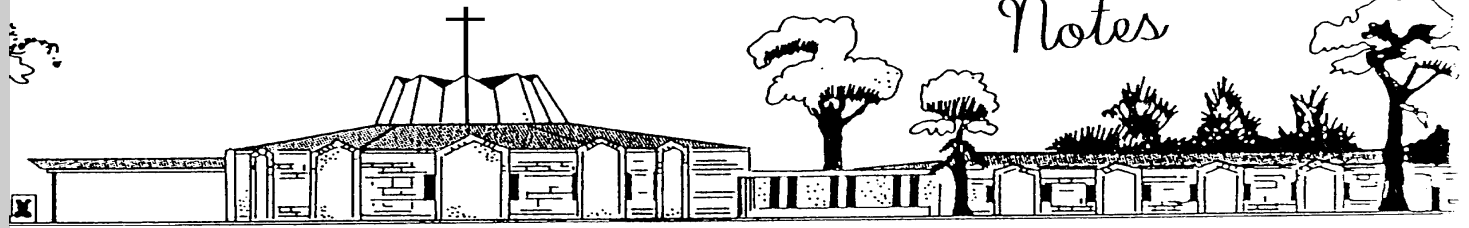


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

April 20, 2004

NOTE FROM DON



This past Saturday, D.J. and I had to go to Houston for a meeting. It was intended for all those who are going to be serving as camp counselors this summer. Those are always fun, but getting up so early on your day off and driving for an hour and a half, well...I can think of other things I would have rather done. Plus, I needed to be back in Beaumont to attend a funeral visitation for Barbara Boyett from 3-5 p.m. We were on our way home, about 35 miles outside of Beaumont, when traffic came to a dead stop. At first, I thought this would take just a minute. But then after 30-40 minutes, I began to worry. It was already 3:30 p.m. About that time, a group of people came walking back from where the problem seemed to be and said there had been a serious accident and the police said to plan on at least another hour and a half wait.

I'm no math whiz, but with it being a little past 3:30 p.m., plus an hour and a half wait, plus the 40 minute drive we had remaining to Beaumont, I was not going to make it to the funeral visitation on time to meet with the family. So I made an executive decision to cut across the yellow line on my left, bounce down across the grass into the ditch, and get back up on the highway (hopefully) and go the other way. After about 10 minutes, we found a small side road we could take back to Beaumont. So we did and made it home with time to spare.

I'm saying all this to make the point that sometimes you have to go outside the line to make ministry happen. I am not talking about breaking laws. What I am saying is that sometimes we have to break with tradition or break with those unspoken rules with unspoken expectations. We must never break with traditions just for the sake of being different. For traditions can give us a sense of stability and history that we need. But we must allow ourselves and sometimes even force ourselves to step outside of the lines, for so often when we do this it will create new ministries. Plus, we are usually the ones who painted the lines in the first place.

The bottom line is that we need to follow the model that Christ set for us. That was being 100% obedient to His heavenly Father, while taking all conventional wisdoms of how ministry should be done and turning it on its ear. Sounds like a great idea for our little church too! And next time D.J. said that he was going to drive.

2004 Camp and Conference Schedule

The following are the camp dates, registration deadlines and fees for the 2004 summer camps in Gonzales:

8th Grade ~ May 30-June 5 ~ Deadline 4/29/04 ~ \$250

CYF ~ June 13-19 ~ Deadline 5/13/04 ~ \$250

Discovery (Grades 2 & 3)~June 21-23 ~ Deadline 5/21/04

\$100; Parents' fee \$100

Chi Rho ~ June 27-July 3 ~ Deadline 5/27/04 ~ \$250

Junior Camp ~ July 11-16 ~ Deadline 6/11/04 ~ \$225

Late registrations are accepted up to 14 days after the original deadline for an additional \$40 fee. For more information or registration forms, please contact D.J. Davis.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone who has contributed food items for donation to Some Other Place this month. The special item requested for the last Sunday in April (the 25th) is canned fruit. We'll see you this Sunday with cans of peaches, pears, fruit cocktail or whatever fruit suits your fancy! (Other nonperishable foods will be welcomed as well.)

Reminder

The Kit List has been replaced with the Prayer Chain. Both the telephone and the e-mail method of notification are in effect for prayer requests.

If you wish to participate, please indicate your choice in the box below and place in the collection plate.

<i>Prayer Chain Notification</i>	
Telephone #	_____
or	
E-mail address:	_____
_____	Signature

Forms will also be available on the hall table.

In His grip, DON

A.L.P.H.A. is over...for now

Northwood recently completed its first A.L.P.H.A. program. Many thanks to Lanis McWilliams and her team of small group leaders, cooks, and kitchen workers for a successful first run. The next A.L.P.H.A. program is planned for this coming fall. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The pastor's cabinet will meet on Wednesday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the church, followed by meetings of the functional committees at 7:00.

Wedding Bells

Best wishes to Kristen Noel Parks and Wade Ronald McGraw, who were wed March 27, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Beaumont. Kristen is the daughter of our former accompanist Beverly Parks.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere love and sympathy go out to ...

The family of Barbara Boyett, who passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2004, at St. Elizabeth Hospital after a long illness. Funeral was held for Mrs. Boyett this past Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Pat and Steve Focken and family upon the death in March of Pat's great-aunt, Bess Cooper of Missouri.

James Mason upon the death of his sister, Colleen O'Connell, on April 14, 2004.

Reminder to the Women

Have you registered for Kaleidoscope? This workshop for women leaders will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2004, at The Woodlands Christian Church. Three mini workshops will be held. The \$12.00 fee includes lunch. Barbara Wallace has more information.



Youth Column

Bowling

Sunday, April 25 Meet @ 4:00 pm Bring some cash for extra snacks..

Hatch's Crew

Keep your ear to the ground because our latest assignment will be to join with the Men of the Church to build a wheel chair ramp. Time and Date are TBA but be prepared to serve others.

Thanks

I would like to thank Ros Dunkleburger, Debbie and Mike Waguspack, Lora and Denny Parker, Craig Mercer, Don and Linda Joseph, and Fidela Poff for being involved in the past youth fund raisers. Thank you for all that you do.

Up Coming Events

- May 2 – Service Day (Project TBA)
- 9 – Mother's Day (no youth)
- 16 – Sand Volleyball (parents needed to drive)
- 23 – Games in the Upper Room
- 30 – Eigher's Camp (youth TBA)

Sign up at D.J.'s door for these events.

Random Thought

Do you think that when they asked George Washington for ID that he just whipped out a quarter?

Recognition of Outstanding Youth

The Church would like to recognize some of our talented youth group members. Congratulations to Tony Poff on his outstanding performance at UIL. Haylee Williams has been a star on the soccer field and she has proven herself to be a tremendous athlete. Finally we would like to congratulate Carrie Mercer for her phenomenal job in her play. Keep up the great work guys!

College Group

The college group continues to meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the activity building. We have really been enjoying spending time together and learning more about God. If you are a college student and you wish to attend, you are more than welcome to join this group. Hope to see you there!

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