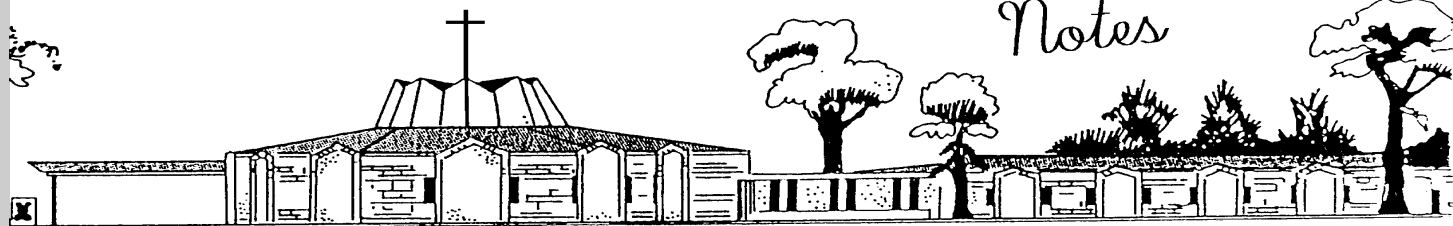


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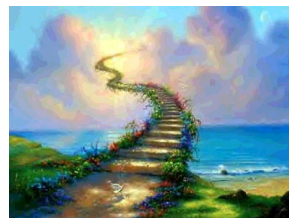
This past week, my family returned from one of those wonderful, week long, Caribbean cruises. We went to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and Cozumel. It was one of those wonderful times when you feel like you are in a commercial. Beautiful scenery, wonderful food, anything you could ask for. We went tubing in the morning and snorkeling in the afternoon. The waiters had French accents, put the napkins in our laps, and served us whatever we wanted. We would go shopping on the islands where you could buy a genuine pearl necklace and gold jewelry for 50-70% off the cost in the U.S. There was dancing, music, and entertainment. It was fantastic. And, I really did have a good time...until one thing brought me back down to reality. We had a television in our small room. Sometimes it would broadcast stations from New York, New Orleans, and even Mexico City. But, whichever station we were watching and whatever language they were speaking, one thing was impossible to escape. The disaster in South East Asia with the Tsunami was enormous. The loss of human life and the pain and suffering seemed just too much to bear. And all the time we were on our cruise ships, laughing and being treated like kings and queens.

Both seem to be a part of life on this Earth as God has allowed it. Is one right and one wrong? I felt so guilty. What we really need to do is find God's will and show God's love in the midst of laughter and in the midst tears. Seek His face through times of disaster and times of plenty. We all have had times when our lives have been sailing along just perfect and we couldn't have designed it any better if we tried. And there have been those times when our lives seem to be literally falling apart at the seams and we are screaming out, "God, where are You? Where did You go?" The truth is, He is in the same place at both times. Whether it is our own personal tsunami, or our own time of celebration, our Lord is right beside us, ready for our call. Ready for us to reach out our hand for comfort. The best part about this is that he comforts us out of love, not because we've purchased His services for a seven-day trip. His love is for a lifetime. See you Sunday.

In His Grip,

DON

Neomia Abbott



On Monday, January 10th, a cherished member of our Northwood family left us to be with the Lord. Neomia Abbott passed away around 11:00 a.m. in her home. We will always treasure the precious memories that we have of Neomia, and we will never forget her love and devotion of Northwood Christian Church. *Thank you Neomia.*

Open Youth Center!

Kids are back in school, and we all know what that means, HOMEWORK! Any kids who want to get some help with their homework, and have a little fun, should stop by Northwood's Open Youth Center every Wednesday. O.Y.C. starts around 4:30 p.m. and usually ends around 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. Don't be shy!

Upcoming Meetings

- **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 Adventure Group will meet at the home of Rosalind Dunkleberger at 7:00 p.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 Seekers will meet at Northwood at 10:00 a.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.

Tsunami Relief/Week of Compassion

We would like to thank everyone who donated to help the victims of the recent tsunami in Asia. Every dollar given hastens the recovery of those affected by this tragedy. Your care and generosity will not go unnoticed.

Newsletter Deadline



Due to some scheduling conflicts, the newsletters will now be going out on Fridays. However, we would still appreciate if all newsletter articles are delivered by Wednesday during the newsletter week. You can send the article by e-mail to nwcc@cyberscope.net, deliver it personally, or give us a call and tell us what you would like to put in the newsletter

Fellowship Dinner

On Sunday, January 16th, please join us for a Fellowship Dinner after the church service. Please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy!

Choir Rehearsals

Every Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., the choir will meet in the church for rehearsals.

January Worship Leader Duties

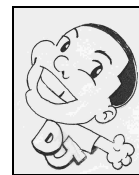
Here is a list of the upcoming worship leaders for the rest of the month of January.

- **January 16th:** Steve Focken
- **January 23rd:** George Flower
- **January 30th:** D.J. Davis

Thanks for the great year of 2004! Let's resolve to reach out to all of those around us with the love of Christ even more in the year of 2005. Remember, the ministry of the church begins outside our doors.

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Young Adult Group

Every Thursday, Northwood's Young Adult Group meets in the activity building at 7:00 p.m. During this time, we discuss different passages from the Bible and relate their meanings to our lives. Please stop by if you are interested in becoming a part of this group.

Upcoming Events

- February 4th-6th: **Mid-Winter Rally**
- April 9th-10th: **Spring Rally**
- June 5th-11th: **CYF Camp**
- June 19th-25th: **Brownwood**

Youth Group

The Youth Group will be meeting at 4:00 p.m. every Sunday in the activity building.

Random Thought



How come you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?

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