



# NORTH STREET NEWS



## Gift of Gifts

O Source of all Good,  
What shall I render to Thee  
for the gift of gifts,  
Thine own dear Son, begot-  
ten, not created,  
my Redeemer, Proxy, Surety,  
Substitute,  
His self-emptying incompre-  
hensible,

His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:  
He came below to raise me above,  
He was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love;  
when I cannot rise to Him He draws near on wings of grace,  
to raise me to Himself.

Herein is power;  
when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart  
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the  
created.

Herein is wisdom;  
when I was undone, with no will to return to Him,  
and no intellect to devise recovery,  
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,  
as man to die my death,  
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,  
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds,  
and enlarge my mind;  
let me hear good tidings of great joy,  
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,  
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,  
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father,  
place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,  
to look with them upon my Redeemer's face,  
and in Him account myself delivered from sin;  
let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,  
embrace Him with undying faith,  
exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no  
more.

*Arthur Bennett, ed. Valley of Vision (Carlisle, PA: Banner of  
Truth Trust, 1975), 16.*

## CHRISTMAS AT NSCC



### Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00pm

My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation, Luke 2:30

*Instrumental Prelude by the Eckerts*

### Christmas Sunday Worship at 10:15am.

Nothing is Impossible with God, Luke 1:31  
No Sunday School.

### New Years Day, Sunday, January 1: Sun- day School at 9:00am and The Gathering for Worship at 10:15am

"See you next year" would be a great way to say  
goodbye to your Church family today, so long as  
you are not planning to see each other until next  
Sunday! That's right – next Sunday will be January  
1, 2012 – unbelievable! We will gather for Sunday  
School at 9:00 and the Gathering for Worship at  
10:15. Chapel Hour will not be held. Next Sun-  
day's message is entitled THE INNER DISCIPLINES  
and will concern preparing our lives for God's use  
from the inside out. We will talk about the Word,  
prayer, fasting and giving from the heart. Even if  
you stay up all night bringing in the New Year –  
make it part of your plan to join us for Worship on  
Sunday January 1, 2012!



### Sunday Night Talks at Legacy: Discipleship Explored Jan. 8 – Feb. 26, 6:30 – 7:30

Sunday Night Talks will resume beginning Sunday, January 8  
and continue through February 26. Discipleship Explored is  
great for anyone who wants to grow in their Christian life. In  
this 8 week discipleship course, students will dig deeper into the  
Book of Philippians following the same themes as the Sunday  
morning sermon series. (see article IN CHRIST – A Walk  
Through Philippians) **By looking at Paul's letter to the Phi-  
liippians, students will explore for themselves the mean-  
ing of Paul's words 'for me to live is Christ and to die is  
gain.'** Each session has a group discussion, a short study in  
Philippians, and a dvd talk by Barry Cooper on the theme for  
each week. Pastor Bob will lead the Sunday night talks.

### New Sermon Series Announced: IN CHRIST – A Walk Through Philippians Begins Sunday, January 8

Beginning Sunday, January 8, Pastor Bob will lead in an 8 week sermon series entitled **IN CHRIST – A Walk  
Through Philippians**. We will journey through Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi stopping along the way to con-  
sider:

January 8 - Our Confidence IN CHRIST  
January 15 - Living IN CHRIST  
January 22 - Standing Together IN CHRIST  
January 29 - Transformed IN CHRIST

February 5 - Righteous IN CHRIST  
February 12 - Our Knowledge IN CHRIST  
February 19 - Rejoicing IN CHRIST  
February 26 - Contentment IN CHRIST

Be inviting your friends and family to join you for worship and the Word at North Street Church!

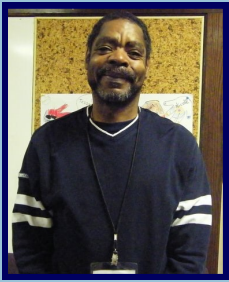


*"For with God nothing will be impossible." - Luke 1:37*



WELCOME!

We Welcome Our Newest Church Members. Bob Pemrich (left) placed his membership with NSCC on Sunday, December 18 during Chapel Hour and Paul Baker (right) placed his membership with NSCC on the same day during the Gathering for Worship at 10:15. WELCOME BOB AND PAUL!



TODAY AT NSCC

Message  
Nothing Is Impossible With God,  
Luke 1:37

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 & Jacob Croup

Children's Church  
Room 102 during  
The Gathering for Worship

Offering Report  
December 11th.  
General \$4,304.29  
Designated \$1,149.00  
Total \$5,453.29

Building Fund  
\$48,848.63



**The CandyCane:** A Candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So he made a Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God. The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the "Good Shepherd". The candymaker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life. The candy became known as a Candy Cane -- a decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning has faded, but still gives joy to children young and old, whom Jesus loves and treasures.



**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.

**2011 Sr. Saints Christmas Lunch:** On Friday, December 16, approximately 28 Sr. Saints of NSCC and 10 helpers gathered for a baked chicken and beef brisket lunch. Viv Kalberer shared the testimony of God's faithfulness throughout her lifetime and especially now during this season of her life where she has lost most of her sight due to temporal arteritis. She inspired all present to continue to live a faithful life unto the Lord and to walk in faith no matter the circumstance. Lee Ramsey shared some great Christmas music before lunch. We thank all who attended and especially our wonderful helpers. May the Lord continue to bless each of you.



THANK YOU!

*Thank you for the prayers and support given to our family at this sad time. The dinner was delicious and helped us unwind a little and remember better times. Thanks to All, Connie Bader*

THANK YOU!

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for remembering me with the generous Christmas gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.  
  
In Him, Kim Gaiser.



Support our youth basketball teams! All games are played at Cubs Hall on McKean Street. Admission is \$1.00. See schedule below.

The Church office will be closed **Monday, December 26th** and **Monday, January 2nd**. The **2012 offering envelopes** are now available on the table in the rear of the auditorium.



**HELP WANTED:** Volunteers are needed for our **Wednesday evening** "Faith Weaver Friends Program". If you do not want to make a full-time commitment, substitutes are always needed.

We are looking to fill the following positions:

**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.



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](mailto: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.

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR December 25th—31st.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:15 The Gathering for Warship	7:00 Freedom @ Legacy,	6:00 St. Fidelis Jr. Boys vs. NSCC Jr. Boys	No Faith Weaver Friends or Youth Group.	6:00pm St. Fidelis Jr. Boys vs. NSCC Jr. Boys 6:50 NSCC Girls vs. St. Fidelis Girls. 7:40 NSCC I Sr. Boys vs. St. Fidelis Sr. Boys	Take the time to encourage: Agnes Rauschenberger 804 E. Pearl St. Butler, PA 16001	