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NORTH STREET NEWS

One life.

What's it all about?

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Reaching Others For Christ: What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?

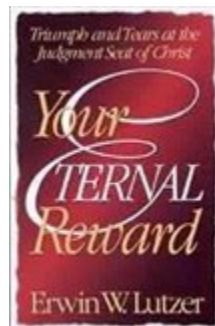
Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life?"

We are called to deny self and take up our cross in following Jesus! He gave His life for us and are called to give our lives for Him. Worldly gain readily is before us and easily gets the attention of our everyday pursuits. Truth is – even if one would gain the whole world and lose out on eternal life – what good would it do? Self-denial and cross bearing – these are descriptive of the life laid down in following Him? So, just how are you doing in these areas? What does it mean to follow Jesus? It means COME AND DIE and you then will LIVE! Today's message concludes the 7 part series Reaching Others For Christ, One Life. What's It All About!

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'?



2011 Operation Christmas Child Report

On Sunday, November 20, North Street Church received and sent 119 shoeboxes full of Christmas presents and the Good News of Jesus somewhere in the world. Our boxes were taken by Bridget Pierce and Bob Murray to the drop-off center where they will eventually join upwards of 10,000,000 other boxes which have been prepared by people just like you in churches just like ours! So what happens next? The boxes are processed at a processing center where each one is inspected by volunteers and made ready for international shipping meeting customs inspection requirements.



The boxes are then shipped in hundreds of trucks and sea containers where they will eventually be delivered to local churches and ministry partners. Finally YOUR SHOE BOX will be put into the hands of a child somewhere in the world. This happens at a lively, fun event which includes a presentation of the Gospel where appropriate. The boxes are given to children unconditionally. The children, if allowable in their country, will also be given a copy of "The Greatest Gift of All" booklet telling them the real Christmas Story and the Good News about Jesus. And in some locations, a twelve week follow-up discipleship course called "The Greatest Journey" will be offered!



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

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 4 Sundays away!

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.”



Sunday Evening Christianity Explored Group Concludes

Approximately 15 people have gathered every Sunday evening for the last 7 weeks at Legacy Ministry House for the Christianity Explored evangelism class. The group considered the lessons of Good News: What are we doing here? Identity: Who is Jesus? Sin: Why did Jesus come? The Cross: Why did Jesus die? Resurrection: Why did Jesus rise? Grace: How can God accept us? And Come and Die: What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Everyone agreed that their faith was challenged and they grew spiritually as a result. One of the group, Debbie Bergbiger, has come to a new found faith in Jesus Christ and will be immersed on Sunday, November 27, at the 10:15 Gathering for Worship! Bob Pemrich has made a decision to become a member of NSCC and will make that official also on Sunday, November 27! Some new CE groups will also be offered in homes and here at NSCC as a result of the seeds which have been planted! The Thursday Christianity Explored group will conclude soon.

Survival Bracelets to Help Chiang Dao Children’s Ministry

You can see John or Donna McIntyre to make a donation to the Chiang Dao Children’s Ministry in northern Thailand and in return receive the gift of a handmade survival bracelet! They make great gifts for sure and are attractive for men and women. Through Trinity International Missions, the funds will be used to help construct a chicken coop and purchase some hens for the Children’s Ministry.



TODAY AT NSCC

Message

Come and Die
What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?
Mark 1: 14,15

Serving Today

Chapel Hour - 8:00
Greeters and Communion Prep:
The Seavers
Nursery: Josie Hartman

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

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

Children’s Church
Room 102 during
The Gathering for Worship

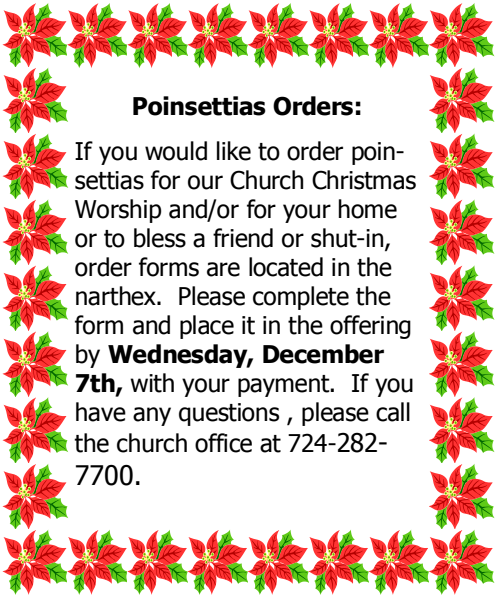
Offering Report
November 20

General	\$2,637.29
Designated	\$1,153.00
Total	\$3,790.29

Building Fund
\$36,851.68



Accurate Solutions Group is kicking off **Operation: Give Thanks** - a great opportunity to share our abundant blessings with others! Through December 31st, our firm is competing against hundreds of the top independent financial professionals from around the country with a group goal of collecting at least 2 million canned goods and other non-perishable food items for donation to the Salvation Army and families in need, and we need **your** help! To contribute, simply stop by the office located at **205 Sunset Dr. Ste.1, Butler, PA 16001, Monday -Thursday, 8am – 4:30pm** or leave on our door step. As part of this nationwide effort, we have a chance to show just how giving the people of our city are - help us make the biggest impact possible! Thank you and Happy Holidays!
-Curt Knotick & Accurate Solutions Group, LLC



Poinsettias 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 by **Wednesday, December 7th**, with your payment. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 724-282-7700.

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



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.

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!

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 27th — DECEMBER 3rd.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 The Gathering for Worship	7:00 Freedom @ Legacy	Take the time to encourage: Don Martin 627 Herman Road Butler, PA 16001	6:30 Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Meeting & Faith Weaver Friends	12:30 Christianity Explored @ Legacy		11:00-4:00 Christmas Expo