

# North Street News

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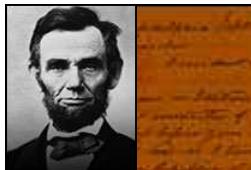


*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
Matthew 5:3

Today's Message: Helplessness is Hopefulness

## A THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

As Excerpted from Abraham Lincoln's Declaration of a National Day of Humiliation in the Spring of 1863



"And whereas, it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord:

And, in so much as we know that, by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our pre-

sumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God

that made us!" Let us be sure to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day.

Psalms 100 says,

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

*Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his  
pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love en-  
dures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all  
generations.*

## DON'T BE ALONE FOR THANKSGIVING

If you have no place to have Thanksgiving Dinner, you are invited to come



and join the Riemers for dinner at Legacy Thursday, November 26th at 5

p.m. Call Dale Riemer at 724-282-0647 to RSVP. The deadline for reservations is tomorrow, November 23rd.

## NEWS FROM THE MITCHELLS IN BUCHAREST ROMANIA



November 9 – 13 week was spirit week at Bucharest Christian Academy. Each day had a different theme. The creative juices were really flowing in the Mitchell family! Three of the kids won prizes for best costumes: Abby won for tie day (she made a skirt out of ties), Jon won on black and white day, and James won Geek day (though I think his best outfit was 70's day :-)) David had some super costumes too. Check out more photos of the Mitchell clan and their friends at Bucharest Christian Academy's blog at <http://caromania.blogspot.com>.



Russ has been traveling this past week to the NE corner of Romania in Suceava. He is helping a mission agency begun by a former baby sitter of the Mitchell's and her husband. They have begun training 4 men and 4 women as long-term missionary candidates. Russ has spent this past week doing some training with them about team building and church planting. More news from the Mitchells will follow in next week's North Street News. Email the Mitchells at [cathymitchell@oci.org](mailto:cathymitchell@oci.org)

## JESUS – Our Hope, Our Peace, God's Love, Our Joy

### CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES with SMALL GROUP

**BIBLE STUDIES** Sermon Series Begins December 6 – Sign Up

Now for Small Groups

JESUS – is the title of the four week Christmas Sermon Series. The messages are entitled Jesus—Our Hope, Jesus—Our Peace, Jesus—God's Love, and Jesus—Our Joy.

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 on the table in the narthex. Please fill out and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed this morning. You will be glad you took part in this great study!



## MRS. SAELER SAYS,

*"Every day of preschool is fun!"*

Our Pre-Kindergarten group this year is really enthusiastic and gets so excited to learn new things. At the end of every class I say to my helper, Miss Mandy, with a smile on my face, "Boy, those kids sure don't like preschool, do they?" They really don't like it—they love it! And we love teaching them!

On Tuesday, both preschool classes are looking forward to our Thanksgiving feast, a special time to give God thanks and share in His abundant blessings. This is an amazing day of cooking and preparing yummy food. The children are divided into groups and rotate to five different stations around the room getting a hands-on opportunity to make five different foods—stuffing, snap beans, green beans, butter, applesauce and pumpkin dessert. The Pre-K class made a beautiful paper maché turkey that will sit contentedly on the serving table. Our guests will be served chicken nuggets instead! Happy Thanksgiving to All!



## SERVING TODAY

- **Today's Greeters:** The Emmets
- **Nursery Helpers for Sunday School:** Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
- **Nursery Helpers for Our Worship Gathering:** Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
- **Communion Prep:** Andrea Cranmer

**EAT A SACK LUNCH AND HELP THAILAND MISSIONS TEAM**

Lunches Available on Sunday, December 6

The 2010 Thailand Missions team is working hard to raise funds for travel and to help build a Church in Nuang Kiew Lahu Village. Plans are for the team to depart on February 25 for approximately 12 days. On Sunday December 6, the group will have sack lunches in exchange for a donation of \$6.00 or more. The lunch will include a meat and cheese sandwich on a delicious bun or bread, homemade cookie, an apple and soft drink. You can sign up for sack lunches at the table in the narthex beginning today. The sack lunches will also be prepared on January 3 and February 7. The group says, "Thanks for helping us get to Thailand!"

Thailand travelers are Toby King, Lydia Klutinoty, Ryan McIntyre, Luke Klutinoty, Brady Roth, Bethany Rhodaberger, Ashley Tack, Dale Riemer, Andy Bilowich, John McIntyre, Kathi Huber and PB.

**HOW'S THIS FOR CHURCH?**

Number of Virtual Churches Growing

The Internet has become the hottest place to build a church. A growing number of congregations are creating Internet offshoots that go far beyond streaming weekly services. The sites are fully interactive with a dedicated Internet pastor, live chat in an online "lobby," Bible study, 1-on-1 prayer through IM and communion. (Viewers use their own bread and wine or juice.) On one site, viewers can click on a tab during worship to accept Christ as their Savior. Flamingo Road Church, based in Cooper City, Fla., twice conducted long-distance baptisms through the Internet. The move online is forcing Christians to re-examine their idea of church. It's a complex discussion involving theology, tradition and cultural expectations of how Christians should worship and relate. Even developers of Internet church sites disagree over how far they should go. The sites share the same basic approach: rock-style worship music and a sermon recorded at the in-person weekend service that is quickly mixed with live or recorded greetings expressly for online viewers. The phenomenon is so new that no one has an exact count of interactive online campuses. The Leadership Network has found at least 40.

From USA Today 11/2/09

**NSCC LEADERS TO BE NAMED**

Each year in November, leaders are nominated to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses. The congregation is encouraged to submit names of church members to be considered for these positions. Just contact any of the following Elders: Bob Huber, Jeff Miller, Doug Emmett, Bob Ogden, or Terry Hartman.

**SENIOR CITIZENS TO TRAVEL TO KRAYNACK'S IN SHARON, PA**

Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m.

A Seniors 55+ outing is planned for December 5th. A bus will leave NSCC at 10 a.m. to go to Kraynack's in Hermitage. Lunch will be at a restaurant in the area before returning back to NSCC.

If you are interested in attending, please call Mary Stevenson at 724-283-4812 or Barbara Carson at 724-283-2472. Also let them know if you will need transportation to the church or a wheelchair. If you are not receiving our mailings, please call the Church Office at 724-272-7700 to be placed on our Senior Mailing List.

**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 December 6th with your payment. If you have any questions or need to phone in your order, please call the Church Office at 724-282-7700.

**MARANATHA**

For our late teens and twenty somethings —Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 at Legacy as we get serious about testing the resolve of our faith and fortifying the walls of the body of Christ through fervent prayer, worship and most of all, loving fellowship.

**SHERWOOD PICTURES ANNOUNCES FOURTH****MOVIE: Courageous**

From Church Leaders Intelligence Report



Sherwood Church, home of the hit independent movies *Flywheel*, *Facing the Giants*, and *Fireproof* (2008's top indie film) announced the theme and title for Sherwood Pictures' fourth movie entitled, *Courageous*. "The movie is about fatherhood and the title is one word: COURAGEOUS," Alex Kendrick said, briefly outlining the plot. "Four fathers who are all in law enforcement—who protect and serve together—go through a terrible tragedy," he said. "They begin looking at their role as fathers...and they begin challenging one another to fulfill God's intention for fathers." That single-word title, Pastor Michael Catt said, echoes God's call for men to "rise with courage" in their homes and as leaders. According to AllProDad.com, more than a third of all children live away from their biological fathers. Principle filming of *Courageous* begins March 2010 in Albany.

Let's pray for Sherwood Church as they continue to bless and advance the kingdom of Christ through their film production ministry. As soon as the film is available – we will promote it!

**NORTH STREET MEN NOVEMBER EVENTS!**

∞ MenWhoPray—Monday November 30

at Legacy 7:30 – 9:00

All men are invited to join with Pastor Bob for a season of prayer over Kingdom matters.

December Dates: Men's Breakfast on the 19<sup>th</sup> and MenWhoPray on the 28<sup>th</sup>**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS**

Tomorrow, Monday, November 23 @ 7:15

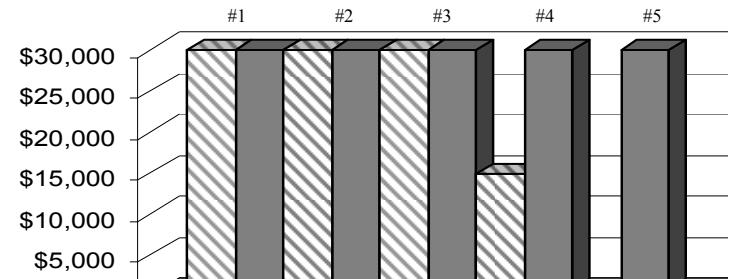
In 33 days, the evening of December 24, we will gather at NSCC for Christmas Eve Worship. Music Director, Kim Gaiser is presently forming a Christmas Eve Choir to sing a medley of Christmas songs during the candlelight communion worship gathering. If you love to sing and want to joyfully lift your praises in song with a bunch of other worshipers – see Kim today!

**GIVE GENEROUSLY TO MAKE OUR NEXT GOAL!**

We need \$15,037.87 to reach fourth 30K goal!

**2009 LET THE CHURCH RISE BUILDING FUND**

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

**LAST WEEK AT NSCC**

Attendance: 212

Offering Total = \$7,995.32

(General—\$5,255.32; Designated—\$545; Building—\$2,195)

LET THE CHURCH RISE TOTAL TO DATE IS: \$396,575.92

**WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK November 22—November 28**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Gathering	12:30-2:30 BBI 7:15 Christmas Choir Practice	6:30 Maranatha at Legacy	No Wednesday Night Activities		Thanksgiving Day (Office is closed)	Take time to encourage a shut-in this week:  Thomas Bell 530 Federal St. Butler, PA 16001

"You can't make a weak man strong by making a strong man weak." Abraham Lincoln