

# 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

This past week I was watching the news on one of the early morning shows. They talked about all that was going on with our troops in Fallujah. I continued to listen as they tried to determine what would happen with the P.L.O. and the death of Arafat. And then they reported about an eleven-year-old girl who was kicked out of school in California. It seemed a bit out of place, but I have to admit it caught my attention. She was not kicked out for doing drugs. Nor was she kicked out for her dress being too short, or trying to sneak off the school campus. She was kicked out of school for doing cartwheels during recess. The school said that they "feared" for her safety.

They said later that they were not only fearful for her safety, but other kids watching her may want to do cartwheels, then they would be put at risk as well. Now I must admit that I don't know the whole story, only what was reported on the television (and I know that's risky). But it is amazing to me how the world we live in has become totally dictated by fear. Fear of lawsuits, fear of losing our jobs, fear of divorce, the fear of failing. Fear governs so much of our thinking in this modern world. If it will effect my standing with others I just won't do it. I won't take the chance. If an idea seems a little risky, so many believe it is probably better just to keep things as they are.

We cannot let this kind of thinking enter the church. I know many of you are saying, Don, we have to be practical, and I will accept that. But I will not accept the fact that we live like the rest of the world, crippled by fear. We cannot be afraid that we will not reach our budget, or that we will not see our church grow, or be afraid to do things in this church that have never been done before. But we must actually do things, not just sit and wonder what God is going to do. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, God can work miracles through us. That was the model Jesus set. He told us never to be afraid, and that He is with us always! So what I'm saying is that it's time to get out and turn some cartwheels! And if the people around you think it's dangerous or look at you funny, that's okay. We just can't be afraid. And I'll bet you anything, there will be quite a few doing cartwheels beside you. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,  
DON

## Christmas Decorations



On Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, everyone is invited to come and help decorate the church and activity building for Christmas. We will be meeting @ the church at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

### S.O.P. Thanksgiving Store



Some Other Place's Thanksgiving Store Set-Up will take place on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The actual Thanksgiving Store Distribution will occur the next day, Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Clearance Sale

Here is some info on the upcoming Clearance Sale of Jubilee Souvenirs:

When: Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Where: Fellowship Dinner and the parking lot entrance to the church lobby.

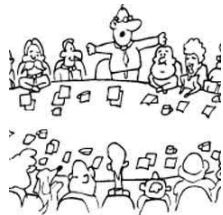
List Price	Sale Price
Cookbooks- \$5.00	\$9.00
Ornaments- \$5.00	\$10.00
Commemorative \$10.00 Plates	\$20.00

### Upcoming Meetings

- Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the CWF Seekers will be meeting @ the Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, CMF will be meeting @ the church at 7:00 p.m.

- The **Pastor's Cabinet** has been changed, it will take place on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

## **Congregational Meeting/Bylaws**



On December 5<sup>th</sup>, a congregational meeting will be held after the church service. At this meeting, church members will vote on a new constitution that has been reviewed by the Bylaws Review and Revision Committee over the past year. The committee has been responsible for reviewing, revising, and updating Northwood's constitution. You can stop by the church office if you would like to review the constitution before the congregational meeting.

### ***Fellowship Dinner***

On Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, a Fellowship Dinner will be held after the church service. Don't miss out on some terrific food!

### ***No Choir Practice On Thanksgiving***

The choir will not be meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> due to the fact that they will all be eating turkey, and singing the praises of the cook.

### ***Advent***

Advent is right around the corner! Don't forget that it will begin on November 28<sup>th</sup> and last until Christmas Eve. Advent is the season of anticipation and hope. The word Advent actually means "coming" or "arrival". The focus of the advent season is to prepare our hearts for the coming or the arrival of Christ. Obviously we are preparing for that time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas. But are we prepared to ask ourselves the question if we have made room in our hearts for the Christ child. This is a great time to look inward with anticipation and hope and prepare our hearts to be touched in a way that only Christ Himself can.

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### ***Winter Retreat***

I would like to thank Andy Travis, Mike Waguspack, and Russ Furry for putting together and giving their time for our Northwood Youth. While at our retreat, our kids were able to come closer, wildly play, and open up about their personal walk with God. As always, thank you to Northwood for its constant support of our young people and all of the activities in which they take part.

Thank you and God Bless

### ***Thanksgiving News***

- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>- Cookout @ Andy's
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>- Mission Impossible

All scheduled events will be cancelled for Thanksgiving holiday.

### ***O.Y.C.***

Northwood's Open Youth Center takes place every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the activity building. Stop by if you're looking for some fun!

### ***College Group***

The College Group continues to meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the activity building.

### ***Random Thought***



How do "Keep off the grass" signs get where they are?

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