

Sunday February 8, 2009

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# North Street News

The Weekly Newsletter of North Street Christian Church

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## Today's Message:

Worldliness, Humility, and the Cross—The Life-giving Power of Humility

Pastor Bob

## Today's Schedule

8:15 Worship I  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship II

## Serving Today

### Greeters

Worship I: The Croups

Worship II: Al & Crissy Bell

### Nursery

Worship I: Ashley Grooms & Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship II: Joan Cole & Emily Huffman

### The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty

Worship II: The Seavers

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	89
Worship II	135
Total Attendance	224

### Offering

General -	\$ 5,598.00
Designated -	\$ 471.00
Building -	\$ 825.00
Total -	\$ 6,894.00

### Let the Church Rise Building Funds Received:

\$215,917.43

### Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Marcella Patterson, Room 2020 Concordia Nursing Home, 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023.

Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fall, and the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls— Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Habakkuk 3: 17, 18

## CASAS POR CRISTO PEPPERONI ROLL FUNDRAISER

Pick Up Your Order TODAY!

Don't forget to pick up your pepperoni rolls today following worship. Funds will help send a group led by Matt Eckert in cooperation with Casa por Cristo to Juarez, Mexico to build a house for a poor family near Juarez. The dates of the trip are April 8 – 14.

The group comprised of Tyler Cranmer, Matt Eckert, Chuck Kildoo, Toby and Tammy King, Bridget Pierce, Mandy and Gary Saeler, Justin and Marilyn Scheehle, Ruth Stiltz, and Christina Wick is responsible for raising money for the trip and appreciate your support.

Tune in to Extreme Home Makeover on ABC March 15th to see a home built for the Ruiz family — a ministry family who partners with Casa por Cristo in helping the poor.

SEE THE RUIZ FAMILY'S STORY

ON ABC'S



MARCH 15TH, 2009  
8 PM EAST / 7 PM CENTRAL



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Organizational Meeting, Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

The planning meeting for the Congregational Care & Fellowship Ministry is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who has been involved in this ministry or who would like to be involved is requested to be there. This ministry specializes in the following areas of ministry – Sr. citizen ministry, meals to families, communion to shut-ins, home study groups as coordinated with Christian Ed Ministry, funeral flowers and dinners, congregational dinners, receptions and banquets, special recognitions, kitchen organization, conferences etc. If these are the things that interest you, then please attend the meeting or contact Cong Care Shepherd Doug Emmett.



**Seniors, don't miss the Annual Healthy Heart Luncheon** Monday, February 16th. It will be held in the Church Dining Room. Come join us for soup, salad, dessert, and a special program. If you would like to attend, please contact Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472 or Mary Stevenson at 724-283-4812. If you need transportation, be sure to let them know. Also, if you do not receive mailings for senior events and would like to be added to our list, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

## LIVING AFTER THE LOSS SEMINAR

Submitted by Frank & Sue Zitzman

Please pray for our Seminar Ministry. By God's grace, doors are beginning to open for us to share our experience outside the walls of our home.

As you know, I have opportunity on occasion to speak at different churches. Well, I'm excited to say that Sue is now beginning to speak also. Thanks to a recent trip to Michigan, we've added a new dimension to my "LIVING AFTER THE LOSS SERIES." In fact, we're now calling it a "LIVING AFTER THE LOSS SEMINAR."

During our seminar, Sue and I both share our personal testimonies the Saturday night before the Sunday service. Sue bridges her testimony to the scene at the hospital. I bridge my testimony to the messages that I'll be sharing the following day.

This Saturday evening session is so beneficial. It adds an evangelistic and a personal element to the seminar. Sue's testimony impacts people who never went to church. No matter what the background of the people attending, they all are made aware of their need for Christ, and everyone gets to know us in a more intimate way.

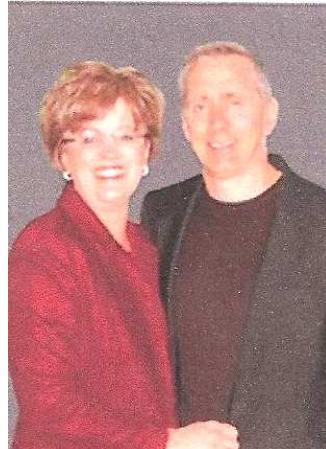
Also, the Saturday session highlights the importance of building a secure and solid foundation BEFORE the loss. Everyone's reaction to

trials is determined by the strength of their foundation. In other words, how you live BEFORE the loss dramatically affects how you live AFTER the loss. After our Saturday session, people are normally eager to find out the foundation-building principles that I share on Sunday.

Using this format for our seminar in Michigan was so effective. We're excited to use it at other churches and events. We currently have four more seminars scheduled for this year. We would deeply appreciate your prayer support.

As always, we don't know what the future holds, but we continue to trust the ONE who holds the future.

Endeavoring to serve and please our AWESOME Creator, Frank & Sue



## WHAT ARE SOME OF GOD'S PURPOSES IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES?

1. He intends for this recession to expose hidden sin and so bring us to repentance and cleansing.
2. He intends to wake us up to the constant and desperate condition of the developing world where there is always and only recession of the worst kind.
3. He intends to relocate the roots of our joy in his grace rather than in our goods, in his mercy rather than our money, in his worth rather than our wealth.
4. He intends to advance his saving mission in the world—the spread of the gospel and the growth of his church—precisely at a time when human resources are least able to support it. This is how he guards his glory.
5. He intends for the church to care for its hurting members and to grow in the gift of love.

These five purposes for recession were presented by John Piper in a recent Sunday message entitled What Is Recession For? To read, hear or watch the complete message go to the Desiring God website at [www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)

He goes on to say that God shows His faithfulness in amazing ways in times like these and recalled the following wonderful truths

from the Word saying, "God does His great advancing work again and again when it looks least possible for us." Remember that:

- He promised the heir when Abraham and Sarah were too old to have children.
- He split the Red Sea when Israel was hopelessly trapped by Pharaoh's army.
- He gave manna when there was no food in the wilderness.
- He stopped the Jordan River when it was time to take the land.
- When a city stood in the way, he made the walls fall down.
- When the Midianites were as many as the sand of the sea, God whittled Gideon's army down to 300 so God would get the glory for the victory.
- When Goliath defied the armies of the Lord, God sent a boy with a sling and five stones.
- When the Son of God was to come into the world, God called a virgin to conceive.
- And when the mighty devil himself was to be defeated, a Lamb went to the slaughter.

Take note that when God's will is per-

formed – He does so miraculously. Sometimes miraculously without using people but most times miraculously *using people* throughout His provision. Now is the time for NSCC to become tall on our knees by praying without ceasing, to stand in the gap for our missionaries – sacrificing to meet their needs, to give more not less, to live sacrificially turning from worldliness (the things that appeal to the eyes and the flesh and our pride) to other-worldliness - trading it all for a greater desire for the things that will make a difference for the eternal kingdom of God!

Our God-awareness will increase through this recession. Our God-dependence will increase through this recession. Our compassion for others will increase through this recession. Learning to live on a need level rather than on a greed level will increase through this recession. Our happiness and contentment will increase during this recession. Can we say, "Praise God for this recession?"

Amazed by God,  
pb ☺

### THE MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

Pastor Jeff Kipp of Chosen People Ministries will speak here on Wednesday April 1 at 6:30 p.m. His message is entitled, The Messiah in the Passover. Mark your calendar now. Begin inviting friends and family to join us! A love offering will be received to help Pastor Kipp in his ministry.

### BUTLER BIBLE INSTITUTE

Spring Semester Begins the First Week in March

Butler Bible Institute will begin the Spring Semester the first week of March. Three courses are being offered. Details will follow in next week's news sheet. If you would like to be involved in an in-depth study of God's word, please consider praying about joining us.



Dear Church Family,  
I would just love to say "thank you" for your showing Love once again during this holiday season. Your gift of gift cards made our holiday season a lot easier and more special by knowing that you all care for us. You are all such a blessing to my family always, it's a great blessing to call you my family. You know how to love the God way!!  
Love,  
Bridget Pierce and Children

### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in a regular schedule or maybe be a substitute for any of the positions, please call Mary Pataky or Sandi Sandrick at 724-285-3815 or 724-285-9573.

### Congratulations!

We congratulate Dr. Nathaniel Gaiser who passed his state boards in Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University and Daniel Gaiser who graduated December 23rd from Hiram G. Andrew College with a degree in automotive Technology. Great job!

### A MARRIAGE CONFERENCE WITH DR. EMERSON & SARAH EGGERICH

MARCH 27 AND 28, 2009  
FRIDAY NIGHT • 6-10 PM  
SATURDAY MORNING • 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

To register and for more information, go to [www.loveandrespect.com](http://www.loveandrespect.com), call the church at 724-941-8990 or visit the Chapter 2 Bookstore. \$35 per person or \$70 per couple which includes conference registration and workbook. No childcare is available. We expect a large attendance at this event and anticipate overflow seating. The first 1,400 registered will receive reserved seating. Overflow seating will be general admission. Due to expected large attendance, no refunds will be given.

South Hills  
Bible Chapel

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### FEBRUARY 8TH—FEBRUARY 14TH

Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	12:30-2:30 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	BBI—Biblical Counseling Class Worship Rehearsal Basketball Game Jr. Division Congregational Care & Fellowship Meeting
Tues	12 noon-2	BBI—Angelology
Wed	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy Open Bible Study (Room 102)
Thur	6:00-8:00 7:40 p.m. 8:40 p.m.	BBI—Biblical Apologetics Basketball Game Sr. Division #1 Basketball Game Sr. Division #2
Sat	5:00 p.m.	Community Dinner

PLEASE NOTE: NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN