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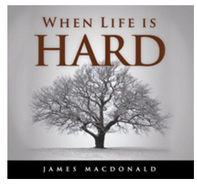
North Street News

TODAY'S MESSAGE: GRACE – How Can God Accept Us? Mark 10:17-27
Here's the truth about GRACE – we are more sinful than we ever imagined, but more loved than we ever dreamed! We all have a heart problem that we can't cure. Jesus tells us there is nothing we can do to be saved but He also showed us how much He loves us by willingly dying to take the punishment we deserve, to give His life as a ransom for many. And as a result, when we trust in what Jesus has done, we can be accepted by God and given eternal life – if we will simply receive it as a free, undeserved gift! Resource: Christianity Explored

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVE BEGINS TODAY!
When Life is Hard Video Series by James MacDonald



Why Does Life Have To Be So Hard? This six-message series is all about providing you with God's answers to that question. Very real, very practical answers, straight from God's Word. When you find yourself asking that question, you need to know that He hasn't abandoned you. He is right there, wanting to help you, direct you, sustain you and get this: **He wants this trial to change you**. He is in your trial right now and He can use it to accomplish great things.
Whether it is physical, relational, economic, emotional or circumstantial, God said that we can expect trials. The trials that God allows have purpose; they can change your conduct and refine your character. Find God's purpose in your pain and don't let bitterness, unbelief or discouragement rob you of the treasure God is refining in you.
Your life is about displaying the superiority of the life lived in God. That's why Christians get cancer. That's why Christian business men and women have bankruptcies. The sons of the kingdom handle things differently than the sons of this world. Go to talk to a doctor and ask him about the difference between a heartbroken parent in the hospital without Christ and a heartbroken parent in the hospital with Christ. And right there—in that moment—that's your chance to shine the light of the Gospel and to display the superiority of the life lived in God. —James MacDonald Join George Rader in Room 102 at 9:00 beginning Sunday, November 20!

Cory Myers Benefit Spaghetti Dinner – Join us Today!

Join us **today, Nov. 20th,** for a benefit spaghetti dinner for **Cory Myers** who is currently battling cancer.

Dinner prepared by D'Anthony's Restaurant and Catering will include: Pasta (with your choice of garlic & butter, marinara or meat sauce), salad and rolls as well as beverages and homemade desserts.
Time: 1p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: South Butler Fire Hall– 98 old Plank Road, Butler
Price: $10 Adults, $5 Ages 4-10, FREE for children 3 and under.

Take Outs Available!

See Rosann Rapé for meal information.

How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes.
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears.
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count you kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count you health instead of your wealth.
Count on God instead of yourself.

-Submitted by Jim Riemer

Christmas Expo - Calling all small business owners and crafters! We are going to be having a "Christmas Expo" here at NSCC to give our friends and families an opportunity to get some Christmas Shopping done! The event will be held **Saturday, December 3rd** from **11am to 4pm** in the dining room. We will also be holding a silent auction to raise money for mission's so we can bless our missionaries for Christmas. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact **Shannon Hartman** at **(724) 679-4126 or Ashley Tack** at **(724) 504-9116** ASAP! See you there!

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

CHRISTMAS AT NSCC

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

Christmas Sunday Worship at 10:15am

Those desiring to present special music during the Christmas Season are asked to speak to Kim Gaiser by Sunday, November 20. Special Music will be shared every Sunday during December rather than before Christmas Eve Worship as in years past.

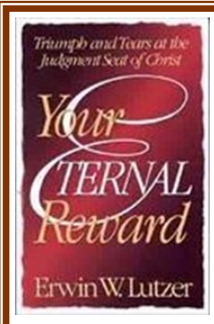
Christmas is just 5 Sundays away!

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY — Word about NSCC's Faith Weaver Friends is getting out quickly and this has led to the demand for more helpers in the area of transportation. The need is for more volunteer van drivers and monitors. In just a few short weeks, the number of children needing rides has more than doubled! Over 50 children were scheduled to be picked up by our vans on Wednesday, November 16! Presently there are 5 routes which require the use of 5 drivers and at least 5 monitors. What an opportunity this gives NSCC to reach the lives of both children and parents. If you can see yourself helping with this ministry, please don't hesitate to see one of the volunteers who are currently helping or contact Pastor Bob or Bob Ogden and let them know how you would like to serve. At NSCC, all children's workers are required to undergo a criminal background check and a child welfare background check.

HELP WANTED: *Volunteers* are needed for our Wednesday evening Faith Weaver Friends Program. In particular, we are in need of leaders for the "Opening Celebrations" on the first Wednesday of each month. If you are uncertain about teaching a whole group of children ages 4 through 11 by yourself, it is possible to team up with a friend or family members too. There are only 7 openings available. Please see Fi Saeler for a list of dates and lessons to see what may work for you.

EXCITING CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - On December 4th, with the beginning of a new Sunday School quarter, 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."

God-centered children's ministry is fueled by a biblical vision for worship, biblical literacy, and faith in the next generation. Our goal is to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things and show that Jesus alone is the One who saves and satisfies the heart. Check it all out on the web at www.childrendesiringgod.org. Children's Sunday School is overseen by Dan Casey.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVE BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
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'?

TODAY AT NSCC

Message
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Serving Today

Chapel Hour - 8:00
Greeters and Communion Prep:
The Seavers
Nursery: Kathy Twerdok

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

The Gathering - 10:15
Greeters and Communion Prep:
The Croups
Nursery: Michelle Zang and Joan Cole

Children's Church
Room 102 during
The Gathering for Worship

Christianity Explored
6:30 at Legacy House

Offering Report
November 13

General	$6,598.29
Designated	$ 826.00
Total	$7,424.29

Building Fund
$36,781.68

Christmas will be here sooner than you think, and the FaithWeaver Friends kids are already in the spirit...that is, the spirit of showing Christ's love to children around the world! This past Wednesday night, the children gathered to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Tables containing toys, candy, school supplies, clothing, and toiletry items were set up around the dining room. The children, with the assistance of an adult helper, packed their boxes with items they picked out for either a boy or a girl of their age group. The children also had the opportunity to include an "all about me" page in their box, telling the child who receives their box a little about themselves. When the boxes were packed the adult helpers led the children in prayer over their boxes for the children that will receive their gifts. When the evening was finished 47 boxes were stacked in the sanctuary, ready to be sent out in the name of Jesus to children who may have never received a gift before. Who needs Black Friday when you can start the Christmas season by spreading God's love around the world? Well done, FaithWeaver Friends!

Shepherd of My Heart Christian Preschool
FUNDRAISER PIE PICK-UP
Fundraiser pies can be picked up this Tuesday afternoon between 12:30pm and 2:00pm ! Pick-up is in the garage behind the office building. Remember that the pies are frozen!

Thank you for supporting our preschool!

Additional pies will be available on Tuesday but are *available in limited quantities*. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these pies, please see Fi Saeler today, call the church office or stop by during pie pick-up to get your pies!

Caramel Apple Walnut, Cherry, Praline Peach, Pumpkin, Strawberry Rhubarb, Apple Dumplings, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cream

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 20-26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Chapel Hour **9:00** Sunday School **10:15** The Gathering for Worship **4:30** Christianity Explored @ Legacy	**7:00** Freedom @ Legacy	No Faith Weaver Friends or Youth Group this week!			Take the time to encourage: Lewis R Hogan Sunnyview Home 107 Sunnyview Circle, Room 172 Butler, PA 16001	