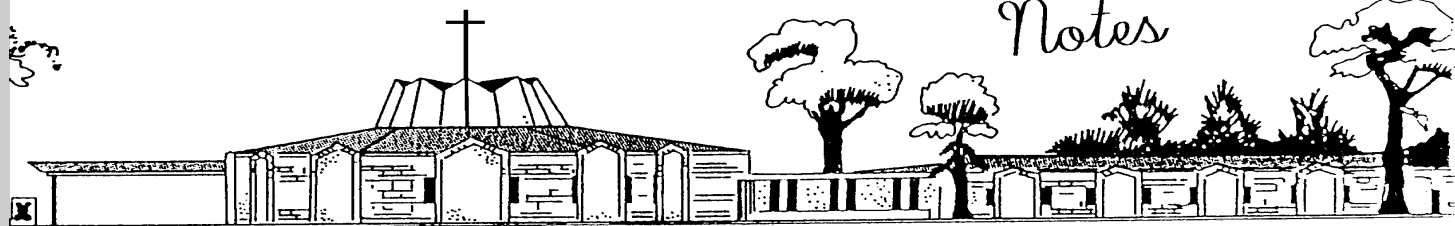


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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August 25, 2004

NOTE FROM DON

I guess it's time to admit to all of you that I am an addict. I must 'have it' as I am falling asleep; and, when I wake up, it's the first thing I want to see. On the way home from the office, I grab some take out, sit down with a t.v. tray and don't move until I go to bed and turn on the t.v. I am addicted to the Olympics! They have always fascinated me. I have always loved athletics of every kind, although I was just average [at best] when I was involved. To get to watch these athletes, at the very top of their game, just thrills me. I don't care if it's track and field, swimming or badminton. Rowing, soccer, or volleyball, I like it all. The competition and all those personal stories. How so many of these men and women have given up so much for an opportunity to participate in the games. I don't really think it's the competition that grabs me so much, but the level of commitment it takes just to be there. There is not one athlete in Athens that is not totally committed to being the best that they possibly can be in their sport. That is why I have always been fascinated by the church as well. Within the church, there are those individuals who are so committed that they change the world around them. There are the Sunday School teachers who are committed to teaching and coaching those kids, regardless if there are just 2 or 20 in their class. The lives they teach are changed. There are other venues as well. There are deacons and elders that navigate the church through difficult times with little words of thanks, they often feel like quitting, but they know they have been called to finish the race. There are song leaders and choir members who sing, not because they will be lifted up and given rewards, but because it brings glory to God. The majority in the church are those with no titles at all, who are so faithful and obedient to pray and to participate in the spiritual battle that is taking place on the field of play. And, don't forget our youth; who in many ways are still discovering their faith so that they can do greater things than we ever dreamed of doing and in other ways they are teaching us new ways of doing things ourselves, and, in many ways, they are our finest teachers. There are no t.v. cameras and medals to be had in the church, but it's all about commitment. And, commitment changes lives. Often times those who win gold medals will just put them in a box after the Olympics and never look at them again. But our lives are constantly changing those we come in contact with. Influencing a hurting world for the cause of Christ. Now that's something to be addicted to. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip, **DON**

Ice Cream Social!



Northwood's Elders are hosting an ice cream social on Sunday evening, August 29th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! The Elders will bring the ice cream, and we ask that each of the other families represented bring a topping of their choice. Come meet, greet, and get to know the members of your shepherding group.

In Memoriam



We would like to send our best wishes and prayers to Mary Jane Ellis, who lost her son Mark Ellis last week to a heart attack.

We also are wounded by his loss and share her heartache. We remind Mary Jane that she is a treasured member of our family and we will support her in every way possible during this time of burden.

A Word of Thanks...

Dear Northwood Family,
I just wanted to say thank you for everything you've done for me throughout my life. Without your constant guidance, support, love, and friendship, my life would not have been the same. I am so thankful for each and every one of you, and will continue to keep you all in my prayers as I leave for Centenary. You are all such a blessing, and I cannot thank God enough for placing each of you in my life.

In Christ,

Carrie Mercer

Crop Walk

There will be a Crop Walk meeting held on September 2nd at noon in the church. If you are interested in participating this year, then we encourage you to attend this meeting so that you are aware of the details.

Open Youth Center

Starting September 1st, Northwood will be providing an after school program for youth ages 13-18. It will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end around 7:00 p.m. We will be providing tutors to help out with homework, but we will also make sure to have lots of fun! This is a great opportunity for kids to hang out, socialize, snack on food, and get help with homework all at the same time! We hope to see the youth there!

ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Our pastor, Don Joseph, and his wife Linda will observe their 25th wedding anniversary on September 19th, 2004. An anniversary celebration and shower will be held in the Activity Building beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and join Don and Linda in their celebration!

CWF EVENTS

The next CWF general meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at noon. The location has been changed to the Fellowship Hall in the main building. Lunch will be a covered dish affair. All women of the church are invited.

The CWF will host a bridal shower for Stephanie Barr, bride-elect of Charles Dillon, on Saturday, October 9, 2004, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Building. Stephanie is registered at Target, Dillard's and J. C. Penney's.

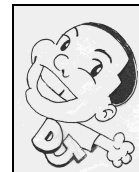
FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Coastal Plains Area Disciples Women Fall Retreat will be held September 24-26 at the Greenspoint Wyndham Hotel in Houston. Registration deadline is September 3. All women of Northwood are eligible and invited to attend. For more information, please contact Barbara Horn at 898-1380.

Men's Regional Retreat @ Brownwood

Sept. 17-19th is the date for this year's men's retreat. Last year, a group of Northwood men went and had a blast. Dr. Sotello Long and Dr. Tommy Thompson are this year's speakers if you would like to go. This year's cost is \$70.00 if registered before August 31st and \$80.00 if registered after. Please contact Don Joseph or Denny Parker as soon as possible.

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



Barn Dance Rescheduled

Next month's Barn Dance has been rescheduled for September 25th! The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end around 11:00 p.m. It will be held in the activity center. Remember to dress in:

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(Clothes)

We hope to see all of the youth there!

D.J.'s Upcoming Events

- Sept. 5th - Sunday Service Project (adults and kids needed)
- Sept. 12th - Parent Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. in the activity center
 - Bowling @ 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 19th - Clean and Decorate Youth Room
- Sept. 26th - Picnic @ the Park

Young Adult Group

The young adult group will be meeting this Thursday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the activity center. If you are a college age student and you wish to join this group, please speak to D.J.

Random Thought



If dogs and cats didn't have fur, would we still pet them?

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