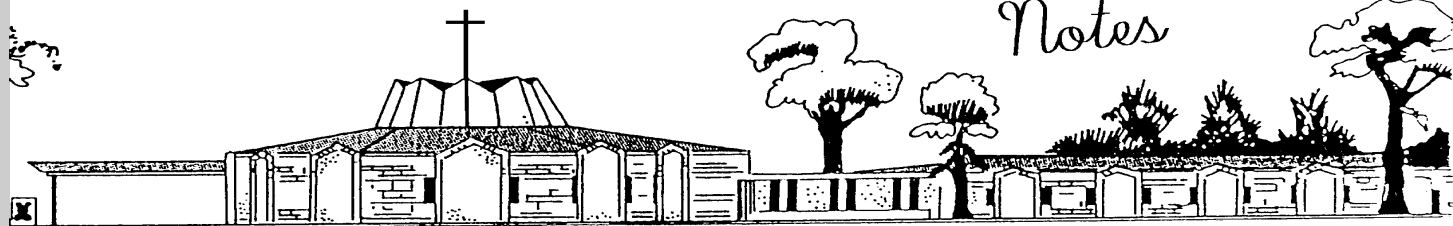


# Northwood Christian Church



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

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## NOTE FROM DON

This week Northwood Christian Church lost one of its members, Harrell Kunkel. It was sad yet at the same time a joyous occasion. It is so nice to know that his suffering is over and he is in the presence of his Maker. The man who never called me anything but "Reverend" taught me so much. Even earlier this week, after Harrell had passed away, I was spending a few moments reflecting on my time with him. I believe once again our Lord showed me a little glimpse of something he wanted me to learn from our time together, and I thought I'd share it with you.

The first time I went to Harrell's house, I went because I found out Harrell was a beekeeper. I told him that I always wanted to try that, so he had invited me over. When I got there we went right to the back where the bees were. I thought I'd get to wear the big bonnet and bee suit but no, I went back just as I was, jeans, shirt, and hat. Harrell said I would be fine and I was, until we got to the last hive. I can't remember exactly, but those bees were not local bees. First I got three or four bees on me, then five or six, then eight or ten. Harrell said, "You okay?" I said, "Yeah, I am fine." (all I thought was, "Be brave.") But when I got about 15 or 20 stings I told him, "I better go." He just started laughing and said, "Yep, you should have done that a while ago!" I had bees everywhere (and I mean everywhere) and Donna, his wife, helped me pick them off and spray the stings. Harrell just came in and we laughed and he gave me a couple of jars of honey and we called it a day. That may have been the only time I left Harrell's house without praying with him or him for me. It was the start of something special.

I thought we in the church might could learn a little from this as well. We need to realize that we must do some things that seem a little risky...for Harrell and I it was going out and handling a few bees. For the church, maybe it is starting a new outreach ministry to the poor or even just trying some things we've never tried before. We can't just insulate ourselves inside with the same people week after week and drop a check in the mail and call it outreach. We must step out. And if we do guess what? We will get stung. We will get hurt. But it will not kill us, and feeling pain is better than feeling nothing at all. I remember so vividly how Harrell laughed at all my bee stings and I was just laughing with him as well. And if we do, there will be rewards. Now Harrell gave me my jars of honey, but my reward was in collecting honey with

a man who literally became a friend for life. All this led to a very intimate relationship which was built on prayer. Harrell lived each day to its fullest and died with the full knowledge that he was going to be with Christ. I hope we all can do that. I hope we can learn from the saints who have come before us. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,  
**DON**

## Keys



We would like to ask anyone who has a key to the church or activity building to please let us know that you have one. We will be creating a log sheet with all of the names of people who have keys so that we are aware of how many are out there. You can call, drop by the church, or e-mail us at [nwcc@cyberscope.net](mailto:nwcc@cyberscope.net) to let us know. Thank you for your cooperation

## Upcoming Meetings

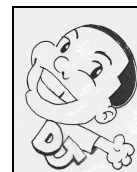
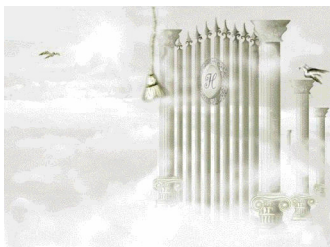
- **Monday, February 14:** The **Freewheelers** will meet at 11:30 a.m. @ Lone Star for lunch.
- **Wednesday, February 16:** The **CWF Adventure Group** will meet at the home of Lanis McWilliams at 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, February 18:** The **CWF Seekers** will meet @ Northwood.
- **Monday, February 21:** The **CMF Men's Group** will meet @ Northwood at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 23:** The **Pastor's Cabinet** will meet @ Northwood at 6:00 p.m. followed by the **Functional Committees** meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## Valentine's Day



We would like to wish everyone a very happy Valentine's Day. This is a time to celebrate love and devotion with the person that makes us happy.

**Harrell Kunkel**



On Saturday night, one of Northwood's bravest and strongest members left the world. Harrell Kunkel is now among God and His angels, and he finally has no more pain to bear. We thank him for the gift of his friendship and love, and we know that we will one day see him again. Goodbye Harrell.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Sunday, February 20:** We will be going out to the batting cages to practice our swings.
- **Sunday, February 27:** A yard clean up will be held.

**Asia Earthquake and Tsunami Assistance**

Just to give you a few ideas where our outreach donations are going:

- \$210,000 for YACCUM Emergency Unit, the emergency response arm of an association of Indonesian Christian hospitals and clinics. These funds have provided and will continue to provide mobile health clinics, medical staff, water and sanitation equipment, food, transportation, and trauma equipment.
- \$10,000 to support a Church World Service airlift of medical supplies and blankets to Indonesia and Sri Lanka.
- \$25,000 for food to tsunami survivors in Aceh province Indonesia through Church World Service.

**Fellowship Dinner**

A Fellowship Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> following the church service. Please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy!

**Choir**

The Choir will continue to meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

**Car and Dog Wash**

YES, We are still doing car washes. We work for donations. Call for an appointment

**Portraits**

Remember, DJ will still be drawing portraits for members and non-members of Northwood. Any size. Price (Donations)

Call the church offices to make an order.

**O.Y.C.**

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

**Youth Group**

Northwood's Youth Group will continue to meet every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the activity building.

**College Group**

Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. the College Group meets in the activity building. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, then please speak with D.J.

**Random Thought**

Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn shop?



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