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North Street News

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Today's Message:

Worldliness, Humility, and the Cross

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

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

Serving Today

Greeters
Worship I: Paula Bauer
Worship II: Elaine DeJong

Nursery
Worship I: Katie Kremer & Kathy Twerdok
Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok
Worship II: Nikki Simpson & Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper

Worship I: Dawn Cratty
Worship II: Bridget Pierce

Last Week at NSCC
Attendance: 160

Offering

January 11, 2009

General -	\$	4,253.00
Designated -	\$	602.13
Building -	\$	635.00
Total -	\$	5,490.13

January 18, 2009

General -	\$	3,747.90
Designated -	\$	147.00
Building -	\$	10,833.00
Total -	\$	14,727.90

Building Fund Balance is :
\$213,516.33

15% of General Offering is
Given to Missions Each Week

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Edith McGrew, Worthington at Adams, 500 Seven Fields Blvd., Apt. A2, Seven Fields, PA 16046.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

Meeting Held on January 18th

Following last Sunday's worship gathering, the Annual Congregational Meeting was held. Bob Seaver, Church Administrator, shared information concerning the report that was distributed and turned the meeting over to treasurer John McIntyre who presented the financial report from 2008 and the proposed budget for 2009.

In 2008, the gifts to the General Offering totaled \$271,646.13. Other income totaled \$87,308.59. Total income to Missions was \$120,209.11. The Building Fund received income of \$187,389.26. Shepherd of My Heart Preschool generated income of \$21,658.67. The total offering, pre-school, missions and interest income for NSCC in 2008 was \$688,031.76.

The proposed 2009 Church Budget is 8.2% lower than the 2008 Budget. The Church Budget for 2009, including interest income, totals \$342,711.00. The Budget was approved unanimously. Under the Unified Budget, 15% of the General Offering is given to the Missions Department for distribution. In order to meet the proposed budget, including missions, weekly offerings to the General Fund will need to average approximately \$6,000.00 to \$6,500.00 per week. This figure of course does not include gifts designated to missions, preschool income, gifts to the Building Fund or other designated giving.

Full Reports are available through the Church Office or at the Welcome Center in the Sunday School annex.

MISSIONS AT NSCC—The Missions Department of NSCC is a very active ministry department. In 2008, \$132,868.31 was distributed to local, domestic and international missions. This figure included income and disbursements for short-term mission trips sponsored by our congregation along with assistance in holding local outreaches such as Princess Camp and Adventure Camp.

Here's a breakdown of funds sent to our missions:	
Teen Missions (Houtens)	\$16,120.00
New Directions (Walls)	\$ 2,700.00
Shepherd of My Heart	\$ 5,224.05
Casas por Cristo (DeWitts)	\$10,200.00
(Includes funds for building houses)	
Seangsirikhuns-Thailand	\$54,116.56
(Includes support for other evangelists, building projects etc.)	
OCI (Mithchells)	\$18,810.00
Pressing On (Smiths)	\$ 3,700.00
Community Meal	\$ 1,209.61

We also sponsored three short-term trips in 2008. Two trips were taken to Mexico to build houses and one trip was taken to Thailand to hold a Bible Conference, Church dedication and for general encouragement.

Our community meal outreach served 1,697 hot meals to members of our community in 2008!

The Mitchells (OCI/Romania) plan to visit the US this coming summer for 10 weeks. They will spend part of their time here in Butler. We are in need of a vehicle for their use and also they would like to borrow a cell phone while here.

One short-term missions trip is planned to date. Matt Eckert will lead a group to build a house with Casas por Cristo over Easter break. See Matt for more information. Also, if funding can be found, we have been asked to send a group to Belize to build a restroom for Teen Missions. Travel and food expenses will be the only cost. Housing and materials are provided. Cost would be approximately \$700.00 per person. See PB if you have an interest in going or sending someone.

YOU CAN GO TO MEXICO FOR EASTER

Join Mission Trip with Casas por Cristo

Plans remain for Matt Eckert to lead a group of NSCC folks and their friends to El Paso Texas on Wednesday April 8. The group will get food supplies the same day and cross the border into Mexico the next day and begin to build an 11 X 17 home for a needy family. Matt hopes to have the house completed and dedicated by Saturday the 11th or on Easter Sunday, which is the 12th. Return to Pittsburgh will be Tuesday the 14th. The cost of travel and other group expenses will be about \$600.00 per person. Personal expenses and/or passport expenses are not included in the aforementioned price. To date about 10 people are committed to go and we would like to see the group grow to closer to 20. See Matt Eckert for more information or to pick up a Short-term Missions Packet. We will continue to monitor safety concerns with Scott De Witt, our Casas por Cristo missionary.

SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

Pioneer Club - 6:30 Pre-K—K Grades 1-2 Grade 3-4	Preschool Room Library Room 103	Deb Croup Michelle Cousins Andrea Cranmer
YBICs - 6:30 Young Believers in Christ) Junior High	Dining Room	Pastor Jeff & the Fergusons
Teens & Families - 6:30 p.m.	Legacy—232 W. North St.	Matt Eckert
Truth Project for Ladies - 7:00	Room 102	Sam Tait
Open Bible Study - 7:00	Auditorium	Pastor Bob

LET THE CHURCH RISE—LOVE GOD LOVE PEOPLE—HERE AND NOW!

ON FOLLOWING GOD’S WORD
Even When It’s Not Our First Inclination

1 Tim 2:1-4 says, “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

When the Apostle Paul wrote those words to Timothy, his son in the gospel, and the believers at Ephesus, amongst whom Timothy served the Lord - it was Nero who was the Emperor in Rome. Nero was cruel toward Christians. He was blasphemous toward and a persecutor of the Christian faith. Yet Paul exhorts the Christians to pray for their king and all in authority. Should we do the same?

We should do the same.

For some time now I have cooperated with The Presidential Prayer Team. This week, I received an email that included the following excerpts:

“President Barack Obama now steps up to lead our nation into a historic new era. **The challenges and demands he will face are daunting** at the least and overwhelming at most. Yet, in his Inaugural Address, he invoked the good will of the American people and our willingness to roll up our sleeves and work hard.”

“This is a time to pray! The new administration will grapple with the challenges of a struggling economy, active wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and energy and environmental concerns—all unprecedented in this generation. With I Timothy

2:1-2 as our biblical mandate, **The Presidential Prayer Team is dedicated to praying for our new president’s wisdom, protection and success as he faces these issues, and many more, over the next four years.**” Even though I do not agree with our new president’s views on many issues – especially the issues of abortion and homosexuality – I will be praying for him. I will pray for Godly influences and Godly wisdom for him and his administration. Will you join me? Find all you need to know at presidentialprayerteam.org.

In Obedience to God and With Respect for the Office of the President of the United States,

Pastor Bob Huber

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Mary Hulton Phillip Passed Away January 19th

North Street Christian Church extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Hulton Phillips who passed away this past Monday, January 19. Mary’s funeral was held here at NSCC on Friday, January 23. Don Jeanes, President of Milligan College and Mary’s nephew by marriage, led in the funeral service and was assisted by Pastor Bob.

Mary will be remembered by many for her generosity in our community and actually throughout the world. She blessed many causes and people. Several years ago she blessed our missionary Barnabas Seangsirikhun in Thailand with the gift of a pick-up truck. Recently, she gave a generous donation to help start construction on two village churches.

Here’s a note from Barnabas sent upon her passing:

Mary, our fellow Gospel-yoke-bearer. Just left before us but we will see her one day. She is welcomed to Christ’s precious blood shed promised eternal glory land, where there are no more pains and sorrows. That is the reality of faith in Christ. Her dedication and love printed in our heart. Even though she is no longer here in this earth but what she had already given is still here to keep on serving God. May you find rest and peace in Christ.

Barnabas and Fellow evangelists
Chiangmai, Thailand



SUN.	George Rader Andy Bilowich	6:00 p 6:00 p	130 W. Brewster Rd. Butler (724-282-7534) Legacy House (724-283-6336) (Child Care Provided)
TUES.	Bonna Ray John McIntyre	10:00a 7:00 p	Legacy (724-282-0797) Klutinoty’s—1060 Whitestown Rd. Butler (724-789-9758)
WED.	Sam Tait	7:00 p	NSCC (Ladies Only) (724-445-7088)
THUR.	Pastor Bob	7:30p	Legacy House (Men Only) (724-282-7700)
FRI.	Doug Emmett The Taits Terry Hartman Dennis Muir	6:30 p 6:30 p 7:00 p 7:00 p	Rath’s 123 Rath Lane Renfrew (724-586-9070) Eckert’s 141 Medical Center Rd. Chicora (724-445-3985) 526 Muddy Creek Rd. Slippery Rock (724-794-1266) 131 Dreher Rd. (724-352-6539)
SAT.	Pastor Jeff The Hubers	10:00a 5:30p	414 Main St. Prospect (724-306-1012) Legacy House (18-25 Yr. Olds & Friends/Includes Dinner (724-282-7700)



NOTICE:
In an effort to preserve the beauty and cleanliness of our auditorium, the Buildings, Property, and Administration Department requests that NO food or drinks be brought into the auditorium.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Every year we give the congregation the opportunity to donate flowers in memory/in honor of loved ones. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. There are many open dates. For more information, contact Kim Gaiser or call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

Thank you.

JANUARY 25TH—JANUARY 31ST

Sun	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Worship I Sunday School Worship II
Mon	12:30-2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	Biblical Counseling Class Worship Rehearsal Basketball Game Jr. Division Basketball Game Sr. Division #2
Tues	12noon-2p.m.	BBI—Angelology
Wed	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy Open Bible Study
Thur	6:00-8:00 p.m.	BBI-Biblical Apologetics