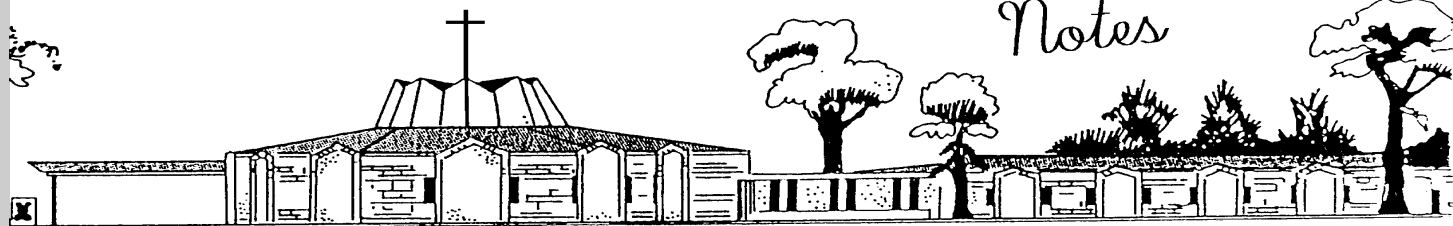


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
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NOTE FROM DON



A couple of weeks ago, my daughter Kelsey went to a dance competition with her high school in New Orleans. I really wanted to go, but circumstances prevented it. This past week she danced again in Houston and there was no way I was going to be kept away. I was so very excited to get to see her team dance and to get to see her dance her solo. I had some business that needed to be taken care of on Friday night, but I was definitely going up Saturday. And then she told me her solo was at 7:20 a.m.! When I heard this there were a thousand thoughts that ran through my head. Thoughts like, "To get there from Beaumont I would have to leave at 5:00 a.m.!"... "I wonder if the interstate is even open at 5:00 a.m."... "Other parents were going, I need to show my support."... "I didn't get a chance to go to New Orleans so I must go."... "I told her I'd go so I can't wiggle out."... "Maybe I'll get the measles." But I quickly pushed all of those silly thoughts aside. I got over the fact that I would have to leave before farmers get out of bed, and realized the truth. I wanted to go because she is my baby and I really love her. And whether she came in first or last, I didn't care. I wanted to go to Houston to show her I love her and I supported her. I have to admit, I was tired that day, but she was incredible and I may not have been quite as sharp in the pulpit that next day, but hey...it's all about priorities.

And my number one priority is my walk with Christ. It takes commitment and that's not easy. And sometimes our Lord requires things that are definitely not easy. But we know that we need to do them. I went to see Kelsey because I loved her, not out of guilt or because other parents did or because I didn't go to New Orleans. We must follow Christ for the same reason. Only out of love, not out of guilt, or because our friends do, or because we've made a commitment to some physical building or institution who feels we'll let them down if we turn away. We can't follow Jesus because it's something we've always done. It must be because of our passion for the risen Savior. That's the kind of commitment that produces fruit and lasts. We love Him because He first loved us. And He demonstrated that love by dying for us on a cross. Showing us a love that would last for all times. Even at 5:00 in the morning. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- **Monday, March 7- Game Day** will take place @ Northwood.
- **Wednesday, March 9- The Church Board** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- **Saturday, March 12-** The **Elders** will meet @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m. and a **Church-wide Work Day** will take place.
- **Monday, March 14-** The **Freewheelers** will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, March 17-** The **Quilt Guild** will take place in the Activity Building from 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 20-** A **Fellowship Dinner** will be held following the church service.
- **Monday, March 21-** The **CMF Group** will meet in the church at 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 26-** An **Easter Egg Hunt** will begin @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 30-** The **Pastor's Cabinet** will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the **Functional Committees** will meet at 7:00 p.m. @ Northwood.

CWF Calendar

- **Friday, March 18-** The **CWF Seekers Group** will meet @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 23-** The **CWF Adventure Group** will meet @ the home of Donna Givens at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Services

This year we are looking at an 8:00 a.m. Early Easter Service and of course our 10:50 a.m. service as well. There may be a few more changes in the works and we will keep you updated on these in the upcoming weeks. We are looking forward to celebrating the power of Jesus and His resurrection.

Spring Break

Despite contrary belief, Spring Break *does* exist and it is *coming!* BISD will officially begin their Spring Break on Monday, March 14 (but it really begins on Saturday, March 12). Just hold on guys it's almost here!

Easter Egg Hunt

Attention all kids (adults too)! An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26. We will be meeting Mrs. Liz Benson @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m. to begin. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, anyone you know who has children (you get the idea).

Northwood Choir

Every Thursday the Northwood Choir will meet in the church at 7:00 p.m. to practice songs and fill the air with their beautiful voices. (Let's not forget about LeAnn's magnificent piano-playing as well).

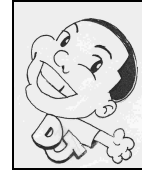
Thank You to Eva Joy

The Property Committee would like to thank Eva Joy Shelton for noticing that the flowers in the flower boxes needed "some help". She came up to the church on Sunday afternoon and planted some new ones. She saw a need and took care of it. Thank you Eva Joy!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

8 Chris Focken
10 Betty Downs
12 Anthony Michael Nicholas
19 Emma Benson
23 Kimberly (Young) Sanders
24 Pat Focken
24 Nicole Nicholas
29 Amye Schneider

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



Youth Calendar of Events

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities that we will be having in the next few weeks:

- **February 27:** We will be having a Yard Clean-Up.
- **March 6:** Bowling
- **March 13:** Church Clean-Up Day
- **March 20:** Spring Break (no activities planned)

Car and Dog Wash

If you have a dog or car that need some cleaning, call and let us know.

Portraits

Let D.J. know if you would like a portrait made of you or your family. Anyone can have their portrait made, including non-members. We accept donations for the drawings.

Youth Meetings

- Every Wednesday **Open Youth Center** is held at the church around 4:30 p.m. Bring your homework if you are in need of some help.
- On Thursday nights our **College Group** meets in the Activity Building at 7:00 p.m. for Bible discussion.
- At 4:00 p.m. on Sundays we will meet for **Youth Group** in the Activity Building.

Random Thought



Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?

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