

# North Street News

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Ask , and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you.  
Matthew 7:7

## MESSAGE: RADICAL- "The Sermon on the Mountinside" - Radical Provision

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND—SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2011—ONE GATHERING FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Six times per year: On Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend and on the Fifth Sunday of any month, North Street Christian Church has ONE GATHERING FOR WORSHIP with Sunday School. Next Sunday, September 4, we will have Sunday School at 9:00 and The Gathering For Worship at 10:15. Chapel Hour will not be held. Next Sunday's message is entitled, Radical Relationship. The message concerns our fundamental relationships with people and will call us to "use judgment without becoming judgmental" and to make the Golden Rule our ideal in getting along with others! See Matthew 7:1-6&12 for a preview!

### OVER 130 STUDENTS ATTEND DAY CAMP—GOLD RUSH—DISCOVERING THE ROCK OF AGES



**From Jake Klutinoty:** With a sparkle in her eye, she wildly proclaimed her excitement to share the Ten Commandments with me. As this happened repeatedly by numerous boys and girls I thought to myself, "Where has the excitement gone for me in sharing the Ten Commandments?" The children were delivering them with such a wild passion. Of course, I am talking about NSCC's annual Day Camp which took place August 15-19. The event, which was run by Fi Saeler and Dennis Muir, was a huge success. With over 100 kids every day, there was a lot to be done. Through lots of organization and hours of preparation, God allowed Day Camp to run in its smoothest fashion yet. This year's had a drastically improved bus loading routine, which allowed kids to be transferred to and from the camp in a safe, effective manor. Now with the world's best bus driver (Kathi Huber) once the kids are loaded, the fun begins. As the kids are delivered to camp they immediately sit in on an exciting presentation of the Ten Commandments, then split into age groups for a well prepared lesson from volunteers right here at North Street. As the theme for this year's lesson plan was Gold Rush, the kids got a great look at discovering the Rock of The Ages. This leads into lunch, which is followed by an afternoon of exciting games and fun activities. The list of volunteers that gave their time for this year's day camp is exhausting and has been a real encouragement to me. So as you begin to pray for next years Day Camp, try and get back to that child like excitement in delivering the message we have.

#### 2011 MEMORABLE DAY CAMP MOMENTS—Thrilled at His Presence—By Fi Saeler

**COMMIT EVERYTHING UNTO THE LORD, HE IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL—**A sufficient number of helping hands of all ages joyfully serving together. Safety and protection during transportation, play and stormy weather (Friday's severe thunderstorm warning was cancelled before the day even started!)

**EXCITEMENT IN LEARNING** —On Monday, Emery, a 10 year old camper, approached me with a great big smile and said she knew some of the 10 Commandments. By Wednesday she could easily recite all 10! By Friday, I am sure she could explain all of them as well!

**A QUICK ANSWER TO PRAYER!**—A 7-year year old lost his prescription (specially-made) earplug somewhere between the bath house and the athletic field which was quite a distance away. The chances of finding this blue dime-sized earplug would be slim, like finding a needle in a hay-stack. With a short prayer said, Christian Kremer found the earplug within 30 minutes!

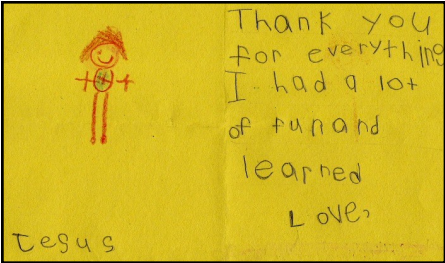
**CREATIVITY & HARD WORK ABOUNDING—**It was fun working with the scenery crew a few days prior to Day Camp. I was amazed by the artistic talent and creativity of the group. Did anyone see the amazing eagle?

**DAYDREAMING ABOUT LUNCH—**would find myself daydreaming about lunch possibilities and looking forward to lunch each day. I am sure I was not the only one who did this. ☺ Lunch was always a treat!

**GOD KNOWS OUR NEED—HE KNOWS THEM ALL—**How sweet and refreshing it was to work closely with a few young adults who went above and beyond to serve in many different capacities throughout the week.

**GOD'S GIFT OF TEACHING—**It was a joy to visit each age group during their daily Bible lesson. The teacher's were able to capture the kid's attention and plant seeds.

Here is what a mother and her child had to say:  
Dear Gold Rush Staff and Helpers,  
Thank you for the wonderful opportunities you provided for the children of Butler and beyond. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Having no cost attached to the camp made it possible for my daughter to experience a day camp this summer. She has been raised in the church and attends a Christian school, but she was touched by Jesus's love this week in a way she hasn't experienced before. It is great to see how she walked away with the knowledge of the Commandments in a way her six year old mind understood. She felt and was aware of the love of Christ that was shown through all of you. Thank you and Blessings. To that we can only say Praise God and Amen.





A HIGH CALL WHICH LEADS TO CRITICAL EXAMINATION



As the Apostle Paul addresses the Church at Corinth concerning the many issues laid upon his heart through his personal knowledge of the church’s character and reputation and through the communicative power of the Holy Spirit, while speaking about personal spiritual discipline and as he leads into the subject of order in the church, he makes this simple statement, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” (I Corinthians 11:1 NKJV)

What a claim for any man to make – “IMITATE ME!” – that’s a HIGH CALL! That’s a high call which leads to a CRITICAL EXAMINATION of one’s spiritual walk!

**THE STATEMENT**—Bare bones Greek into English says – “Imitators of me be, as I of Christ.”

English Standard version says – “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

The Complete Jewish Bible says – “Try to imitate me, even as I myself try to imitate the Messiah.”

New International version says – “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

It appears rather natural for Paul to challenge his followers to imitate his spiritual walk. He had just spoken to his readers about liberty and conscience while challenging them to “do all to the glory of God.” Yielding personal liberties, not offending the conscience of others was his pattern, in order to win them to the Lord. And so he says – IMITATE ME!

**IMITATE ME**—Most of us do not desire much scrutiny. Whether it is in our spiritual walk or just about any other area of our life, we just don’t invite others to take a closer look. Illustration: Three hundred sixty three days a year I feel just fine for the most part. I manage to make it one way or another. I eat, I sleep, I work, I play, I laugh, I cry, I carry on a regular schedule. The other two days a year I have doctor appointments. These two days are not like the other days. Before seeing the doctor I donate some blood to the lab. Before I ever get to the doctor – by examining the results of my blood test – he already knows how I’m doing! Why does he even ask, “So how are you doing?” He then listens and pokes and probes and looks in my ears, nose, eyes, throat etc. I DON’T LIKE IT WHEN HE APPLIES SUCH CRITICAL SCRUTINY! BUT up-

on his professional examination – he can see very determinately just “how I am doing” and then lays it out for me to hear and react. “Do this, take this, try this,” he says. (Maybe I do and maybe I don’t BUT that’s not the point.) He sees what he sees and it is what it is!

Now spiritually lots of people are checking me out! And checking you out too! Do you welcome them to make such scrutinizing examination? Upon examination and scrutiny of your life can you say, would you say, “Follow me?” Paul did – and lots of people were checking him out all of the time!

**IMITATION OF CHRIST**—No man is worthy of our imitation – not even the Apostle Paul! Unless of course he is following Christ! And that is exactly what makes Paul’s teaching here so “follow-able.” I think because was so wholeheartedly following Christ that is the reason he could so naturally encourage others to imitate his spiritual walk. Now get this – he does not simply say, “IMITATE ME”, rather he says, “Because I imitate Christ, imitate me.” In essence, imitating Paul would be imitating Christ! Our imitation of Christ too should be so wholehearted and natural that we would have no problem telling those who look to us for example in living to “IMITATE ME – for I imitate Christ!”

**CRITICAL EXAMINATION**—We are called to Christlikeness. John Stott in his last book, The Radical Disciple says that – “God pre-determined that His people would be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29) that we are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory (I Corinthians 3:18) and that one day we shall be like Him (John 3:2)! The turning point in what I have to say here is whether or not you are wholeheartedly following Christ – so much so, that you would readily say to others, “Imitate me!” Are you there? Do you encourage others to follow you because you follow Christ? The high call to “imitate me” certainly leads to a critical examination. The critical examination is a self-examination! Please take a critical look at our spiritual walk. I will do the same concerning mine. **Let us not make excuses** as to why we would not encourage others to “imitate me” rather **let us make changes** so that we will naturally and wholeheartedly agreeing with the Apostle Paul and readily saying – “Imitate me, for I imitate Christ.” PB

SERVING TODAY

TODAY’S GREETERS:

Chapel Hour:

Joanne Duncan

The Gathering for Worship:

Sally & Michelle Cousins

NURSERY HELPERS:

Chapel Hour:

Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School:

Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole

The Gathering for Worship:

Phillip Smith & Joan Cole

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Chapel Hour:

Kathi Huber

The Gathering for Worship:

Sally & Michelle Cousins

OFFERING REPORT: August 21st

General:	\$5,308.30
Designated:	\$585.00
Building Fund:	\$1,477.50
Total:	\$7,370.80

BUILDING FUND BALANCE:

\$30,080.28

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE:

159

Cedar Point



Join us as we embark on a journey to the world’s greatest amusement park. North Street is planning a trip to Cedar Point on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be 35 dollars and at this point transportation is unknown. We are trying to find a bus, but if unable, participants will be responsible for car pooling with each other. Don’t let that scare you. The world’s greatest amusement park with the added fun of some of the best artists in Christian music does not come around very often for one low price of 35 dollars. That’s a cheap price for the time of your life, see ya’ there.

RADICAL SERIES WRAPS UP

With the summer at its end, the youth of North Street will be wrapping up its radical series. With school starting, I am excited for the opportunity the youth will face. While we have talked endlessly this summer about what a radical Christian is, and looked at examples of people that lived a radical Christian life, the youth were reminded time and time again about their call to live a radically changed life for Christ. While they may not be called to martyr their lives like a lot of the heroes we studied, they are all called to martyr their way of life. As the youth enter a new school year, they will have opportunities to live a radical Christian life even when it is not easy. Pray that they will carpe diem and make the most of those opportunities. Just because summer is ending, it does not mean youth group is ending. The youth of North Street will continue to meet on Wednesday nights. We will continue to be challenged and grow from the scripture. However, Sunday nights will no longer be a fellowship night for the youth, with school on Monday morning and last minute homework assignments; it will have to be put on hold until next summer. I will be trying to replace it with other activities that you will be made aware of shortly. Me Gusta — Jake

INFANT RECOGNITION SUNDAY -- OCTOBER 2, 2011

If you have a child or are aware of a child born between October 1, 2010 and October 1, 2011 and would like to participate in a recognition and blessing on October 2, 2011 during 10:15 worship, please notify the church office by September 28th. Supply the child’s full name, parents names and a small photo if possible. Photos received will be included on a recognition poster board.

WHAT’S UP THIS WEEK August 28th—September 3rd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 The Gathering for Worship 6:00 Jr & Sr Hi Youth Meeting	6:00 Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 Freedom—Guest Speaker: Jim Moore	9:30 Ladies Bible Study at Legacy	6:30 Jr & Sr Hi Youth Meeting	Take time this week to encourage : Verna Weisenstein 780 Mercer Rd. Butler, PA 16001		Have a safe Labor Day Weekend!

We Welcome Our Visitors — Here at North Street Christian Church There Are No Strangers — Just Friends We Have Not Met.