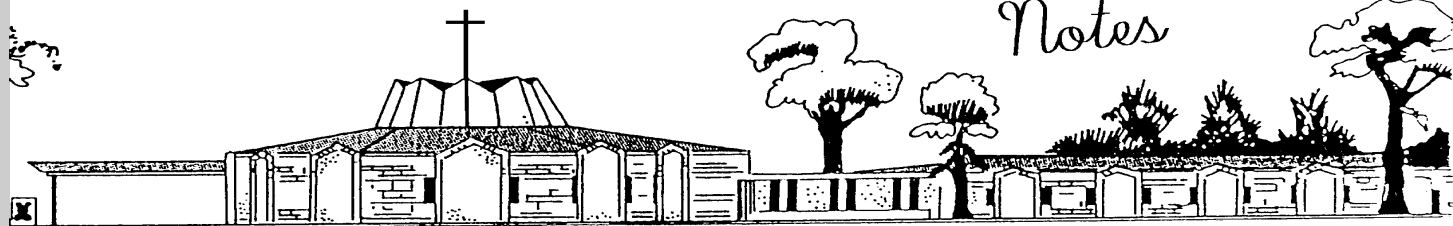


Northwood Christian Church



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

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

July 28, 2004

NOTE FROM DON



When we were in Boston, Kelsey and I decided to try to go to Fenway Park to see a Red Sox game. If you don't know how Boston feels about their Red Sox, well let me tell you. It's not normal. Those people are crazy! Everybody in the entire town is a fan, and if you're not, they think you need to move. Well anyway, everyone is rushing to get to the ballpark. And the subways are packed full, bodies mashed against bodies like you can't imagine. I've never seen anything like it. Kelsey was pushed right up in my face for the whole trip (about 15 min) and she said, "Dad I am NOT claustrophobic but even this is starting to get to me." So much humanity pushing against humanity, the sounds, the smells, no fresh air, and then it happened...while we were going full speed, the train came to a screeching halt. Someone had pulled the emergency brake. Nobody was holding on to anything, it was way too crowded. But incredibly no one went anywhere, fell down, or got hurt. We just got to know each other EVEN BETTER. As we all pushed up against each other, so many bodies just worked to hold everyone in place. (Then the conductor came on with a very angry voice and told the passengers NOT to pull the emergency brake, as everyone in our car stared at a man stuffed in the door who was taking his hand off that very brake).

Sometimes the church can be like that subway car. A bunch of individuals pushed together sharing a space, sharing ideas, and "hopefully" going the same direction. We won't always agree on everything, but for the most part we are on that train because we want to be. Nobody forced us to get on the train and nobody is forcing us to stay. But it's when we hit those unexpected bumps when somebody pulls the brake or a crisis occurs. That's when we are there for one another, to hold each other up and to keep each other from harm. It's during those difficult times that we even get to know each other better. And it's safest when everyone is fully on board. So get on board this Northwood train because it is going places and I promise you, you won't want to miss it. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

Congratulations to Bettye and Darrell Baker!



On July 29th, Bettye and Darrell Baker will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary! From all of us at Northwood, we wish

a wonderful anniversary and remind them that they are a genuine example of devotion to all of us!

Tasting for Some Other Place

On August 10th, the 2004 edition of "A Tasting for SOP" will be held at the Beaumont Civic Center. Tickets are only \$10.00 and they are available at Some Other Place, the Beaumont Civic Center Box Office, and Some Other Place board members. We hope to see you there!

In Memoriam

Former longtime Northwood member Lewis Eldon Rigsby passed away on July 19th in Beaumont. He is survived by his wife Geraldine Rigsby, who lives at 1440 Galahad Loop Road, Woodville, TX 75979. We wish his family all of the comfort and support that they need during this difficult time.

Recommitted & Joined

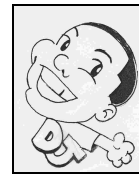
This past Sunday, both Harrel and Doneta Kunkel came forward and recommitted their lives to Jesus Christ. Also, Harrel made a decision to join the church. We are so excited about all these decisions and celebrate them with the Kunkels. They have been a great example of faith under fire and modeling the Spirit of Christ...Thanks guys.

Update On Church Finances

As of 06/30/04, the total funds in our Texas State Bank Account balanced out to be \$10,171. The total of our accounts with A.G. Edwards & Co. balanced out at \$26,344. If you have any questions please call the office or Sara Close. Thank you for your concern.

What a VBS!

Wow! What a success! I have to be honest, this VBS that just took place here at Northwood was one of the most successful VBS programs I have ever seen! According to all our past summer calendars, the last VBS program that we had put together here at Northwood was in 1997, that is seven years ago! I know this may not have been the largest program, but many of our own families were out of town or unable to attend. But we had seventeen young children in attendance and 88% of those were either unchurched or decided to attend Northwood Christian Church for the week. We also had almost 35 adults helping out in every way possible. So to get something started after it has been laying dormant for such a long time is very difficult and this church did so with style and grace! Kids heard the Gospel, had fun and they are looking forward to coming back. What more could we ask for? Thanks to EVERYONE who made this possible especially Bea Buller and her education committee of Lanis McWilliams, Virgilio Davis, Linda Joseph, Karen Young, Brandi Focken, and Lucille Bryant.



Mission Trip Appreciation Dinner

On Sunday August 15th, we will be having a mission trip appreciation dinner for all those who helped and supported the youth group and their trip to Austin. This year's trip was a great success and it would not have been possible without the help of all of the Northwood members!

CYF Rally

The CYF Rally, "The Potter's Touch" will be at Bethany Christian Church August 20th and 21st. If you haven't signed up, then do so soon!

College Group

The college group will be meeting this Thursday in the activity center at 7:00 p.m. If you are a college student and you would like to participate in this group then stop by!

Freewheelers Lunch

The Freewheelers will be meeting on Monday, August 9th for lunch at Lone Star. We hope to see all the Freewheelers there and we hope that they come hungry!



Back To School Program

Some Other Place's Back to School Store is taking place on August 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Any new and good used clothing is needed. Also, notebooks, scissors, lunchboxes, etc. would be appreciated. And if you don't have that, cold hard cash works just fine. Northwood has been asked to help specifically on Wednesday the 4th. If you have any questions call Chrissy Joyner @ 832-7976.

Elders Meeting

Don't forget, the Elders meeting is on the second Saturday of the month, August 14th.

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Random Thought



Support bacteria- it's the only culture that some people have.

CWF Executive Board

The CWF Executive Board will meet at 8:15 a.m. Sunday August 1st in the Fellowship Hall.

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