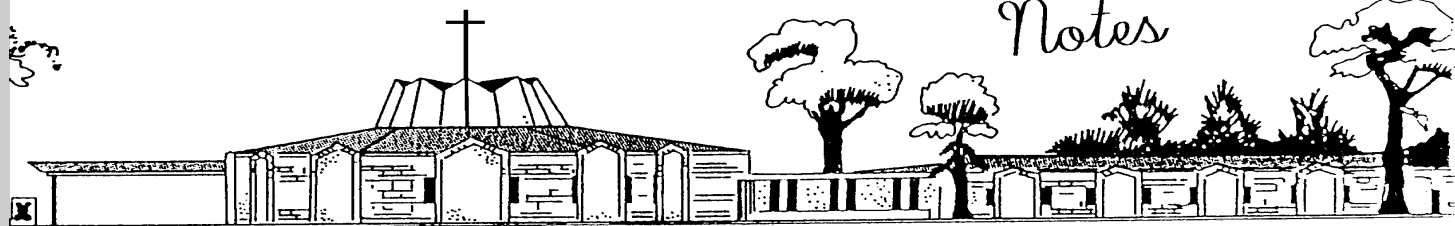


Northwood Christian Church



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

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

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Note From Don



This past week our printer quit working here in the office. Our temporary secretary, "Russ," yelled he was going to move the printer because he saw just a smidge of ink leaking out from under the printer. The next thing you know, I hear this incredibly loud groan and Russ yelling, "Oh no!" As I run into the office to see what's happening, I see Russ, as well as the carpet on the office floor, *covered* with ink. And not just little spots, I'm talking about **BIG**, really **black** stains about four to five inches around, and they looked like they would never come out. Russ and D. J. and I spent a good hour and a half with carpet cleaner trying to get it out. Then Russ and his mom came back later that evening with some super duper Hoover cleaner and worked on it some more.

Throughout the week many people have given it their two cents worth with their magic cleaners and great ideas, yet as of today, the stains still exist. They don't stand out quite as much but they are still there. It's that "indelible ink;" once it comes in contact with something like paper or cardboard, it is marked forever. And as of today, the jury is still out with carpet.

God's Holy Spirit is like that indelible ink. We as believers have been marked by the Holy Spirit. And when this happens we are changed forever. We are given "power" ... to do great things, "passion" to love the unlovable. If we are basically the same people we were before we believed in Christ, and now we just attend church, we need to examine what we truly believe. God's Holy Spirit is what gave the early church the power and the vision to explode and grow, and it is what Northwood Christian Church must depend on to grow as well, to bring new people and new life to this wonderful church. When we spilled the ink on the office floor it was an accident. God's pouring out of His Holy Spirit is *no accident*. It is intentional. And we should ask for it. Psalms 84:11 says, "No good thing will He withhold from those who walk with Him." And that's all we are waiting for, the good things that God's Spirit will bring. (Maybe even some new carpet!)

Thank You from the Boyett Family

Dear Friends,

Wes, Neil and I would like to let you know how much our whole family appreciated all the food that you provided. It was wonderful. Also, all the prayers and concern have meant so much. We all have very fond memories of our days at Northwood. Thank you so much for the love you showed Mom.

Sincerely,

Lori, Wes, and Neil

Congratulations to D.J.!

We would like to congratulate Youth Minister D.J. Davis on his musical performance at Bethany Christian Church last Sunday during the Coastal Plains Area Assembly. He knocked the socks off of everyone there and moved the congregation with his booming voice. Great job D.J.!

Mother's Day

Just a reminder to all sons and daughters, Mother's Day is May 9 so make sure you are ready! Make them feel special because they deserve just as much love as they give us!

Fellowship Dinner

The Church will be having its monthly fellowship dinner at 12:00 p.m. on May 16th. Please bring one or two dishes to share with everyone.

Freewheelers' Lunch

The Freewheelers will be meeting for lunch at Red Lobster on Monday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see all the Freewheelers there!

In His Grip, DON

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF will be held on May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Clarence Kessler. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.

Wedding Bells

Brooke Michelle Bassett and Robby Chad Saurage invite you to share in the joy when they exchange marriage vows and begin their new life together on Saturday, the twenty-second of May Two thousand and four at six o'clock in the evening at First Christian Church 5290 North Caldwell Drive Beaumont, Texas.

Adult Bible Study

The adults of the church continue to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday nights. They are currently studying the book of Romans. They look forward to seeing you there!

John Sperling Scholarship

Calling all college students! If you would like to apply for the John Sperling Scholarship fund, pick up an application form in the office. July 1st is the deadline. Any active member of Northwood who is a full time student in an accredited institution is eligible.

Camp Information

Eighter's Camp will be held on May 30th through June 5th. Joint camp with the Blue Bonnet area for the youth who have completed the eighth grade.

The CYF Camp and conference will be taking place June 13th-June 19th. The registration deadline is May 13th.

College Group

The college group will be meeting at the Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6.

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MISSION TRIP

The sign up sheet for Mission Trip is on D.J.'s door, so if you are interested you can sign up. The destinations that have been discussed are New Orleans, Louisiana and San Antonio, Texas. The dates are July 11-17. For more information talk to D.J.

Wheel Chair Ramp

Youth Group, we need you! If you haven't already heard, we have been asked to take part in the demolition and reconstruction of a wheel chair ramp. This task is one that we cannot fail in.

WE NEED YOU!!! We are scheduled for this project on an upcoming Saturday that will be announced shortly. If interested in taking part in this great endeavor, please come by or contact D.J. for further information and signing up. Allow me to reiterate: WE NEED YOU!!!.....LIKE REALLY.

No Youth Group on Mother's Day

...and let me tell you why. We love our mommies, a lot, and our daddies don't know what to buy them for Mother's Day. So we are going to take this time to help our daddies get our mommies good gifts, so that when Father's Day rolls around, our mommies won't be mad at our daddies. Good luck. But we will be resuming our youth group time on May 16th with a sand volleyball game at the municipal courts.

Random Thought



Why do kamikazee pilots wear helmets?

Camp Schedules:

Eighter's Camp May 30- June 5
Cyf June 13-19 deadline: May 13
Discovery Camp June 21-23 deadline: May 21
Chi Rho June 27- July 3 deadline: May 27
JuniorCamp July 11- July 16 deadline: June 11

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