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North Street News

Take a break from the Christmas rush and join us for the **Ladies Christmas Soup and Salad Open House** which will be held on **Thursday, December 15th** from **Noon to 6:00pm** at the **Legacy House.** Stop in and be refreshed!

Luke 10:39-42: [39] And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. [40] But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." [41] And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. [42] But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

NSCC Senior Saints Christmas Lunch - Friday, December 16 at Noon

All Senior Saints and their friends (60+ or retired) are invited to gather in the **Church Dining Room** for a delicious Christmas lunch and fellowship on **Friday, December 16, at Noon.** The menu will include brisket and baked chicken with a salad, baked potato, vegetable, dinner rolls, dessert, and beverage. Viv Kalberer will be our guest speaker. Pastor Bob has asked Viv to share the testimony of God's faithfulness in her life. Viv has been a dedicated woman of faith since the youngest of days. In her early 20's, she found herself as a single mother raising two children after the loss of her husband. Through God's strength, she continued her education to become a Pharmacist, eventually becoming a Chief of Pharmacy in the VA Hospital system, which she held until her retirement. Since retirement from the VA, Viv has spent her time spiritually investing in the lives of friends and family, especially with her children and their spouses and grandchildren. Nearly two months ago, Viv was stricken with temporal arteritis and quickly lost most of her vision in one eye. Even with proper treatment, the condition progressed and Viv now has very little vision in either eye. She is no longer able to read or drive, two of the things she valued most in order to grow in faithfulness and minister to others! Even though the independence she used for the Lord has been greatly decreased, she continues to be a faithful and knows that the Lord will use even this for the glory of His name and the advancement of His Kingdom in the lives of others.

CHRISTMAS AT NSCC

Christmas Sermon Series: Five Sayings of Christmas

Dec. 4th - They Shall Call His Name Immanuel, Matthew 1:23
Dec. 11th – Rachel Weeping for Her Children, Matthew 2:18
Dec. 18th - He Has Put Down the Mighty From Their Thrones and Exalted the Lowly, Luke 1:52
Dec. 24 - My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation, Luke 2:30
Dec. 25 - Nothing Is Impossible With God, Luke 1:37

Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00pm
Instrumental Prelude by the Eckerts

Christmas Sunday Worship at 10:15am
No Sunday School

New Years Day Worship:
9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Gathering For Worship

COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH FOR CHRISTMAS 2011- *Bless One More Life for Just $10.00*

Christmas will soon be here, and those of us who work at the community meals can see first hand that life for those in need is not getting any better. Each year, at Christmas, we try to give each person who walks through our doors for dinner something to help them get through the holidays. We have given bibles, canned goods, baked goods, soaps, shampoos and many other things with your help. One problem we have always had is that we have many people who walk to our dinners, and we worry when we send them off with these heavy bags. They don't complain, they are always grateful, but we know it is difficult. This year, we would like to give each adult who comes to our Christmas dinner a $10 gift certificate for food, and we are asking for your help. On the holidays, we serve between 80 and 90 people, and we would appreciate any amount you can share. Make checks payable to **North Street Christian Church**, and put **Community Meal Christmas** in the **memo**. Our Christmas dinner will be on **December 17th**, so all funds need to be in before then. God bless you all for being such an important part of this ministry.

-Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Jim, Dale, Cissy, and Kathi

PRESSING ON MINISTRIES -Annual Prison Christmas Party!

Pressing On Ministries is gearing up for the **Annual Prison Christmas Party** on **Friday, December 16th.** The party is an opportunity to minister to over 300 inmates and guards. **Donations of cookies and 2 liter bottles of pop are needed.** Donations will be accepted at North Street Christian Church kitchen on **Thursday the 15th.** By God's grace, the door continues to be open for us to proclaim the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for the inmates and those ministering and serving, that the Lord will be glorified in it all and that many would come to Christ. *"making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."* Ephesians 5:16-17 *- Dan Smith*

Casas por Cristo
short term missions

NSCC Missions has sent a $1000.00 deposit for the next house we will build in Mexico through Casas Por Cristo! Jon Ray desires to lead a group February 19 – 25, 2012. The cost will be approximately $950.00 per person including airfare, food costs and building materials, based on a group of 15 short term missionaries. The cost per person will be decreased by donations given toward the cost of the materials for the house. Register to become part of the group by contacting Jon Ray at jcbr@zoominternet.net or calling 724-283-0797 or 724-822-6060. A deposit of $100 is due by January 2 and a group meeting will be held on January 8 following the 10:15 Gathering for Worship. Donations for the project can be given to North Street Christian Church and the memo line should say, Casa Por Cristo House.

20 Ways to Be Missional In Your Own Neighborhood

Do these things with Gospel intentionality: prayerfully, humbly, and boldly.

1. Volunteer to coach a local little league sports team
2. Sit on the front porch and let kids play in the front yard
3. Pass out baked goods (fresh bread, cookies, brownies, etc.)
4. Invite neighbors over for dinner
5. Attend the parties invited to by neighbors
6. Do a food drive or coat drive in winter and get neighbors involved
7. Have a game night (yard games outside or board games inside)
8. Art Swap Night – bring out what you're tired of and trade with neighbors
9. Grow a garden and give out extra produce to neighbors
10. Have a front yard ice cream party in the summer
11. Do a BBQ once a month and invite others to contribute
12. Create a block/street e-mail and phone contact list for safety
13. Host a sports game watching party
14. Host a coffee and dessert night
15. Organize and host a ladies' artistic creation night
16. Organize a tasting tour on your street (everyone sets up food and table on the front porch)
17. Host a movie night and discussion afterwards
18. Start a walking/running group in the neighborhood
19. Start hosting a play date weekly for other stay at home parents
20. Organize a carpool for your neighborhood to help save gas

(excerpted from ChurchLeaders.com article by Josh Reeves)

YOU can fulfill the mission of the Great Commission in your own neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors. Become genuine friends. Love them like Jesus would. Invite them to come to Church with you. Let's make the Master's business our business and be sharing the Good News!

FaithWeaver Friends, Sunday, December 11 – are invited to meet in the dining room today immediately following the 10:15 Gathering for Worship (around 12:15 or so) for a light luncheon and an afternoon of Christmas caroling and cookie sharing! Please call Mrs. Saeler at the church if you need a permission form or transportation. Parents are welcome to attend but must provide their own transportation.

FaithWeaver Friends will take a break on Wednesday, December 28 so that we can all enjoy the Christmas holiday with our families. Join us on January 4 for our first Opening Celebration of 2012!

Wednesday Night Inclement Weather Policy!
FaithWeaver Friends and the Jr and Sr Hi Youth Group follow the notices as posted by the Butler Area School District with regard to weather related cancellations. If school is cancelled or if there is an early dismissal, our groups for children and youth will not meet that evening. Morning delays do not affect the Wednesday evening schedule.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for participating in our Preschool Pie Fundraiser. With your help we met our goal of raising $1000 to meet our budget needs for the first half of the preschool year. We hope that everyone enjoyed their delicious pies and will be looking forward to our Spring Pie Fundraiser too!

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

CHILDREN

Pre-Kindergarten - Room 202
Kindergarten—Room 201
Grades 1 & 2—Room 306
Grades 3–6—Room 305

Children's Church
Gathering for Worship at 10:15
Preschool – Grade 2
Room 102

Junior and Senior High
Legacy House
232 West North Street

ELECTIVES

"When Life is Hard"
DVD Study - Room 102
Taught by George Rader

Book of Romans Study Guide by John MacArthur
Library - Room 101
Doug Emmett & Chuck Kildoo

"Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ"
Dining Room
Pastor Bob

HELP WANTED: Volunteers are needed for our **Wednesday evening** "Faith Weaver Friends Program".

We are looking to fill the following positions:

Teacher from January through May.
Leaders for the "Opening Celebrations" on the first Wednesday of each month.
Van drivers and monitors to help with the transportation ministry.

Please see Fi Saeler regarding the teacher and leader positions and Pastor Bob or Bob Ogden if you are interested in helping with the transportation ministry.

The **Butler Church League Youth Basketball** season has begun! **NSCC** has entered four teams – one team in the girls division, one team in the Jr. Boys division and 2 teams in the Sr. Boys division. Coaches are Jim Reimer, Dave Klutinoty and Sonya Kremer. All games are played at the **Cubs Hall on McKean Street** in downtown Butler. **Admission is $1.00.**

This week's schedule:

Monday, December 12
7:40 CAC 2 Sr. Boys vs. NSCC 1 Sr. Boys
Tuesday, December 13
7:00 NSCC 2 Sr. Boys vs. CCUM Sr. Boys
9:00 CAC 1 Sr. Boys vs. NSCC 1 Sr. Boys
Thursday, December 15
6:00 NSCC Boys vs. CAC 7 Boys

TODAY AT NSCC

Message
Rachel Weeping for Her Children,
Matthew 2:18

Serving Today

Chapel Hour - 8:00
Communion Prep:
Kim Gaiser
Greeter:
Andy Bilowich
Nursery: Kathy Twerdok

Sunday School - 9:00
Nursery: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

The Gathering - 10:15
Greeters and Communion Prep:
The Casey Family
Nursery: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Children's Church
Room 102 during
The Gathering for Worship

Offering Report December 4th.

General	$3,578.29
Designated	$2,343.90
Total	$5,922.19

Building Fund
$37,313.63

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR December 11th—17th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Chapel Hour **9:00** Sunday School **10:15** The Gathering for Worship	**4:30** Worship Team Rehearsal **7:40** CAC 2 Sr. Boys vs. NSCC 1 Sr. Boys **7:00** Freedom @ Legacy	**7:00** NSCC 2 Sr. Boys vs. CCUM Sr. Boys **9:00** CAC 1 Sr. Boys vs. NSCC 1 Sr. Boys	**6:30** Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Meeting & Faith Weaver Friends	**Noon -6:00** Ladies Luncheon@ Legacy House. **6:00** NSCC boys vs. CAC 7 boys.	**Noon-** NSCC Senior Saints Christmas Lunch	**5:00** Community Meal

Take the time to encourage:
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