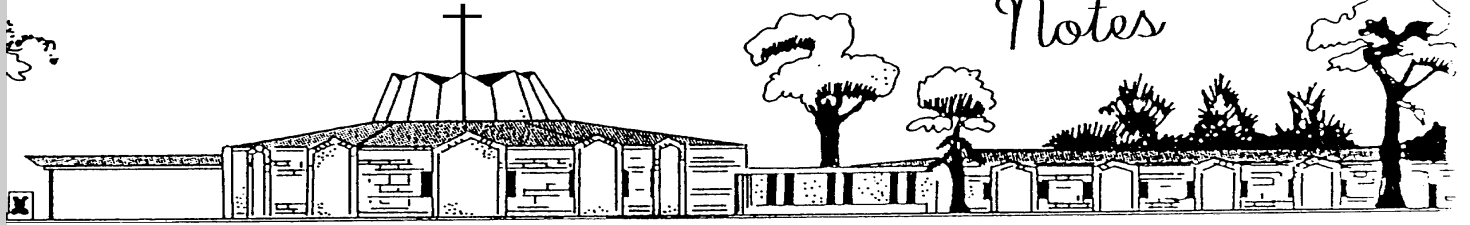


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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NOTE FROM DON



The last several months my family has really been enjoying watching a show on television called "Extreme Makeover." It is a show where they take some not-so-very-attractive men and women (to say the least) and take them through whatever means necessary to get them to where they are looking pretty darn good! In some cases this process is close to miraculous. Some of the things they go through though, to achieve this goal of being considered attractive are emotionally and physically taxing. Almost everyone involved goes through the same process ... liposuction, tummy tucks, lip enlargement, breast implants (women only), chin reconstruction, gum surgery, laser eye surgery, hair transplants, and porcelain veneers for new teeth.

I have to admit I would love to have a few of those things done myself. But going out to dinner and my daughter's braces pushed their way to the front as far as my priorities are concerned, and eating out has actually changed my appearance quite a bit! But as you watch these people who have had these makeovers burst into tears as they see their new face and body for the first time, it's moving.

At the end of the program they show a picture of their old self and then the new one. And then they list everything they did to get them that way -- the tummy, the nose, the eyes and all the other improvements. The one thing I've never seen listed is the "heart."

Nope, the extreme makeover of the heart can only be done by Jesus Christ. And, unlike the makeovers that I'm watching on T. V. that will eventually grow old and wear out, the extreme makeover of the heart is eternal.

Paschall once said, "There is a God-shaped void in all of our hearts ... that only He can fill." We try to fill that void with whatever is the current trend of the week. But the only thing that can make our hearts new is that relationship with Jesus Christ Himself. When he has made our heart new the words "extreme makeover" are truly the perfect terms to describe what has happened to us. For even though we may look just like we always have on the outside, on the inside we are a new creation. The old has passed away and everything has become new. We need to accept the fact that we may not be perfect, growing older (and in my case growing larger) on the inside we are just right, in fact, being made better day by day! See ya Sunday!

In His Grip,
Don






Area Minister to Speak

Rev. Herb Lynskey, the Coastal Plains Area Minister, will be our guest speaker this next Sunday, March 28th. Herb brings a great deal of wisdom and experience to the pulpit. Please plan to attend church next Sunday to hear his message, and meet our area minister!

GOT A MINUTE?????????

We need your help. As in the past, the Youth Group is planning a mission trip this summer. To help with our expenses we ask for your support of our fundraisers.

We invite you to take a little tour of Italy – and it's a lot closer than you think! Just come to the Activity Building immediately after worship service this Sunday, March 28, and break Italian bread with us. Donations are gratefully accepted.

 Here comes Peter Cottontail, 
 Hoppin' down the bunny trail.
Northwood is where you 
 Get your bunny cake!

Our third annual cake sale is here! Bunny cakes in either chocolate or white will be sold at \$10.00. Order your cake by leaving a message at the church at 892-3404 or by simply picking up an order form from any member of the youth group. Cakes will be available for pick-up or delivery on Good Friday, April 2, 2004.

A.L.P.H.A. CELEBRATION DINNER

The A.L.P.H.A. program that began in January is drawing to a close. The participants in the program have enjoyed fellowship and study, including sharing a meal each week, watching a video created for the program and discussing the video topic in small groups. A celebration dinner to mark the completion of this 10-week session will be held Sunday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Northwood Activity Building. We hope to conduct another A.L.P.H.A. program in the future. All who are interested in learning more about the program are invited to attend, along with the current participants. Come, and invite a friend! For information, please contact Lanis McWilliams.

OUTREACH REMINDER

April is Northwood's month to stock the pantry at Some Other Place. Any and all non-perishables are always needed, but we are stressing the following items during April:

- April 4 – cereals, hot or cold;
- April 11 – peanut butter and/or jelly;
- April 18 – canned meat;
- April 25 – canned fruit.

Showers in the Forecast!

The CWF will host a bridal shower for Brooke Bassett on Sunday, March 28, 2004, in the Northwood Activity Building from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All girls and women of the church are invited. Brooke is registered at Foley's, Target, and Linens 'n' Things. (Brooke's wedding to Robbie Saurage will take place May 22 at First Christian Church in Beaumont.)

ATTENTION RETIREES ...

And anyone else who enjoys games and/or good fellowship. The next monthly Northwood game day will be held at the church on Monday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. Come on down and join us!

The Free Wheelers will meet for lunch at 11:30 on Monday, April 12. Please contact Florene Price regarding the location and other particulars. The group will return to the church after lunch for games.

Order Easter Lilies Now

We are still taking orders for lilies to adorn the church for Easter for \$10.00 each. If you haven't already done so and you wish to purchase one or more lilies in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office to place your order or find order forms enclosed in the Sunday bulletin.

Report from Bill Gates Country

Anne and Joe Beavers are now moved into their new apartment near Seattle, Washington. Anne reports they have a view of the river, and a brand new library is only one block away. She is "in heaven!" Their new address is 8935 160th Ave N.E., Apt A302, Redmond, WA 98052-7503.

FOR IMPORTANT CHURCH FINANCIAL NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION, SEE THE BACK OF THE ENCLOSED APRIL CALENDAR.



YOUTH COLUMN

Spring Rally

This year's Spring Rally will be taking place on April 2-3 at Northwood. To ensure the success of these events, we humbly ask parents and Church members to volunteer in the inner workings of the Rally.

UP COMING

Invite your friends and neighbors for activities in the sun. Because of our Beauuuutiful weather, we will be taking part in many outside activities. Having begun with ultimate Frisbee last week, we will be taking part in activities such as sand volleyball, putt-putt and SUN TANNING WITH DJ. There will be a contest on the richest and darkest tan. HA HA HA HA HA.

Call DJ should you have any questions. **351-2125** make sure to leave DJ a message.

PARENTS

Dear Parents. We thank you for your involvement with youth events and projects. We ask for your continued support most importantly concerning the upcoming Youth Rally, headed by Carrie Mercer. As a group we are in need of parental assistance for Saturday, April 3rd. Please call the church or DJ at 351-2125 if you are interested in assisting. Again, we appreciate your help.

COLLEGE GROUP

We love the college group. Our meeting time remains at 7:00 pm and we are looking forward for our next meeting. Remember to bring spending money for dinner after Bible Study.



RANDOM THOUGHT

I couldn't repair my brakes, so I made the horn louder!!!

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