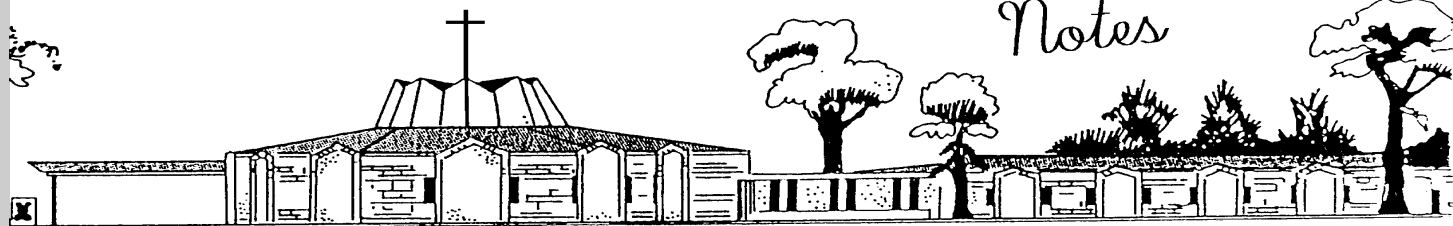


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Note From Don



The other night my entire family was sitting down watching one of those TV dramas together. All across the couch...all three of us. As the show came to an end, everyone kind of relaxed and then my daughter Kelsey slowly leaned forward and gave this playful evil smile toward her mother. Her mother leaned forward in the same way and returned the smile. There was a pregnant pause...then out of nowhere these two women sprang off the couch together and began this mad dash down our narrow hall, each one jockeying for first place. I had no idea what was going on! Not until I heard my wife shout, "That's not fair! I should get to go online first. I have to be at work early." And Kelsey's response of course was that she got there first. And I was just so grateful that I really don't care that much at all about my desire to go online and the internet.

Although I have to admit, whoever came up with that phrase "You've got mail" was very smart. Whenever I do turn on my computer, go online, and hear that phrase, the first thought I have, is that someone has left me a note, and wants to talk to me (either that or is just trying to sell me some trash, but that is part of life as well, saying "No" to all the trash that comes your way).

But as you probably already know, the Creator of the universe wants to talk to us and has left us all a note through His living word, that has been around for thousands of years. He speaks to us through individual circumstances, and in all kinds of different ways every day. Our main problem is that we *think* we've already figured out what God is going to say. It's not like the internet when we go running down the halls because we don't know who is there and what they have said...so often with God we believe we've figured out what He has said, before He has even said a word. Maybe if we can let God be God...let Him be creative, like He wants to be and has been for so many years, and let Him surprise us, then we will be running more to read the scriptures and listen to sermons (they don't have to be mine) to see what God has to say that is new and exciting. We may not even wait until the end of the movie, till we have to go see what is being said...and besides, we've probably seen the movie before anyway. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,

DON

There is NO TURNING BACK, Wait...Maybe There is.

Let it be known, NOW IT IS OFFICIAL. We will NOT be going to New Orleans, Louisiana during Mission Trip. We instead will be going to Austin, Texas. While there, we will be working for AAIM, assisting in house building and repair. Pray for us!

Attention Northwood: We Need Your Help!

We are trying to save as much money as we can during this year's Mission Trip. If needed, we will rent a van to take to Austin with us. But it would be very convenient if anyone in the church who owns a van would be willing to go with us or allow the group to borrow it for the trip. Gas will be provided. We know that this is a tall order, but if you are willing to volunteer your time or your vehicle, it would greatly benefit our mission. Feel free to contact me in the church offices should you have any questions or suggestions.

*In His Grace,
D.J.*

TO ALL MY NEW GUARDIAN ANGELS

I would like to thank the members of Northwood Christian Church for coming to my home June 4 & 5th and building me a new wheelchair ramp. Now I can be outside more by myself, and before I could not be out alone.

Thanks to: Ted Mahan, Clarence Kessler, Denny Parker, Mike Waguspack, Grant Waguspack, Linn Wallace, Craig Mercer, Steve Focken, David Horn, and Mike Givens for many hours of hard work on the ramp which was built in just two days. Thanks to Lanis McWilliams for helping me serve food and drinks to the men.

To everyone, I am very, very grateful and thankful. "God does move mountains".
God Bless You All!

Patsy A. Johnson

CWF Seekers

On Friday, June 18th the CWF Seekers will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Second Monthly All-Church Fellowship Night



On Saturday, June 26th, we will be having a second fellowship night. Activities will start at 6:30 p.m. and last until everyone wants to go home. Along with eating dinner, we will also be playing games throughout the night. We will be playing volleyball, basketball, chicken foot, card games, board games, and watching movies. Remember to bring a dish to share!

Pastor's Cabinet

Don't forget, the Pastor's Cabinet will be meeting on Wednesday, June 30th at 6:00 p.m. As contradictory as it sounds, the pastor will not be there. Don will be out of town. But you are still welcome to attend.

Young Adult Group

Every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. our young adult group meets upstairs in the Activity Building. If you are a current college student and you wish to join this group, be sure to let D.J. or Russ know.

Looking Ahead ...

Look for a new feature coming to the Northwood Notes in the near future. *In the Spotlight* will focus on members of Northwood – new and long-term, individuals and families, youthful and elderly. We hope these articles will help our readers get to know each other better. We anticipate that this will be an ongoing feature and everyone will get a chance to be *In the Spotlight*, but it will take awhile to cover all our members, so please be patient – your turn will come sooner or later!



Youth Side of the Page



Father's Day Reminder and Dinner Too...

Just in case any of you sons or daughters weren't aware, Father's Day is on June 20th. Be sure to make your dad feel very special and show him how much you appreciate what he does for you.

Remember, on Father's Day we will be having a dinner held by the youth after church. Donations will be accepted at this dinner and all of the proceeds will go towards the mission trip. So, don't worry about taking dad out to eat! During the dinner, D.J. will be drawing caricatures of the fathers, so if you would like a funny picture of your dad make sure to come to the dinner!

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.



Random Thought

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with.

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