

**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain  
who build it... Psalm 127:1a**

**Ministry:**

**The Table**

**Every Wednesday Evening**

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

**Announcements:**



**You Are Invited to...!  
Celebration 2007**

*The Northern Atlantic Fellowship Annual Conference  
Sunday, March 18, 2007 at Penn Valley Grace Brethren  
Church, Telford, PA  
For more info call the church office.*

Remember your invitation to dinner at the **“Community Table”**. Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm at the Birdsboro Community Library. This is in association with Hopewell Love INC. Contact the church office for more info.

Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. We are hosting the shelter in the Parish House this month and **still looking for volunteers** for this ministry. This collaborative is called ***The Ministries at MAIN Street***. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

**Camp Conquest** is seeking to hire a female program assistant. The applicant should have or be able to acquire an ARC Lifeguard Certificate. Duties will include lifeguarding, janitorial, program and other duties. Pay includes housing, meals and \$225 per week. Position starts about June 5th and ends about July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Mike at 717.336.2541 or at [mike@campconquest.org](mailto:mike@campconquest.org) for details.

**Prayers Collections from the Worship Table**

- ✓ Lord I need funds for rent & a job. Also, health issues with diabetes. ~RJF
- ✓ Pray for my brother Sam who is incarcerated and struggling with addiction. ~Unknown
- ✓ Church, continue to pray for me to be more like God! ~SH
- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ There is a couple who are looking for help renovating their home into rooms for rent to help those in need. Pray as to how you might help their efforts.
- ✓ Randy is having knee surgery on Tuesday.

**Next week... March 4, 2007: Lent 2 (Year C)**

**psalm 27, genesis 15.1–12, 17–18,**

**luke 13.31–35, & philippians 3.17–4.1**

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**Worship:**

**Tabernacle Worship Service**

**Every Sunday Evening**

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm



**"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23**

**The Week of February 25th, 2007**

**"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God..." (Lk 4.1-3a)**



**temptation  
expedient religious deserts?**

**Worship**  
psalm 91.1–2, 9–16  
deuteronomy 26.1–11  
luke 4.1–14  
romans 10.8b–13  
**lent 1**  
**Our Mission**

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

**Benediction**

## [Worship]

### psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, 2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. 14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. 16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

### Your Notes:

Please also read  
deuteronomy 26.1-11  
& luke 4.1-14

### Meditation:

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## [The Scripture]

### romans 10.8b - 13

8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."



## [Think & Pray...]

**Reflection:** Jesus would partake in Passover, remembering Israel's deliverance from Egypt, at least 30 times before he stood on the edge of his own wilderness. Jesus, like Israel, enters this desert to find freedom, but ironically must reject the very blessings - food, new land, and protection - that God graced upon the Israelites during their time in the desert, and later in Canaan. He rejected the temptation of launching His ministry through power and strength, choosing the power of weakness and reliance on the Spirit.

Jesus' temptation in the desert focuses on what kind of messiah He'd be. Would he win the people by granting what their national desire demanded, or would he invite them/us to share in his suffering and resurrection?

**Consider:** During our Lenten Desert, are we intentionally "Exodus-ed" into weakness through reliance on God's Spirit? Do we short-cut God's journey of making us representatives of deliverance by our desire to escape discomfort?