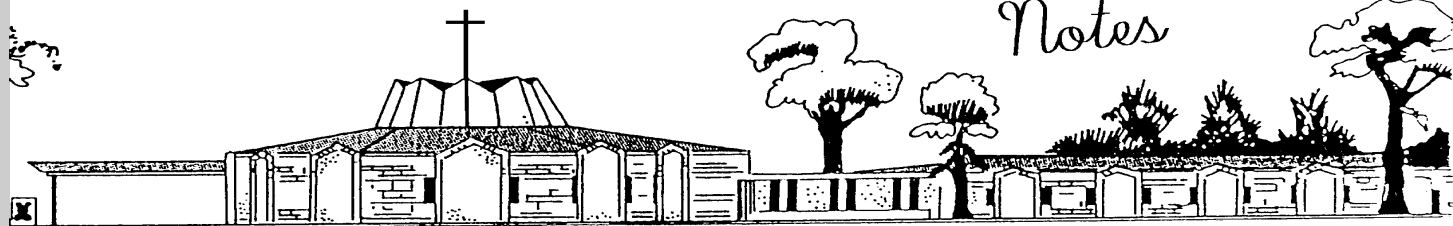


# Northwood Christian Church



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

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## NOTE FROM DON

This past Labor Day weekend I did something I never thought I would do. I don't know where the energy or the motivation came from, but I jumped up out of my big brown sofa and decided to clean out our kitchen cupboards and our freezer. Besides the fact that Linda says she will never be able to find anything again. I think it was a good thing to do. I'm one of those guys that believe if you don't know what it is, you throw it away. Linda...well let's just say all those drills for nuclear attacks that we had when we were kids sank in, and we will never go without in the Joseph household. But when I was going through the cupboards, some of the things that I found just amazed me. I didn't know we "ate" spam at our house, and even more shocking, I didn't know it had an expiration date! I thought that stuff lasted forever. We had all kinds of free samples that got tossed and some jello pudding boxes that looked like we had them in our house since college. And why do people always leave that one little shake in the bottom of a cereal box? Enough to keep in the box, so that you don't want to throw it away, but not enough for a full bowl.

To make a long story short...there is a lot more room in there now. The freezer was easier. If you couldn't recognize it and you didn't like it...it was gone...I was so excited when it was all done! (It's the little things in life that get me fired up) But it was really all just a matter of deciding to pull myself off the sofa and do it! Linda, Kelsey, and I have such busy lives that there is always an excuse to put it off one more week or month or after a while...you just end up with spam.

Our walk with Christ and our involvement in the church is just the same. We keep saying to ourselves that we need to quit this or more often we need to start doing this. Maybe reading our Bible or devotionals more. Praying more...getting involved in the life of the church. Or we'll quit gossiping or complaining. It's easy to sit in our sofas and chairs and think of the things we need to do, but to actually get out and start the work is often so difficult. But God promises that He will help us in all we do. Even the things most consider small can seem overwhelming if we try to do them alone. The Lord will give us the strength to overcome any obstacles that lie in our way and the wisdom to know what to throw out and what to keep. When it is all finished we will stand back in awe at what He has done through us. But it starts when we believe that there is a work to be done, that we can do it through the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer, and then we just need to get up and do it! Wow. Now I almost believe I can take on my garage! But then again, one miracle at a time. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,  
DON



## Pictorial Directory

Remember to sign up for the pictorial directory before you leave church on Sunday! The final Sunday that we will be signing people up will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>, so be sure that you have registered by then. Our goal is 100% participation and with every family who takes their pictures here at Northwood, we receive credits and discounts towards "activity pages". If you absolutely cannot have your pictures taken here at the church on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, First Christian Church in Beaumont is shooting the pictures for their directory on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have your picture taken there, we can still get it in our directory.

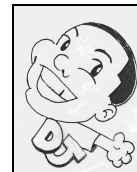
## Don & Linda's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Our pastor, Don Joseph, and his wife Linda will observe their 25th wedding anniversary on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## Upcoming CWF Events

- The CWF Adventure Group will be meeting @ 7:00 p.m. on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The CWF Seekers Group will be meeting @ 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The CWF General Meeting will be taking place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and will last from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.



### Sunday School Kickoff

This Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is the kickoff for our Sunday School Program at Northwood. If you are currently involved in a Sunday School class or you have ever wanted to be involved, then be sure to come. We are meeting in the activity building for some breakfast, snacks, and drinks and then heading off to our classes. We hope to see all of you there!

### Fellowship Dinner

A Fellowship Dinner will be held after church on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the activity center. Bring a dish if you can!

### Freewheelers Lunch

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Freewheelers will be meeting at Lone Star at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. We hope to see all the Freewheelers there!

### CMF Men's Retreat

The CMF Men's Retreat will be taking place on September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Denny Parker or call the front office if you are interested in going.

### Elders Meeting

The Elders will be meeting on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ Bea Buller's house. We hope to see all the Elders there!

### OYC

Northwood's Open Youth Center continues to take place on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the activity building. If you are looking to have some fun, after taking care of your homework, then be sure to meet us there!



### Ol' McDon's Barn Dance

Don't forget about the barn dance on **September 25<sup>th</sup>** in the activity center. It will begin @ **8:00 p.m.** and end around **11:00 p.m.** The cost is **\$3** as a single and **\$2** if you bring a date. A student ID is required unless you are with a parent or guardian. Don't forget to dress in:

*Countrie-A-Tire  
(Clothes)*

Speak with D.J. if you would like to volunteer to help. We will need lots of hay and maybe even a fiddler or two...

### College Group

The College Group will be meeting upstairs in the activity building @ 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. All college students are welcome to come and be a part of the group!

### Random Thought



What do you do when you see an endangered animal that is eating an endangered plant?

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