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NORTH STREET NEWS

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.

"Reading through the Bible in a Year"

We are heading into December and many of us are proceeding to the end of our trek of **"Reading through the Bible in a year"**. We have experienced creation from God's history book, seen the entrance of sin into a perfect environment, felt the judgment of God in a global flood and heard the promise of God in every rainbow we see. We've traveled with prophets, apostles, kings and fishermen and seen the fulfillment of redemption as we've walked with Jesus through the Gospel's to Calvary, the tomb, resurrection and ascension. As we finish up the year with our final month's worth of readings which includes John's Revelation, I'd like your input to these three questions: What, if any, has been the benefit? What have you learned or what is new to you? What would you like to know more about? For your convenience, "Reading through the Bible in a year" **feedback forms** are available at the **end of the pews**. Please **complete** and **place** in the **offering tray**. Your input is important to us and will be used to evaluate current participation and to encourage others to be in the Bible everyday. Please see me if you have any questions or would like to know more about "Reading through the Bible in a Year".

- Doug Emmett



Last Call for Poinsettia Orders:

If you would like to order poinsettias for our Church Christmas Worship and/or for your home 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 or drop off at the church office by **Wednesday, December 7th**, with your payment. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 724-282-7700.



We rejoice with **Debbie Bergbigler** who was baptized on Sunday, November 27. Debbie - We are humbled by your faith and encouraged by your obedience. We praise the Lord with you!

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

-1 John 5:1-4

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

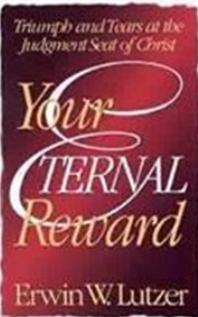
Christmas Sunday Worship at 10:15am

Christmas is just 3 Sundays away!

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



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVE BEGINS TODAY!
Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ
Taught by Pastor Bob Huber in the Dining Room

Face to Face with Christ No hiding. No opportunity to put a better spin on what you did. No attorney to represent you. The look in His eyes says it all. Like it or not, standing before Christ is precisely where you and I shall some day be, for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10). And while we will not lose our entrance to heaven if we are believers, what we do in our earthly life will determine our standing in the eternal kingdom. There are eternal consequences to what we do. Jesus will not wink at our disobedience. He does not play favorites. We will be rewarded according to our faithfulness. There is no exception, no special deferment. When God calls our name we will be there. We cannot hide, for God will find us; we cannot scheme to make ourselves look good, for God shall see us. We cannot excuse ourselves, for God knows us. In Your Eternal Reward, Erwin Lutzer teaches readers not only the effects of the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne, but shares what Jesus will be looking for and how we can use the resources of this life to store up treasures in heaven. This life is training for the next. We are to be learning the rules of the kingdom and running the race to win the prize Christ has promised to His faithful servants. When He calls your name, will you hear Him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'?



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 5

6:50 NSCC Girls vs. St. Fidelis Girls

Thursday, December 8

6:00 NSCC Jr. Boys vs. CAC 6

6:50 NSCC Girls vs. CAC Girls

Come out and support our teams!



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.

TODAY AT NSCC

Message

They Shall Call His Name
 Immanuel
 Matthew 1:23

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 & Emily Bilowich

Children's Church

Room 102 during
 The Gathering for Worship

**Offering Report
 November 27**

General	\$4,640.77
Designated	\$4,843.70
Total	\$9,484.47

Building Fund
\$36,851.68



News From Barnabas in Thailand

NSCC recently received a number of photos and a report from Barnabas concerning Thanksgiving in several Hill Tribe Villages – Payangam, Pangpe, Namrin, Old Mae Moo, New Mae Moo, Nambosape and Nong Tong.

In addition, a Gospel Preaching Team journeyed to Mae Ton Noi (Lisu and Yao tribes) which is about 120 miles from Chiang Mai to share the Good News of Jesus. The children from the Chiangdao Children's Ministry shared in



the adventure. Barnabas says, "The kids from Chiangdao is wonderfully involving in preaching the Gospel. Our children ministry is pre-Bible school. They learned more about Gospel ministry. They perform Christian plays, dancing, and singing etc." Concerning Mae Ton Noi he says, "In this village, they do not have a place to worship God. We are praying for them." And as way of letting YOU know just how much he appreciates your support he says, "On this trip I paid for gas, and food for all are going with me. By the way all this money come from North Street Christian Church. Thank you very much."

EXCITING CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Beginning today, December 4th, the 3rd – 6th grade children will begin using curriculum from **"Children Desiring God"**. Children Desiring God ministry says, "The greatest need of the next generations is to know and to cherish the infinite value of God. Therefore, we want them to become so saturated with the Word of God that they treasure Jesus alone as the one who saves and satisfies the heart. The goal of the curriculum is to fuel spiritual desire by exalting greatness and the worth of God and His glorious work through Christ."



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

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR December 4th—10th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Chapel Hour	4:30 Worship Team Rehearsal			6:30 Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Meeting & Faith Weaver Friends	6:00 NSCC Jr. Boys vs. CAC 6	
9:00 Sunday School	6:50 NSCC Girls vs. St. Fidelis Girls			6:50 NSCC Girls vs. CAC Girls		
10:15 The Gathering for Worship	7:00 Freedom @ Legacy					
						Take the time to encourage: Peggy McClimans 4114 Karla Dr. Butler, PA 16001