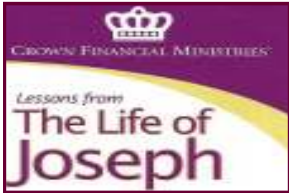




Today's Message: The Cross – God's Divine Intersection for the Church



These are difficult days in America economically. Even Christians are suffering. But as you read through the Bible, you realize none of God's people were spared hardship. Joseph was no exception. But despite his difficulties, Joseph didn't indulge in self-pity. He continually sought to serve the Lord, and God did some amazing things through him. Joseph's story is found in Genesis 37-50. Here are seven lessons to be learned from his life.

♦ **Trust God in all circumstances**—Joseph continued to trust God even though he was sold into Slavery by his own brothers. (Genesis 37:28). Whatever your financial situation, trust the Lord to provide for your needs.

♦ **Be Obedient**— Joseph was faithful to the

Lord and served with excellence in whatever job He gave him. God blessed Joseph for his obedience. (Genesis 39:2). If you obey the Lord, He will bless you too.

♦ **Flee Temptation**—Joseph fled when Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him. False accusations resulted in imprisonment. But even in jail, God continued to bless Joseph. (Genesis 39:21). Whether it's a financial or other temptation that isn't God's plan for you, flee and stand on the truth of God's Word.

♦ **Allow God to use you**—Joseph had a heart to serve God, and the Lord put him in many different places where He could serve His purposes. Potiphar's house (Genesis 39:4), prison (Genesis 39:22), and as ruler of Egypt (Genesis 41:40). No matter where you are right now financially, the Lord can use you if you have a servant's heart.

♦ **Save for the future**—As ruler of Egypt, Joseph saved food during the seven years of plenty, so there would be enough to eat dur-

ing the seven years of famine (Genesis 41:54). Saving means not spending today, so you will have money tomorrow. Seek to save at least 10% of your income and steadily build an emergency fund equal to three month's living expenses.

♦ **Be Generous**—When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food during the famine, he gave them what they needed. Joseph later provided land in Egypt for his entire family and their livestock (Genesis 45:10). God blesses you, so you can be a blessing to others. Give as He leads you.

♦ **Forgive those who hurt you**—After the death of Joseph's father, his brothers feared he would seek revenge. But instead, Joseph promised to care for them and their children (Genesis 50:21). When someone wrongs you, don't hold a grudge. Forgive as your sins have been forgiven by Jesus Christ. Copied by permission of Crown Financial Ministries.

# MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

Messiah in the Passover is a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of the Passover and will be presented by Jeff Kipp on **Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m.** Jeff is a Messianic Jew serving at Yeshua Ben David in Pittsburgh's Jewish Community in Squirrel Hill. This program gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. In addition, it helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage. Don't miss this extraordinary presentation.

## ONE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 29TH Ordination and Installation of Leaders Sunday School 9:00 Worship at 10:15

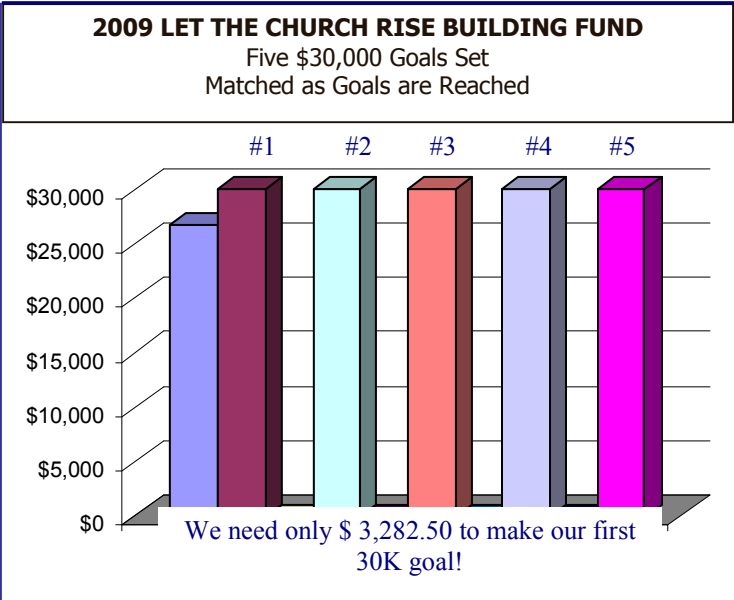
Next Sunday, March 29th, will be celebrated as Leadership Sunday. All new deacons and deaconesses will be ordained. All leaders including elders, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, teachers etc will be prayed over as servant/leaders here at NSCC. Following worship everyone is invited to the dining area to enjoy some extended fellowship and refreshments. Don't forget some goodies to share.

## BIBLE SURVEY CLASS BEGINS

It's Not Too Late to Join Us

Through Butler Bible Institute, Pastor Bob Huber will lead a Survey of the New Testament Class beginning this **Tuesday March 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** The class will provide an overview of the entire New Testament along with consideration being given to subjects such as revelation, inspiration, and interpretation of the Bible. There are seven sessions in all. The text is Exploring the Bible, published by Crossway. Classes will be held each consecutive Tuesday with the exception of meeting Monday evening April 20 rather than Tuesday April 21. See Bob Ogden to enroll.

NSCC UPDATE	
March 15	
<b>Attendance</b>	
Worship I	103
Worship II	139
Total Attendance	242
<b>Offering</b>	
General -	\$ 4,868.43
Designated -	\$ 3,182.00
Building -	\$ 1,317.50
Total -	\$ 9,367.93
<i>Let the Church Rise</i>	
<b>Total Raised to Date: \$224,156.20</b>	



Serving Today	
<b>Greeter</b>	
Worship I	Andy Lasichak
Worship II	The Bowmans
<b>Nursery</b>	
Worship I	Kathy Twerdok Katie Kremer
Sunday School	Kathy Twerdok Joan Cole
Worship II	Joan Cole Michelle Cousins
<b>The Lord's Supper</b>	
Worship I	Dawn Cratty
Worship II	Kathi Huber

Do you have a heart to reach our very community in Butler with the Gospel? Then join us **Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 AM** in the church dining room for breakfast, a time of prayer, and evangelism! We will be going out 2x2 in the surrounding neighborhood, meeting people and handing out invitations to church for Easter. Is there a better way to spend a Saturday morning than inviting people to know the love of Jesus Christ?

UPCOMING EVENTS....

- ☞ **March 29th—ONE WORSHIP GATHERING—Sunday School at 9 a.m.**  
**Worship at 10:15**  
Ordination/Installation of new leaders-reception following worship.  
Bring goodies to share (appetizers/cookies/ snacks/fruit)
- ☞ **Wednesday, April 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at NSCC**  
Guest speaker, Pastor Jeff Kipp of Chosen People Ministries gives message, “The Messiah in the Passover.”
- ☞ **April 4 at 9:00**  
Breakfast & Neighborhood Blitz with Easter Invitations
- ☞ **April 5—Palm Sunday**  
**Worship-8:15 & 10:45– Sunday School 9:30**  
—Ordination of Brandon Stephenson to the Christian Ministry  
—Prayer for Mexico Missionaries  
—Community Benefit Spaghetti Dinner at Family First Resource Center for Davanna Feyrer who hospitalized from accident on January 15th.  
—Neighborhood Blitz
- ☞ **April 8-14th—Mission Trip to Mexico**  
18 short-term missionaries from NSCC will build a house in Mexico
- ☞ **April 12th—EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Sunrise Worship at 6:45/Breakfast at 8:00/Sunday School at 9:00/**  
**Resurrection Worship Prelude begins at 10:00!**
- ☞ **April 25th—Welcome Dinner for Visitors and New Members**
- ☞ **July 19—Al Church Picnic at Alameda Park**
- ☞ **July 13-17 from 4:30-7:00 at Rotary Park—Camp Creation**



**MARIA ELENA VAZQUEZ** and her son **JUNIOR** will have a new house by Easter Sunday! Headed to Mexico are Michelle Cousins, Tyler Cranmer, Matt Eckert, Nathan Huber, Chuck Kildoo, Toby and Tammy King, Luke Klutiny, Gavin Lingenfelter, Ryan and John McIntyre, Adrianna Passauer, Bridget Pierce, Bonna Ray, Mandy and Gary Saeler, Ruth Stiltz, and Christina Wick. The group takes off April 8 and returns April 14. Please pray for our short-term missionaries led by Matt Eckert as we build our 4th house for the poor in Mexico.

COOKIE SALE



Everybody loves chocolate chip cookies! The Legacy Ministry will be baking home-made chocolate chip cookies on Saturday March 28 and have them available on March 29 for \$3.00 per dozen. The funds will be used to help others. Some of the proceeds will be given to help the teens who are going on the Casas por Cristo trip in April. You can help out just by purchasing a dozen or two of the cookies on the 29th. Why not get a dozen for yourself and a dozen for your best friend?

**PORTERSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for the following positions: Spanish teacher (part time), French teacher (part time), Math teacher (high school, including Calculus), Science teacher (including Physics and Chemistry) and Librarian. We are also accepting resumes for elementary teachers which will be kept on file for future openings. All candidates should also indicate willingness to be a substitute teacher. Please send resume and cover letter including personal testimony) to: Jeffrey M. DeSantes, Head Administrator, Portersville Christian School 343 East Portersville Road, Portersville, PA 16051 or pcsschooloffice@aoominternet.net

Greetings from Barnabas  
Dear Brother Bob,  
Today me and Martha went up to Chiangdao and held the meeting, as the last meeting for 2008 schooling year. Then I met with Bible revision group and held meeting. After that I went up to Hui Ko Akha village and met with the people and see them as they are building the Church for Akha. The first project is lift up the posts and put the steel roof on it. Then for the second project we will be working on the wall. Then to the floor. See as we cut some woods but lumbers are so expensive and we bought the steel.  
Thank you very much for your help.  
May God Bless You,  
Barnabas



WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK-March 22nd-March 28th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 Worship I 9:00 Sunday School 10:45 Worship II	6:00 p.m. Worship Rehearsal	12 noon-2 p.m. BBI "The Next Step in End Times Study"  6:30-8:30 p.m. BBI "New Testament Survey"	6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club/YBICS/Legacy  7:00 p.m. Open Bible Study (Auditorium)	6:00-8:00 p.m. BBI "Continued Studies in Biblical Apologetics"		5:00 p.m. Community Meal

Easter Worship Choir Members are reminded that there is NO rehearsal this Tuesday, March 24th.