small jar of parmesan cheese
- 1 can of corn
- 1 can of beans

In addition to these items, our volunteers are baking homemade bread for each bag. Volunteers will also purchase milk, ground meat, margarine and fruit for each bag.

Please consider providing the items for one bag and/or funds (\$10.00) for us to purchase needed items. Monetary donations can be designated COMMUNITY DINNER GIFT BAG and food items can be brought to the Church Office through WEDNESDAY at 9:00 p.m. See Dale Riemer or Cissy Bergbigler for more information.

CHRISTMAS DROP-IN FOR LADIES

*Thursday, December 17th
From 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.*

Sisters, plan to drop-in at Legacy House for cookies and some tea, coffee, or hot chocolate, peaceful Christmas music and a time to reflect and fellowship from 9a.m. until 6 p.m. this Thursday.

Your price of admission—something for the gift bags that will be given to the community dinner participants (see the above article) or a pair of socks or gloves or warm hat or scarf or a small toy for a child. Come, relax and share the Joy of Christmas.

We Welcome Our Visitors— Here at North Street Christian Church There Are No Strangers—Just Friends We Have Not Met.

THE CHAISTMAS PAGEANT

The parts were being assigned to the Sunday School children who would comprise the cast for the children’s Christmas pageant at the church. They would be telling and acting out the story of the birth of Baby Jesus. A special needs child very much wanted to be in the pageant, but she could not walk without new braces that had been ordered for her and would arrive before the date of the program.

The child was thrilled when she got a part where she was to take a gift across the stage to Baby Jesus lying in the manger. Her joy turned to sorrow, when the new braces she was going to use were delayed and would not be there in time for her to participate in the program.

On the way to the church she kept asking her mom and dad if there wasn’t some way she could do her part. They kindly and gently said, “Honey, you can be in the pageant next year. Your braces just didn’t arrive in time for you to walk across the stage with your gift.” The little girl pleaded... “Yes...but I could crawl to Baby Jesus.” And in front of a standing room only crowd, the little girl crawled across the stage taking her gift to the Christ child. There wasn’t a dry eye in the auditorium.

FREEDOM

Meets Tomorrow, December 14th

Ever feel hopeless? Ever feel helpless? Want to learn to live in victory? If so, FREEDOM is for you. Join us as we learn more about God and living the eternal life while yet housed in temporal bodies. Come out tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. for an encouraging time of fellowship, biblical counsel, Bible study and prayer. Freedom meets at Legacy.

FAMILY MEMBERS OF MILIARY PERSONNEL

Please call the Church Office with address changes of loved ones in the military. We want to send cards and encouraging messages to them. Thank you.

MenWhoPray

Next Meeting is December 28th

Plan to join with Christian brothers to pray over kingdom matters on December 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Legacy.
MenWhoPray will be held the last Monday evening of each month.

NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT NSCC

8:00 a.m. Worship Gathering
Begins on January 3rd

Beginning Sunday January 3, there will be a new worship opportunity at NSCC. An 8:00 a.m. worship gathering will be held that will feature traditional Church music (for the most part) along with various worship leaders and speakers.

JR. HIGH WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENT

Begins at FIVE at Legacy
Gift Wrapping for a Donation to World Vision

Jr. High Schoolers will be ending the year with a fun filled evening at Legacy next Wednesday, December 16th at FIVE.

The 3 W's of Amazing Fun-ness will include **Wii**, **White Elephant**, and **Wear** your best tacky sweater.

If you want to participate in the **White Elephant**, bring a gift costing less than \$5.00. Anything you have laying around your house that you do not want (should have SOME value), will do. Wrap and bring it. If you do not want to participate, don't bring anything, but don't expect anything either.

As for the **Wear** your best tacky sweater, it can be the one you won't wear, but haven't gotten around to giving it to Good Will yet. Your choice—you don't have to do this either. Just be sure to show up and be prepared to have a good time.

There will be food too! Pizza and drink will be provided and we ask that you bring a snack to share.

We are offering to wrap presents for a donation. Funds will go to World Vision. If anyone wants presents wrapped, bring them any time between 6 and 8.

Wednesday night activities will resume on January 13, 2010.

THE 2010 THAILAND MISSIONS TEAM is raising funds by preparing sack lunches that can be ordered for January 3 and February 7. The lunches will be ready for pick up immediately following morning worship on those days. The cost for a sack lunch which include a sandwich, cookies, chips, an apple is available for a donation of \$6.00.



Thank you to all the Senior Citizens who went to Kraynack’s last Saturday. It was a very pleasant trip and everyone is looking forward to next year’s events for Seniors. A special thanks to Sonya Kremer who drove the bus, Mary Stevenson and Barbara Carson who helped organize the event.

SERVING TODAY

- **Today's Greeters:** The Kalberers
- **Nursery Helpers for Sunday School:** Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
- **Nursery Helpers for Our Worship Gathering:** Kathy Twedok & Katie Kremer
- **Communion Prep:** Michelle Convery and Ashley Tack

LAST WEEK AT NSCC

Attendance: 187

Offering Total = \$8,081.70
(General—\$4,860; Designated—\$892.70; Building—\$2,329)

LET THE CHURCH RISE TOTAL TO DATE IS: \$403,223.85

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK December 13th—19th

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

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| Sunday – Horwat’s at 6:00 – Leader is George Rader
Legacy at 6:00-7:30 – Leader is Bob Ogden
Emmett’s at 6:00 – Leader is Doug Emmett | Thursday – Eckert’s at 6:30 – Leader is Matt Eckert |
| Monday – Klutinoty’s at 7:00 – Leader is John McIntyre | Friday – Hartman’s at 7:00 – Leader is Terry Hartman |
| Thursday – Legacy at 6:30 – For Ladies – Leader is Kathi Huber | Saturday – Croup’s at 10 a.m. – Leader is Pastor Jeff
Legacy at 6:30 – Leader is Pastor Bob Huber |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Gathering	6:00 Worship Rehearsal 6:30 Maranatha at Legacy 7:00 Freedom 7:15 Christmas Eve Choir Practice	6:30 Board Meeting 8:00 Elders Meeting	6:30 Pioneer Club/YBICs/Legacy 6:30 Truth Project	9:00 Sisterhood Christmas Drop-in		8:00 Men’s Breakfast 5:00 Community Dinner

LAST WEEK FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES UNTIL JANUARY 13TH