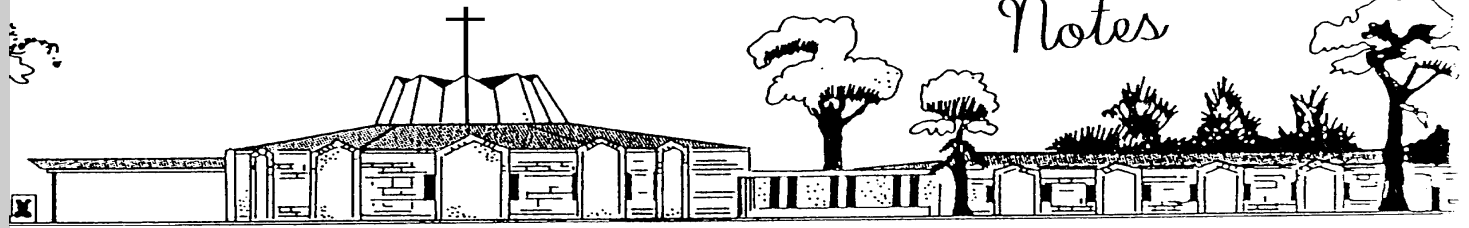


# Northwood Christian Church



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Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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## NOTE FROM DON



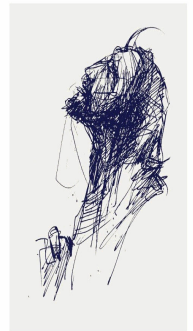
While we were in New York City, my daughter Kelsey and I went to the Metropolitan Opera House at the Lincoln Center to see this ballet called Coppelia. It had one of the finest ballerinas in the entire world Paloma Herrera from Brazil dancing the lead part. As I watched the show I really did enjoy it, in fact it was the best I've ever seen, and Miss Herrera was most excellent. How do I know that you ask? Mostly because Kelsey told me. Although I have some knowledge of the ballet, much of my expertise is dependent upon my daughter Kelsey and what she tells me I know and do not know. However, it was fun listening to the entire theatre ooh and ahh as this woman leapt and spun on stage. And trust me there was no doubt that she was very good. But I guess you could always question if we saw her at her absolute best.. Was she giving one of her finest performances or was she just coasting because she could? Because of her level of skill? Surely with her reputation no one would dare question her. You know she works out hours everyday. How could we dare question her performance? But in reality the only person who knows if she gave her all, is herself. I bring all this up to make a point. Many of us in the church have been around a long time. We've obtained a level of "expertise" that most do not question. We have titles beside our names like "pastor", "deacon", or "elder". And we still are able to make those around us ooh and ahh. A few stories mixed with a scripture here and there can impress even the best of them. But that's not what God wants! And only God and ourselves know what that is! And if we have not been working out spiritually like reading scripture and praying on a regular basis, we do not even know what our best is. So lets all find out what our very best is and try to achieve it. In this world, we can never coast. We have been called to give 100% till the end of the race and when we will hear the Lord say "Well done my good and faithful servant." And then all the angels will ooh and ahh. See ya Sunday!

In His Grip,

**DON**

## *Marketplace Is Almost Here!*

Just a reminder!  
Marketplace 29  
A.D. will begin at  
5:30 p.m. on  
Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
and end on  
Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Get your  
costumes ready  
and, if possible,  
make a few extra  
for children who  
come without  
them. Let Don or



## A Long Awaited Homecoming

Amanda Young is preparing to make her trip back to the United States. She has been stationed in Iraq where she will soon complete her tour of duty and will return home to her friends and family. We wish her a safe trip back and we cannot wait to see her!

## Pictorial Directory

Keep your eyes and ears open because we will soon be preparing a new pictorial directory. The pictures will be taken on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> so make sure to mark that in your calendar.

## Attention: Kids Should Not Read

To the dismay of many children, we regret to report that school will be starting back in four weeks. We would suggest to soak as much sun up as you can because this summer is coming to a quick close. We apologize for the forthcoming sadness that this message will bring.

## CWF Adventure Group

The Adventure Group will be working with Marketplace 29 A.D. in place of their July meeting.

## CWF Seekers Group

On Friday at 10:00 a.m. the CWF Seekers Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall.



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## Fellowship Dinner

There will be a Fellowship Dinner held after church this Sunday. Be sure to bring a dish for everyone to enjoy and we hope to see you there.

## No Choir Practice



Our choir works very hard to give us great performances every Sunday and they really deserve a break. Finally going to give them one. For the next three weeks there will be no choir practice, so enjoy your vacation guys!

## Assisting Some Other Place

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Northwood will be helping Some Other Place with their back to school distribution. Donations will be accepted at the event and if you would like to clothe a child, the cost is 55 dollars. If you are interested in helping us in this program, please contact Bea Buller.

## Regional Assembly

We are very fortunate to have the Regional Assembly in our back yard. It will be held at Cypress Creek Christian Church on October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping a good number of our people will take the time to participate. There will be some terrific speakers and fantastic seminars, so be sure to put the assembly in your schedule if you are interested.

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## The Youth Group is Gone!



*But don't worry, they won't be gone for long, they have left for their Mission Trip. They will return to Beaumont on Friday. Pray for them to have a great trip and a safe return.*

## No College Group This Week

Due to the absence of the youth group, the college group will not be meeting on Thursday. They will resume their meetings on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> in the activity building at 7:00 p.m. We'll see all the young adults there!

## The Most Important Thing You Will Read About VBS!

Yes we will need workers, yes we need costumes, yes we need help with food, but if we don't have children attending then it is all for naught! Be thinking about friends' children you can invite! Grandkids and your friends' grandkids who would want to come! Nieces and nephews, kids in your neighborhood you can ask. And remember, it does not do any good if we think about all these names and don't act on it! God is doing a great work, but He wants us to help.

## Random Thought



Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there.

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