North Street News

North Street Christian Church
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"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life..."
Matthew 6:25a

MESSAGE: RADICAL- "The Sermon on the Mountainside" - Radical Peace

ALL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT CAMP LUTHERLYN

You are invited to come to our annual Church Picnic next Sunday, August 14th, at Camp Lutherlyn. Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Please drop your food off at the shelter prior to the service and then make your way down to the Amphitheatre for church. For those who would like to go swimming after lunch, there is a charge of $2.00/person. There are lots of things to do and the fellowship is always great. Please see Michelle Zang today to sign up for what you'd like to bring to share for lunch. Meat and dessert will be provided by NSCC. As always, we ask that you bring your table service, a 9x13 dish to share (with serving utensil), something for your family to drink, and a smile. This is a great time to get to visit with your Church Family and catch up on each other's lives. We'd love to see you there.

Directions to Camp Lutherlyn from Butler (Intersection of Route 8 and Route 422):
Take 422 WEST travelling 6.8 miles. Turn LEFT on DICK ROAD. (Warehouse Sales on R and 84 Lumber on left) Take Dick Road travelling 1.2 miles. Turn RIGHT onto LUTHERLYN LANE. Proceed and follow signs to The Dogwood Picnic Shelter and the Amphitheater.
(NOTE: EARLY MORNING WORSHIP will be held at NSCC at 8:00 for those not planning to attend the picnic. SUNDAY School will not be held.)

SPONSOR A CHILD

There are several creative ways for the children at Vacation Bible School (VBS) to take the Bible message home with them. This year we would like to purchase a sing-along CD for each student which will help them remember the main points of the VBS lessons. The cost is $2 per child. Would you prayerfully consider sponsoring a child or even several children in order to help reinforce the Bible lessons long after VBS is over? Please make your check out to **NSCC** and write **"VBS CD"** in the memo.

He knew the Bible from A to Z,
His mind had mastered every part;
A fine achievement—but alas!
It never got into his heart.
Anonymous

GOLD RUSH
Discovering the Rock of Ages
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FREE WEEK OF DAYCAMP
For All Kids—Ages 6-13!!!

AUGUST 15-19TH 10a.m—3:30 p.m. Daily
AT CAMP LUTHERLYN in Prospect
Free Transportation! Free Lunch!
Free Recreation! Free Bible Lessons!

The bus leaves NSCC daily at 9:30,
returns to church at approximately 4:00.
Transportation to and from
the church can be arranged.

To Register: Forms are in the
Welcome Center or contact Fi Saeler
by e-mail: NSCCKids@zoominternet.net

FUN ITEMS NEEDED FOR CAMP STORE

THE VBS KIDS *LOVE* THE CAMP STORE!
Children *earn* plastic gems throughout the week and use them to purchase fun items from the camp store.
We are looking for clearance shoppers and bargain hunters to find small items to put in our camp store. This includes clean and lightly used items that are found at yard or garage sales or maybe even in your attic.
Examples may include:
Wrapped penny candy, super balls, Matchbox cars, yo-yos, plastic bracelets, whistles, etc.
A collection box for these items can be found in the Welcome Center.

SKYLAR'S HOPE SHINES BRIGHT

Thanks to the generosity of the many people who donated, and the hard work of all those who showed up to help, the spaghetti dinner and bake sale were a big success. All expenses were covered by the donations and nearly $1,300 was raised to benefit Skylar. Everyone's hard work paid off in smiles all around for Skylar and her friends and family. God is good, praise Him for His blessings!

Skylar Meredith

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Meredith family, we would like to thank everyone involved in the benefit dinner on Saturday. So much work went into making it a success. We thank everyone for their hard work preparing, donating, time and most of all, prayers. We raised $1,240 and leftover food went to community meals and dinner for the family Sunday evening. We couldn't have done without you.

10 SIGNS THAT YOUR CHRISTIANITY MAY HAVE BECOME TOO COMFORTABLE

When recently doing some reading about Church Leadership, I found an article entitled **10 Signs Your Christianity is Too Comfortable** by Brian Dodd who is a stewardship and leadership consultant. In the article, Dodd compares the state of the Church to *glamping* – that is glamorous camping. One proponent of glamour camping said - "After a week of camping, you're not thinking, 'I look homeless right now.' You're thinking about how comfortable you are." And that is what has happened in the Church, says Dodd. We have found a false level of comfort in the Church.

Now in my words – "In Church, we should have an uncomfortable, driving sense of mission; instead we have the mindset that comfortable Christianity is the measure of true success!" What are you after when it comes to Church – *looking for a mission or an easy chair?*

Well, here's the personal checklist to help you evaluate whether you have become a Comfortable Christian or not ?

1. You are not attending church with a high level of expectancy.

2. You no longer seem to be concerned about the spiritual condition of neighbors, family members, or your co-workers.

3. You haven't had a spiritual conversation with a non-Christian in a long time.

4. The Bible seems like a history book. It's lifeless to you.

5. Your happiness on Sunday mornings is more important than what it takes to reach the unchurched. As long as you get your parking spot, your seat, and hear the music you like, everything's fine.

6. The plight of the poor doesn't concern you.

7. Pictures of overseas suffering do not move you to action.

8. You do not give your financial resources sacrificially.

9. Your prayers don't seem to be making it past the ceiling.

10. It doesn't even dawn on you that God could do something incredibly radical in your life at any moment today. It's not even on your radar.

So what do you think?

Loving God and Loving People,
PB

Thank You

I want to express thanks to the Lord and His people who gather here at NSCC. To have watched so many people work for the Lord last weekend was amazing. So many joyfully put together the spaghetti benefit for Skylar Meredith – and you were used mightily in many ways. At the same time, upon Justin Scheele's tragic death, it took just couple of phone calls to organize his funeral service at NSCC through our worship leaders and a luncheon for the family at the Moose Club (being our dining room was already in use) by the "minutewomen" of NSCC. And the McIntyre family put together a wonderful slide show of Justin's life in such a short time! My family had planned to be away Saturday and Sunday and Bob Ogden was ready to preach with Ken Nogan leading worship. It was only through God's grace and the servant hearts of His people that we did get away by late Saturday afternoon. I thank each and every one who served in any capacity last weekend and for the many ways so many serve week after week! What a blessing to serve with you all.

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:
Picnics, parks, ball games, par 3, GAGA court & basketball court construction—take a look!

BIG EVENTS:
Day Camp at Camp Lutherlyn –:August 15-19
Pointfest at Cedar Point – September 17 – features Toby-Mac, Skillet, Tenth Avenue North, Disciple, Manic Drive and NYC pastor and national speaker Tom Richter

REGULAR MEETINGS: Wednesday Night - Jr and Sr Hi at Legacy
Sunday Afternoon Gatherings for Jr and Sr Hi at Legacy
Worship, Study, Pray, Serve, Grow, Do Life Together!

YOUTH MINISTRY
It's a big deal at NSCC

SERVING TODAY

TODAY'S GREETERS:
Chapel Hour:
The Seavers
The Gathering for Worship:
Sally & Michelle Cousins

NURSERY HELPERS:
Chapel Hour:
Kathy Twerdok
Sunday School:
Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole
The Gathering for Worship:
Brandi Bergbigler & Joan Cole

COMMUNION PREPARATION:
Chapel Hour: Kathi Huber
The Gathering for Worship:
Sally & Michelle Cousins
OFFERING REPORT: July 31st

General:	$3,922.30
Designated:	$425.00
Building Fund:	$170.00
Total:	$4,517.30

BUILDING FUND BALANCE:
$35.495.15
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
142

Cedar Point

Some of the biggest names in Christian music will converge upon Cedar Point on Saturday, September 17 for PointFest! Featuring headliners TobyMac and the band Skillet, this is one Christian-music festival that you do not want to miss! Don't forget - you can also enjoy Cedar Point's 75 rides just next door, including Windseeker, the new 301-foot-tall, nothing-below-your-chair-but-air thrill ride experience. With a group of 20 or more we can get tickets for $34.99 and possibly a small service fee. Sign up sheet is in the back of the auditorium.

WANTED

Elmer's Glue Sticks! !

We are looking ahead to the start of All About Youth and Shepherd of My Heart Preschool this fall. We want to make sure that we are stocked-up on the "craft" essentials, especially Elmer's Glue Sticks! Wal-Mart and other stores will soon be having fantastic sales on school items. Last August a package of 2 Elmer's Glue Sticks could be purchased for 20 cents at Wal-Mart. One month later the price for the same item was more than $1.00! Would you please help us now while the price is right?
Thank you

FREEDOM MINISTRY

Do you struggle with ongoing sin? Live in condemnation instead of freedom? Led by Pastor Bob and Eric Eury, a group of men and women gather at Legacy Ministry House for words of victory and freedom from the Word and encouragement from each other. YOU are invited to join us Monday nights at 7:00! Psalms 119:45 says, *"I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts."*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES

Preschool thru Kindergarten—Room 202—Located in the Annex next to the Nursery
Grades 1 thru 6—Room 303—Located upstairs in the Annex
Kid's Church for Preschool thru Grade 2 during the 10:15 Gathering for Worship
will be meeting in Room 102—Located downstairs next to the Library

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK August 7th—August 13th

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	**9:30** Ladies Bible Study at Legacy	**6:30** Jr & Sr Hi Youth Meeting			**5:00** Community Meal

Take time this week to encourage :
Marilyn Snyder
120 Westwood Manor
Butler, PA 16001

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