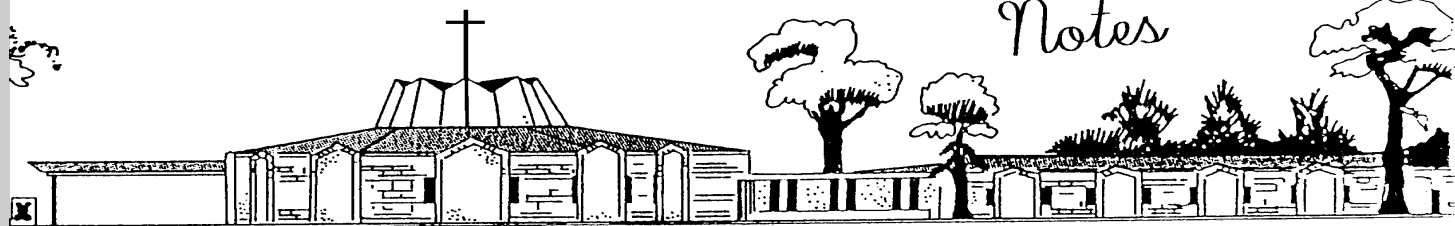


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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NOTE FROM DON



I was at home with my family last week watching a t.v. show called "Extreme Home Make Over Home Edition". In this show, several builders and designers pick a deserving family who for one reason or another needs a new home. Through redesign or total rebuilding, they come together and grant their wish, and you watch it happen. In this particular show, there was a family of 8 and the mother had died of cancer leaving the father to provide for the 7 children in a very small home. Four of the kids slept on bunkbeds in the garage. The group even enlisted the help of the family's church. It was great to watch where one minute they were living in cramped quarters, with practically no kitchen at all. And the next minute, they were moving into a 4,000 sq. ft. home with only the very best that money could buy: ovens, refrigerators, hot tubs, it was great. It brought out some of the very best of what we as humans have to offer (at least on t.v.). I even saw a tear or two in my family's eyes as we all sat there watching. Towards the end of the show, while the family was worshiping in the church, giving thanks for what all had happened, a voice along with a little advertising banner came across the bottom of the television that said, "Next, stay tuned for "Wife Swap". I thought, "What?" It shocked my system. One great wholesome show followed by "Wife Swap"! Okay, it may not be quite as bad as it sounds, but it really does demonstrate that there is a battle going on out there. A battle between good and evil, a battle between the spiritual forces that can tear us apart. We have heard so often about this spiritual battle. If you don't believe me, just read Ephesians 6:10-18. There was actually a time when we really valued families. Now we are entertained by "Wife Swap". Please don't get me wrong, I am not trying to tell you what to watch or what not to watch. I only want you to be aware that there is a battle going on for your heart, and it's up for you to decide who wins that battle. The only poem I've ever memorized goes like this... Two hearts beat within my breast: One is cursed and one is blessed: One I love and one I hate: The one I feed will dominate. It's up to us to make some good choices so we can grow in the knowledge of Christ. But even if our hearts are really damaged and need total reconstruction, all we need to do is call the Master Carpenter Himself, and He will give us an "Extreme Makeover Heart Edition".

In His Grip, DON

Invitation...Open House



Bob and June Fulton will be in town the weekend of Oct. 31st. June was pastor of Northwood Christian Church from 1989-1996. Diana Schneider and Bea Buller would like to invite everyone to an Open House in the Fultons honor at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31st @ 566 Devon Drive. Make sure you drop by and visit and catch up on what's going on in the Fultons lives.

Upcoming Meetings

- The **Elders** will be meeting @ the church on Saturday, October 9th, at 10:00 a.m.
- **Executive Board Meeting** at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 10th, in the fellowship hall.
- On Friday, October 15th, the **Seekers Group** will be meeting @ the church at 10:00 a.m.
- The **CMF** group will be meeting on Monday, October 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- On Wednesday, October 20th, the **Adventure Group** will be meeting @ the church at 7:00 p.m.
- The **Cabinet** will be meeting on Wednesday, October 27th, at 6:00 p.m.
- The **Functional Committees** meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

This Year's Stewardship Campaign

This year's Stewardship Drive will be taking place on Sunday, Oct. 17th- Sunday, Oct. 31st. That is three weeks where we will be actively hearing about and eventually committing our financial resources to Northwood Christian Church. The church and the ministries of the church are doing well. But we cannot do it without you. For you are the ministers of this church. Please pray about what your role will be in this upcoming year.

George Pillsbury B-Day Party

George Pillsbury is turning 80 on Sunday, October 24th! A party will be held in the activity building from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. to celebrate. Come join in the fun!

Choir Practice

The choir will be meeting every Thursday this month at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Crop Walk

We will be meeting @ the church on Sunday, October 17th, at 2:00 p.m. before we leave for the Crop Walk. Remember, the mission of Crop Walk is to fight hunger both internationally and right here in Beaumont.

Regional Assembly

The Regional Assembly will be taking place on October 22nd & 23rd @ Cypress Creek Christian Church in Spring, TX. We hope that several of you get a chance to attend this wonderful event that is taking place. If you're interested in attending, just call the office @ 892-3404.

Freewheelers Lunch

The Freewheelers will be meeting for lunch @ Lone Star on Monday, October 11th at 11:30 a.m. Have a great lunch guys!

Stephanie Barr & Charles Dillon

A wedding shower will be held for Stephanie Barr and Charles Dillon on Saturday, October 9th in the activity building. The shower will begin at 3:00 p.m. and last until 5:00 p.m. They are registered at Target and Linens n Things.

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Open Youth Center

OYC is being held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the activity building.

Service Rally

Don't forget that rally forms are due on October 9th! The rally will be held on October 22nd-24th. Be sure to speak with D.J. soon if you are interested in going.

College Group

The college group will be meeting on Thursdays 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!

Thanksgiving Store @ Some Other Place

Families are now being interviewed for the Thanksgiving Store to be held on November 22nd & 23rd. We need to begin collecting canned goods such as canned fruit, canned milk, pumpkin, chicken broth, and yams. Please ask for paper bags when you buy groceries, because SOP will have to purchase them if they can't collect enough. If you do not feel up to bringing items to our "Hungry Box" for this project, money to purchase fresh vegetables and meat vouchers is greatly appreciated too.

Random Thought



If swimming is so good for your shape, then why do whales look the way they do?

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