

# North Street News

November 25, 2012

**We welcome you** to North Street Christian Church today. Our greatest desire is to share the message of love and spiritual deliverance found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our motto is to, Love God and Love People. You are invited to join us in wholehearted worship as we proclaim the Word of God, pray with and for one another, share in friendship, and partake of the bread and fruit of the vine of the Lord's Table. Jesus said, "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship in spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-25) Let us do so!

## FROM THE PULPIT

### Thankfulness as a Virtue

~TODAY – Thankfulness: A Rare Virtue – *We will look in on 10 lepers who received from Jesus, to find that only 1 was touched with an attitude of gratitude.*  
~December 2 – The Cross of Atonement and the Table of Thankfulness – *We will discover and practice deep truth found in God's Story of the REDEMPTION of PEOPLE!*  
~The Christmas Sermon series COME TO JESUS begins December 16. Jacob Klutinoty will preach on December 9.

## THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU

It is hard to not sound "apostolic" when quoting Scripture to express our gratitude to God for and about one another. To demonstrate, if I quoted these words about you in a greeting card sent to you; " I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:4-6), or these, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thessalonians 1:2,3) it may seem a bit over the top!

BUT, when the same gratitude is heartfelt, (even though we are not apostles,) that gratitude is expressible in similar words. With that in mind, **I do praise the Lord for YOU.** This past Sunday, we experienced a demonstration of thanksgiving, as many people brought Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes filled with gifts for poor children somewhere in the world. Over 100 boxes were on the platform as the 10:15 Gathering for Worship began! More were brought forward after that. Over 65 My Choice Medical Center Baby Bottles full of change, bills, and checks were given to support this life-saving ministry. We have not heard the total just yet, but no doubt you came through generously and sacrificially. Nearly 80 people attended the My Choice Luncheon to learn more about volunteering and supporting that ministry which specializes in saving babies' lives and ministering to moms-to-be and moms and dads after the baby is born.

**OUR THANKFULNESS TO GOD ABOUNDED AS WE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN HIS NAME!** That is the cycle of blessing we see throughout the Scripture. Others get blessed, God gets glorified, and we receive blessing upon blessing that we may do it again! See II Corinthians 9:6-15 to learn more about this cycle of blessing. **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!** I close with the following truth I gleaned from a devotion I read recently. "Remember we were lost, but now we are found. Remember we lived for ourselves, but now we live for others. Remember we were guilty, but now we are forgiven. Remember we were selfish, but now we are unselfish. Remember we were proud, but now we are humble. Remember God was distant, but now He is our heavenly Father. Remember Jesus was a good teacher, but now He is our Savior. Remember the Holy Spirit was strange, but now He is our personal guide. We remember God and our faith flourishes."

### REMEMBER GOD. BE THANKFUL. WATCH YOUR FAITH FLOURISH!

Loving God and Loving People with a Thankful Heart and with YOU,  
Pastor Bob



### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



Each year at Christmastime, NSCC includes poinsettias in the decoration of the auditorium. The flowers are donated by members and friends in memory or honor of loved ones. The poinsettias will be on display from December 16 - 24, and can be taken home by those who purchased them after worship on Christmas Eve. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Christian Ed Annex and at the rear of the auditorium. Or simply call or stop by the office for assistance. Call Shannon at 724-282-7700

### CHRISTmas Eve Worship

December 24th at 6:45pm

### HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

NSCC is presently receiving funds to help victims of Hurricane Sandy. Proceeds will be sent to Chosen People Ministries of Brooklyn, New York to aid this ministry in meeting needs of those who experienced loss in the New York City area. Make checks payable to North Street Christian Church and on the memo write - Hurricane Relief. Gifts will be totaled and sent as one check from NSCC the week of December 2.

## WORKING HARD FOR THE LORD

**The Shepherd of My Heart Pre-K students enjoyed making a Thanksgiving feast for their parents. It was a morning filled with lots of hands-on activities and fun taste testing.**

"Whatever you do, do your work for the Lord" Colossians 3:23



Liam cuts celery for the stuffing.



Zane shakes & makes butter!



Madi spreads the pumpkin.

### GOBBLE, GOBBLE!



Take one apple, peel away the skin and enjoy! Making applesauce is tasty work!

### PRESENTING NEW GLASSES FOR BRADY



Jacob Croup and Charity O'Donnell shared their gift for acting last Wednesday. They both did an amazing job presenting the skit, "New Glasses for Brady!" Charity portrayed a young girl who sees the silver lining in every situation and helps her friend see things in a new and positive light.

Thank you for supporting Shepherd of My Heart Christian Preschool!



### A Gift

We would like to give each person who comes to the community meals on December 15th a Friedman's Gift Certificate. We would appreciate any donations. We average 80 people for each meal. Thanks so much, Community Meal Crew.



### IT IS TIME!

For you to get ready to cheer on our Boys and Girls Basketball Team. Our Boys will be playing: *NSCC Sr. Boys Team 1 -vs- Saint Pauls*  
*Thursday November 29th at 8:40pm at Cubs Hall. \$1.00 admission*

### IN THE MANGER, WITH A MISSION

I love Christmas, as any Christian should. It's a time where we really look at the gift that we were given by God himself, a gift that can only be described as indescribable. This year the youth will be looking at Christmas with a series entitled "In the manger with mission."

We will look at the manger and see what Christ gave up in coming to earth, but we will also look at the mission that he had for coming. You see we think of the Christmas story as some fairytale picture with a cute little baby and some kid playing his drum beside him. This year I want to look at Christmas from the thought of that little baby that was lying in the manger, knew what would happen to him in the future.

He was born with a mission

A baby with a plan

The act of your remission

In the manger it began

**FA LA LA LA LA... LA LA LA LA ~Jake**



### KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

THE NEW DIRECTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AROUND MID-FEBRUARY, JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINES DAY. PLEASE WATCH THE NEWS SHEET FOR INFORMATION.



**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: KINDNESS**  
*Reach out to your Secret Sister and say some extra prayers for her*

### OFFERING REPORT

NOVEMBER 18, 2012

GENERAL \$ 4709.00

DESIGNATED \$ 4432.30

TOTAL \$ 9141.30

### BUILDING FUND

\$ 286,477.20

NOVEMBER 25TH - DECEMBER 1ST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 8:00 Chapel Hour 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Gathering for Worship 12:00 My Choice Luncheon	26 4:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 5:30 Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal	27 6:30 Board Meeting & Elder's Meeting 7:00 Bible Study at Klutinoty's 1060 Whitestown Rd	28 Children's Ministry on Break 6:30 Youth Group	29	30	1