



NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

North Street Christian Church 220 W. North St., Butler, PA 16001 724-282-7700

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Genesis Chapter 3

We at North Street Christian Church are a group of people who are passionate about and living for the glory of God. We gather together to worship Christ because He is totally worthy. In our worship of God, we aim to know God which is why we spend time in the Bible. You will find our services to be sermon heavy, and very focused on the proper interpretation of the text. Join us as we aim to be the church, and properly understand the living God that we serve.

INFANT RECOGNITION TODAY

Help us today at North Street, as we celebrate the gift of life by recognizing babies born into our congregation and asking parents to commit to raising them up in the Lord.

CANDY CANE

Here at North Street we love evangelism! We take the opportunity at Christmas time to evangelize by passing out Gospel info and Candy Canes. If you would like to take part in this please contact Dennis Muir at 724-355-4638.

The Tradition of the Tree

Christmas is a great time of year. People have traditions that they love, families come together, and lots of great food is enjoyed. But perhaps one of the strangest customs of this season is the Christmas tree. Have you ever stopped to think about the idea of going out into the cold, killing a tree, then dragging it into your house where it makes a mess and continues to rot away? The Christmas tree has become a fun part of this holiday for families all over the world. The Christmas tree finds its roots in the pagan celebration of Saturnalia. Saturnalia was the celebration of the sun continuing to shine. When winter comes the amount of time that is bright from the sun gets shorter. As the light seemed to come in shorter and shorter stretches, what would happen when it went out completely? The light didn't go out completely, it hits a certain point and the days begin to increase the amount of light provided. This recognition that the sun was unconquered and the light would still shine was celebrated at Saturnalia. December 19-25 was the seven-day celebration because that's the week the days stop getting shorter and start getting longer. During this festival, they would exchange and decorate their homes with green trees. Evergreens don't lose their color. In the darkest week of the year, they would add color to their homes. It is from this pagan celebration that we get the date of December 25, as well as our tradition to bring a tree into our home. While these things may have started as a pagan holiday, Christmas and its traditions can be an amazing celebration of redemption. Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly. So, kill a tree and celebrate the redeemer that was born to seek and save the lost.



INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thank you for going to the app store on your phone and downloading **Instant Church Directory**. Please FILL OUT THE FORM (located on the information table at the front of the church) so we can add you to the NEW church directory. Most needed information is your NAME and EMAIL address. Any questions, please contact Shannon at 724-679-4126 and drop the form in the offering plate or at the office.

Eat Dessert First!

The Eckerts are having a Bake Sale **Sunday, December 12** to benefit Life Choices. Life Choices is a pro-life ministry committed to upholding the sanctity of human life by assisting and educating individuals facing unplanned pregnancies; they have a clinic right here in Butler. So come get your Christmas "baking" done today (we won't tell)! Tables will be set up beside the nursery.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship	10:15 - NO Ladies Bible Study 6:30 - Ladies Bible Study 6:30 - Men's Bible Study	7:00 - Bible Study	6:30 - Adventure Club 6:30 - ROOTED	10:30 - SR. Bible Study 7:00 - 20' & 30's Bible Study	7:00 - Bible Study	5:00 - Community Meal (2nd & 3rd of every month)