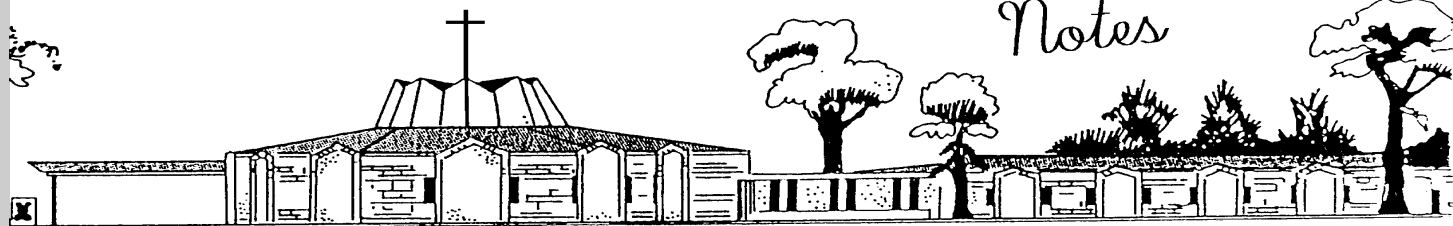


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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NOTE FROM D.J.



As the stresses of the holidays have come and gone, we all have an opportunity to stop and think. We have time to think about all of the gifts we will be returning to Wal-Mart and about how many husbands and boyfriends have gotten in trouble because they did not guess a dress size down. In the midst of all of this thinking, we forget to remember the reason for the season. Jesus.

As I was walking in the mall with my family, I met and carried on a conversation with a co-worker that was exhausted from having taken part in all of the hustle and bustle of Christmas. I agreed and laughed just as everyone does and began to think about why we put ourselves in these stresses. As we continued the conversation, my co-worker said: "So many of us have forgotten why we celebrate during this time of year." Upon hearing that, I had this feeling of relief because not many people truly remember that God sent His son in the humblest of ways to save us from sin and death.

I know, I know this sounds like we as people are shallow and care not for Jesus but, at times, it is easy to get caught up in the distractions of tending to family and cultivating friendships. There is nothing wrong with these things but as we take part in all of the season's demands, we must make the effort to cultivate our relationship with God and our devotion to Him.

During last Sunday's sermon, I spoke on being devoted to God, whom we serve, and how we answer to tall orders that we might encounter. In the case of Mary, the mother of Jesus, her tall order was to bear a son. Mary's devotion to God as she learned of her pregnancy with Jesus was shown through her embracing the opportunity. Mary's willingness to do God's will is a great example for us in our journey with the Lord as we enter and experience this special time of year. We, too, must look into ourselves and see what "tall order" might be asked of us and how willing we are to carry them out.

As we begin a new year, let us look into ourselves and examine our devotion to our Lord. Let us exhaust our energies in cultivating and our relationship with him so that our journey through life will be pleasing to us but most importantly to God. That is the reason for the season. There is joy in the Lord.

(Luke 1:38) "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me just as you said it would".

Our Newest Member



We would like to welcome Pamela Ervin as the newest member of Northwood. Our church family looks forward to all of the wonderful times ahead that we will have with her. Make yourself at home Pamela!

Upcoming Meetings



- **January 3rd - Game Day** will be held at the church.
- **January 8th - The Elders** will meet @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
- **January 10th - The Freewheelers** will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m.
- **January 12th - The Church Board** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- **January 16th - A Fellowship Dinner** will be held after the church service.
- **January 17th - The CMF Men's Group** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- **January 19th - The CWF Seekers** will meet @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
- **January 20th - The Quilt Guild** will take place in the Activity Building from 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- **January 21st - The CWF Adventure Group** will meet at 7:00 p.m.
- **January 26th - The Pastor's Cabinet** will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the **Functional Committees** will meet at 7:00 p.m. @ Northwood.

Thank You Northwood

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to all those who made our holiday season such a success. All of the hard work and time spent has paid off in the best of ways. God must be smiling down on us.

Choir Rehearsals



The Choir will resume their practices on Thursday, January 6th, at 7:00 p.m. We would like to recognize them for all of the outstanding work they did during the holidays. They truly brought the Christmas spirit into the church with their beautiful carols. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

New Drop Boxes

There are two new drop boxes that have been placed in the office. One is labeled "First Class Mail & Bills" and the other is labeled "Notes to the Secretary". Please put anything that pertains to those labels in the boxes and they will be noticed.

Newsletter Articles

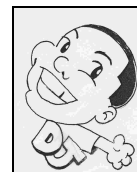
If you have any articles that you would like to put in the newsletter then please drop them off by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday during the newsletter week. If you would like to e-mail them, the address is: nwcc@cyberscope.net. You can also call and let us know if there is anything you would like to put in the newsletter.

Poinsettias

We would like to thank all those who purchased poinsettias recently. Here is a list of them all:

- Howard McDaniel
- Joyce Bordages
- Bea Buller
- Connie Pleasant
- Linn & Barbara Wallace
- George & Dolores Flower
- Sybil Sherrell
- C.H. & Aleene Brawley

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



2005 Youth Activities

Like, hey dudes and dudettes! Isn't it like so totally cool that we're in a new, like, year? Um, we are going to do so many fun things in this year. For example, we're gonna like take on new fundraising ideas, and we hope you're ready for them. We are so gonna mess with Don a lot this year. But most importantly, we're gonna focus on a lot of service, because service is like so totally cool. As always, Youth Group is a wonderful time for like all of the young people and their friends to get together and take part in like worship, like fellowship, and like fun, all in like one. So, this year I encourage you to bring your friends to Youth Group which is every Sunday at like 4:00 p.m. till like when we finish. Is that like so totally cool or what. If you like have any questions, call like me, you're totally like cool um Youth Director D.J. at (409)-892-3404. I'm so gonna go wash my hair now.

RALLY DEADLINE

As you may or may not know, the new rules for our area say that all rally forms must be in by the deadlines or participants will not be able to attend. In order for us to include everyone in all of our events, we must get all forms in and notarized. Winter rally forms need to be in DJ's office by no later than Jan 2, 2005. That way, we all can partake in worship and fellowship.

O.Y.C.

Northwood's Open Youth Center continues to meet every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the activity building.

Young Adult Group

Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., our Young Adult Group will meet in the Activity Building to discuss passages from the Bible. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, then please speak with D.J.

Random Thought



When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?

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