

# Northwood Christian Church

Notes



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

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## NOTE FROM DON

Many of you know my daughter is on the dance team at her high school. Yes, she is a proud member of the West Brook Stars! I've been informed that the Stars are one of the finest precision dance teams in Southeast Texas. They do this routine where they climb up on ladders and lean back and jump off, dance, and twirl all these colors. I don't know much about precision dance teams, but to an old, bald man they look pretty good. Several weeks ago, we drove to an out of town game to watch them perform. When it came time for the Stars to walk on the field, they just stood on the sideline. The band went on but the Stars just stood there. The people in the stands couldn't figure it out. Why didn't they dance? Everyone wanted to know! Then the murmur came back through the crowd. One of the fathers who was responsible for getting the ladders to the field had taken a wrong turn. The ladders had not gotten to the field in time! I learned in a split second what real gratitude was. I was so grateful I was not that man. The Stars were disappointed, the parents were disappointed, but it was nothing that was life changing until that father asked to speak to all the girls at their Saturday morning dance practice, the very next morning.

It was there with tears in his eyes that he apologized to all the girls for not getting the ladders there. He also explained that there is a price you have to pay for taking a wrong turn, even if it's unintentional. He's right you know?

Fortunately, in this faith of ours, there is something called grace...grace that will help us survive the times for when we make the wrong decision. Grace helps us when we hurt those we love. Grace gives us the courage to apologize when we know we know we should. There are going to be times in our lives when things are just not going to go our way. When we are poised and ready to walk on the field and perform and our ladders don't show up. Or we are looking desperately for a road to a football field and just can't find it. If we respond too quickly and without thinking, we need to remember that there is a price for everything. Yet if we allow God's grace to intervene, we will realize that even the most difficult of situations can be used as a stepladder to observe the face of Christ. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,  
**DON**



### *Fletcher Lane Horn*

David and Barbara Horn are pleased to announce the birth of their new grandson Fletcher Lane Horn. Fletcher arrived in the world on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and weighed a petite 9lbs 10z. Congratulations David and Barbara!

### **GRACIAS NORTHWOOD! FROM OUR CASA TO YOUR CASA**

A casa is a house, but what makes it a home is a loving family. The little playhouses we build are symbolic of the safe loving homes we at CASA envision for all children. Thanks to your faithful support through world outreach giving throughout the year, and to your extra support for events like Casas for CASA, we are able to give the injured and hurting children in our community hope of obtaining that safe, forever home.

The "church house" is a home too, but only when it is blessed with a loving, caring family such as this one has. I am thankful that it is my home. So from our house to your house, and on behalf of some 350 children a year who don't know your name, but experience Christ's love through you - I thank you!

*Lanis McWilliams*

## **George Pillsbury B-Day Party**



On Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, George Pillsbury is turning 80 years old! A party will be held in the activity building from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. to celebrate. We hope to see you there!

## Stewardship Campaign

This year's Stewardship Drive will be taking place on Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### *Choir Practice*



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

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- The Cabinet will be meeting on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.
- The Functional Committees meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Open House**

Don't forget that on October 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be an Open House for Bob and June Fulton @ the home of Diana Schneider at 3:00 p.m.

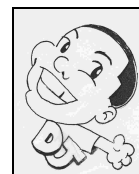
### **Lora Parker Birthday Party**

A birthday party will be held for Lora Parker on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in the activity building. It will be a fun-filled evening with a Christian band playing live music, so mark your calendars!

### **Christmas Bureau/Empty Stocking Fund**

Interviewing applicants for Christmas toys will take place in the Beaumont Civic Center from Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of toys will be Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, also at the Civic Center. Sessions are from 8:15 a.m. to noon and from noon to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping with this annual project, please sign your name on the pink or green sheets on the table in the hall. Training for interviewing (distribution does not need any training) will be held at Some Other Place, 1240 McFaddin either on Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4:00 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, see Bea Buller.

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### **Trunk or Treat**

This year's Trunk or Treat will be held @ the Church beginning at 5:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween). Make sure that you arrive at the church with as much wrapped candy in your trunk as you can!

### **Open Youth Center**

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

### **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!

### **Service Rally**

Please pray for our youth this weekend as they attend this year's Service Rally in Houston. We hope that they have a great time!

### **Random Thought**



The severity of the itch is proportional to the inability to reach it.

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