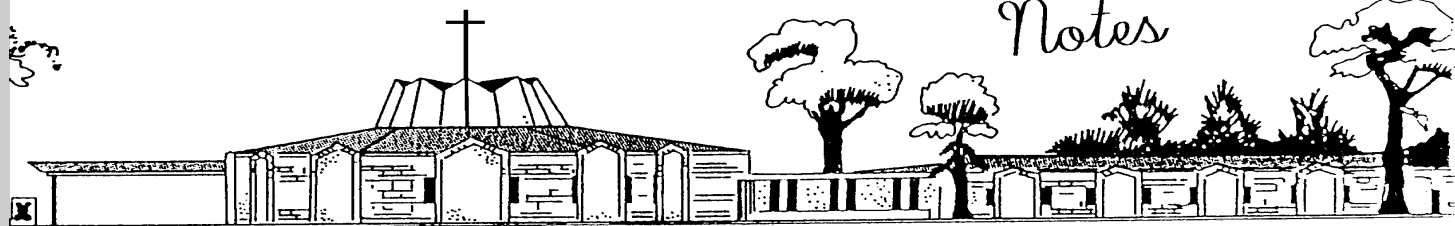


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Note From Don



About a month ago, my daughter and I were running through the local grocery store. We had been requested by my wife to pick up just a “few” items on the way home. But since I don’t like going back to the grocery store every few days I had decided to at least run up and down the aisles to see if anything jumped out at me. My daughter Kelsey, on the other hand, just wanted to get home! But since we were already there we did what needed to be done. By the time we got to the cash register, Kelsey was really nervous and ready to go. I have to admit, she can get a little impatient at times. As we were checking out, I asked her to run my credit card through that little machine. She is much better at it than I am and I still don’t understand the difference between debit and credit. Then she asked me if I wanted any cash back. I thought for a moment and told her, “I would like \$20.00 back.” I waited while she quickly pushed all the buttons. Then she closed her eyes and looked at me with a sheepish sort of smile. And then the cashier smiled and said, “Here is your two cents Mr. Joseph.” Not twenty dollars... two cents. My daughter said she got in a hurry and pushed the buttons too fast. We both could not help but laugh...

I am convinced that God has given us so many good things and wants to give us so many more! But if we rush through life going from place to place and from task to task we are going to get shortchanged in what our Lord wants to give us. It seems like we are always in such a hurry trying to create our own blessings instead of accepting the ones our Lord had already given us. Life is about taking time to really listen to conversations instead of thinking about what you’re going to say next. That includes listening to what God has to say to us. God is always trying to speak to us. It’s about taking time to read some scripture on a busy day because those words give us a foundation to handle the stresses that we encounter. Take some time to pray and talk to the One who made us. And maybe then we will have a better understanding of why we feel the way we do. God wants to give us an **abundant** life. If we rush through life then we will just settle for our 2 cents’ worth. There is so much more. Let’s take our time and see what God wants to give us. It’s worth the wait. See you Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

Welcome New Members!

Northwood would like to welcome David, Lacey, and Rhys Earle into our church family. We are so happy to have them and look forward to many wonderful times with them in the future!

John Sperling Scholarship

It’s that time of the year again! Our church offers a small scholarship, called the John Sperling Scholarship, to members of our congregation. The eligibility requirements are: **“Any active member of Northwood Christian Church attending any college, trade school, or accredited institution who continues education beyond the high school level on a full time basis.”** Deadline: July 1, 2004. Application forms are available in the church office.

Sending Our Love to the Military

Many thanks to you generous Northwood folks! We had so much candy, food, notions, games, socks, snacks, and helpful items that we sent not one but FOUR packages to our “daughter” in Iraq. And thank you, too, for the money for postage. We also have some money left for future boxes and letters to Amanda. God bless you and keep praying for Amanda.

Many of our soldiers are not as fortunate as Amanda to receive mail regularly from friends and family. If you would like to help a lonely soldier feel appreciated, please donate a greeting card with a brief message inside, do not seal the envelope, and place it on the hall table inside the back door at Northwood. Karen Young will take it from there and see that the cards are distributed to our soldiers.

VBS! Marketplace 29 AD

July 10th-25th

July 10th-25th may sound far away, but it is going to be here before we know it and we will need many helpers. Please let Don or D.J. know if you want to help. Start on your costume now and make a few for children who come without costumes. We also will need tents and someone to build a well for us. All directions are in the book available in D.J.’s office. While you’re on vacation in June, bring back items suggestive of Bible time living like an oil lamp, sheep’s wool, sandals, jewelry, flat bread, date or nut candy...you know what is appropriate because you read your Bible. Thank you!!!

Freewheelers' Lunch

The Freewheelers will be meeting at 11:30 on June 14th for lunch. They will be eating at the Black-Eyed Pea. All Freewheelers are welcome!

CWF Kaleidoscope

Northwood was represented at Kaleidoscope in Houston recently by **Lora Parker** and **Barbara Wallace**. The program included workshops, music, worship, and the introduction of the 2004-2005 study material, which is entitled "Body and Soul."

CWF Luncheon

All ladies of Northwood and guests are invited to the Activity Building on June 5 at 12:00 noon for lunch and fellowship. **Paula O'Neal**, director of Some Other Place, will be our speaker. Officers for the year 2004-2005 will also be installed. And ... **LeAnn Wallace** will entertain us by playing the piano while we are gathering together. If you are not a member of CWF, we especially invite you to join us on Saturday for lunch.

Young Adult Bible Study

The young adult group will be meeting in the Activity Building this Thursday. If you are a young adult and/or a college student and wish to be a part of this group, then please let us know!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

8 Ben Thore
9 Gloria Brown
9 Lynne Weems
11 Scotty Gordon (Mahan)
14 Jean Gibbs
15 Kaylee Gordon (Mahan)
20 Russ Furry
21 Amanda Waguspack
24 Chris Williams



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There is NO TURNING BACK!

Let it be known, IT IS OFFICIAL! The Mission Trip will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The group will be leaving on Sunday, July 11th in which they will be prayed off by the church and they will be working for 5 days and returning on July 16th. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the group from First Christian will not be able to join us on this Mission Trip. We will miss them.

Although optimistic, I'm looking forward to our mission, we still need YOUR HELP! We would like to thank those that have contributed to our cause and any added contributions to the youth group will be *GREATLY* appreciated. We are facing a few more unexpected expenses, but have faith that the Lord will provide. Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and support.

Joyfully,
D.J.

Father's Day Caricature Youth Fundraiser Dinner...Can This Title Be Any Longer? Maybe? I Dunno? Perhaps?

On June 20th the youth group will host a lasagna dinner to raise money for the Mission Trip. Donations will be accepted at the door. Our resident artist, D.J. Davis, will be doing caricatures on site of the fathers and will be accepting additional donations for those as well.

Random Thought



Why does sour cream have an expiration date?

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