

North Street News

North Street Christian Church
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...
1 Peter 1:3

Today's Message: Jesus— Our Hope

JESUS – Our Hope, Our Peace, God's Love, Our Joy **CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY**

Sign Up Today for Small Groups Bible Study

A SAVIOR IS BORN – is the title of the small group studies. Come and experience the wonder of the first Christmas with Pastor/Teacher Pete Briscoe. Have you ever thought about the intricate details of the first Christmas? How Mary handled the startling message from the angel Gabriel? Why God saw fit to first appear to lowly shepherds, and choose a manger in Bethlehem? Or what would it have been like to stand before a multitude of angels? GOD WAS INTENTIONAL IN EVERY DETAIL OF HIS PLAN TO BRING HIS SON INTO THE WORLD! Through Mary, the HOPE of the world was born. Through Bethlehem, the Prince of PEACE came into the world. Through shepherds, God lifted up the lowly to put His LOVE on display. Through angels, good tidings of great JOY were announced for everyone everywhere! This undeserved gift is truly what the wonder of the first Christmas is all about!

Join a small group today. Registration Forms are available at the rear of the auditorium. Fill out the form and put it in the offering plate today. You will be glad you took part in this great study!

COMMUNITY DINNER CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Donations Needed to Fill the Bags

On December 19th at the Community Meal, Christmas Gift Bags will be given out. The volunteers who prepare the meals will be making bread to put in the bags with the rest of the items. We are in need of donations of non-perishable food items and also some cash donations to purchase the perishable items. Can you help?

These are the non-perishable items we need for each bag:

Small Box of Cereal
1 Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
1 Box of Jello
Small Jar of Peanut Butter
Small Jar of Parmesan Cheese
Small Jar of Jelly
1 Can of Corn
1 lb. of Spaghetti
1 Can of Beans

If you prefer to give a cash donation, please note in the memo section of your check "Community Dinner Gift Bag" and place it in the offering by December 13th. The money will be used to purchase milk, hamburger, oleo, and fruit for the bags.

All non-perishable donations can be brought to the Church no later than Wednesday, December 16th. A collection box will also be at Legacy.

What a wonderful way to show God's love to those in need. Thank you to all who will make this possible.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS



If you would like to order poinsettias to beautify our Church during the Christmas services and for you to take home to beautify your homes or to bless a friend or shut-in, order forms are located in the narthex. Please complete the form and place it in the offering by TODAY with your payment. If you have any questions or need to phone in your order, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700

2010 THAILAND MISSIONS TEAM IS RAISING FUNDS

*Eat a Sack Lunch and Help Us
Get to Thailand*

The 2010 Thailand Missions Team is raising funds. Folks who ordered sack lunches to go are reminded that they are available today and can be picked up immediately following morning worship. There are some extra lunches available for a \$6.00 donation. The sack lunches include a sandwich, cookies, chips, an apple and a drink. Lunches will also be available on Sunday's, January 3 and February 7.

THE SISTERHOOD SPONSORS A CHRISTMAS DROP-IN

Sisters,

Do you need a break during the Christmas season rush? The week before Christmas the Sisterhood will sponsor a day (tentatively the 17th) 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; 9am to late afternoon

Your price of admission—something for the gift bags that will be given to the community dinner participants (the list is in the newsletter) 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.

SERVING TODAY

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

FREEDOM

*Offering Hope to the Hopeless
and Help to the Helpless.*

Slowing down to take the time to apply the spiritual truths that we do understand places our footing on a firmer foundation than constantly questioning the spiritual truths we do not understand. FREEDOM builds faith and trust in the Lord, learning to walk a step at a time finding that our God does love us and has a plan for our benefit. Is your life oppressed by sinful thinking, behavior and patterns? Do you find yourself defeated and depressed? Feel hopeless and helpless? 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 for an encouraging time of fellowship, biblical counsel, Bible study and prayer.

Meetings for December are the 7th, 14th, 21st.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Prelude Begins at 7:00

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.

2010 GREETERS AND COMMUNION PREPARERS NEEDED

We are putting together the 2010 roster of greeters and communion preparers. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Kathi Huber at 724-285-5315 or call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

CHRISTMAS EVE GIFTS TO OUR BUILDING FUND

Or Goal is \$40,000.00

We need approximately \$40,000.00 to reach our Building Fund Giving Goal for 2009! Giving Cards will be distributed today encouraging 100 gifts of \$400.00 each on Christmas Eve. Receiving these gifts will result in our matching fund challenge being met and bringing the total received on Christmas Eve to \$80,000.00. Please consider taking a card today and bringing a gift for our Building Fund on Christmas Eve.

PIONEER CLUB AND JR. HIGH MINISTRY

December 16th is the last Wednesday for Pioneer Club and the Jr. High Ministry until January 13th.

NORTH STREET MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 19 at 8:00 at Michael's Restaurant

The Men's Breakfast for December will be held on the 19th at Michael's Restaurant (422W) at 8:00. Matt Eckert will be our speaker. Matt is an Instrumental Music teacher for the Butler School District and teaches at the Broad Street, Clearfield and Center Avenue Schools. At NSCC Matt is known as a teacher of youth, a worship leader and instrumentalist, and Missions Team leader – along with some other titles! At home Matt is husband to Lacey and super Dad to Ryan and Julia. He also plays in the Trinity Jazz Orchestra, providing special music for weddings and receptions and other special events. Matt will address the North Street Men with another great message from God's Word. A buffet breakfast will be served before Matt speaks. ALL MEN and BOYS of NSCC and their friends are encouraged to attend.

NSCC LEADERS TO BE NAMED

Congregational approval of leaders will be held on December 27th. The congregation is encouraged to submit names of church members to be considered for the positions of Elder, Deacon or Deaconess. Just contact any of the following Elders: Bob Huber, Jeff Miller, Doug Emmett, Bob Ogden, or Terry Hartman.

THANK YOU

A BIG Thank You to all who stayed after church last week to help haul the Christmas decorations from the garage. It was very much appreciated! Also, BIG Thanks to Ginny Mangel, Hunter, and Syndnie Neff, Dale Riemer, and Michelle Convery for helping to beautify the auditorium. You're the best!

In His Love,
Kim Gaiser

**LAST WEEK AT NSCC**

Attendance: 220
Offering Total = \$6,358.25
(General—\$3,971; Designated—\$296.25; Building—\$2,091)
LET THE CHURCH RISE TOTAL TO DATE IS: \$400,796.92

FAMILIES IN NEED**Vehicles Needed**

Presently at NSCC there are two families in need of vehicles. A family of 4 is in need of a vehicle. A family of 7 is in need of a larger vehicle – preferably a van. Both families have some funds available but are looking for a good deal on a reliable vehicle. See Pastor Bob if you know of possible opportunities for these families.

NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT NSCC

8:00 Worship Gathering Begins on January 3

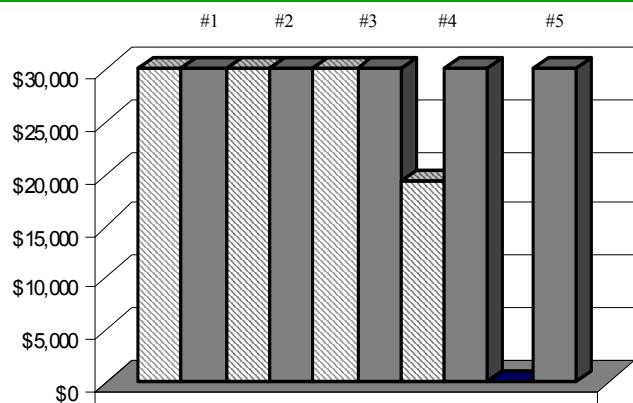
Beginning Sunday January 3, there will be a new worship opportunity at NSCC. An 8:00 worship gathering will be held that will feature traditional Church music (for the most part) along with various worship leaders and speakers. Throughout December the North Street News will include more news and details of this addition to our Sunday schedule.

∞ MenWhoPray ∞MenWhoPray on December 28th

Pastor Bob invites all men to join in prayer on Monday evening December 28 at 7:30 at Legacy. PB says, "Let's advance God's kingdom with strategic and offensive praying by following the Bible's injunction for men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing."

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO MAKE OUR NEXT GOAL!We need **\$10,816.81** to reach **fourth** 30K goal!**2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND**

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

**WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK November 29th— December 5th**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Gathering	7:00 Freedom	6:00 Worship Rehearsal 6:30 Maranatha at Legacy 7:15 Christmas Eve Choir Practice	6:30 Pioneer Club/ YBICs/Legacy 6:30 Truth Project		Take time to encourage a shut-in this week: M/M Doug Corvin 544 Brownsdale Rd. Renfrew, PA 16053	5:00 Community Dinner

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

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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
Monday – Klutinoty's at 7:00 – Leader is John McIntyre
Thursday – Legacy at 6:30 – For Ladies – Leader is Kathi Huber

Thursday – Eckert's at 6:30 – Leader is Matt Eckert
Friday – Hartman's at 7:00 – Leader is Terry Hartman
Saturday – Croup's at 10 a.m. – Leader is Pastor Jeff
Legacy at 6:30 – Leader is Pastor Bob Huber