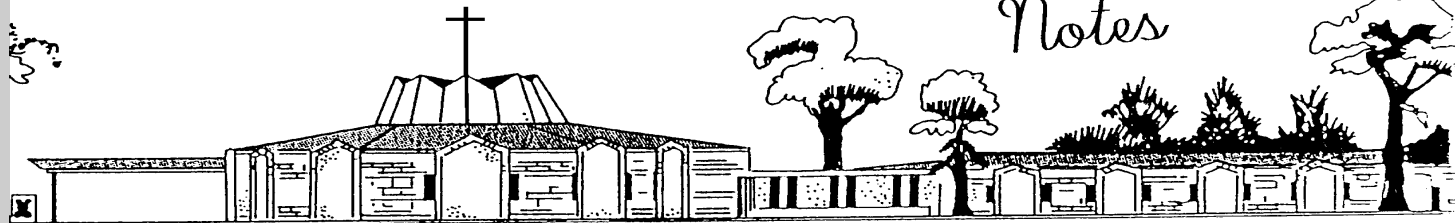


# Northwood Christian Church

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

For years we have had a group of close family friends who have three daughters. Their two oldest daughters consist of a sophomore and a junior in high school. They are both great friends with my daughter Kelsey. Their youngest daughter is in the fifth grade, and my daughter feels like she has adopted her as her own little sister. We called them a couple of weeks ago and asked them to meet us for dinner at a local restaurant. They were a little late because their sophomore girl was in a soccer game with the West Brook varsity soccer team. When they arrived we all began to talk about how well the West Brook team played and how glad we were they won. We also talked about how very well their daughter played and that it was about time she was given the playing time she deserved.

When we all gathered around the table to pray and we'd given thanks for the great Italian cuisine and good friends, Steve, then somewhere toward the end of his prayer, mentioned thanks that his daughter finally got some good playing time that evening. Then the whole table exploded in cheer. Not a single one was quiet. Then we resumed our prayer and went on and finished. I thought to myself, "That's the way prayer should be, with more feeling and emotion." There have been times in my life that I felt I was just going through the obligatory opening prayer because I was "in the church." But when we were praying in the restaurant, thanking the Lord of the universe for our wonderful food, we crossed a small bridge and gave thanks to the Lord for Allison getting a little more playing time in the soccer game. When this happened, we truly expressed our feelings, no one held back and I truly believe our Lord smiled.

I just returned from a conference in Galveston where the speaker said he'd been on a fishing trip in Africa. He got into a conversation with the African guide about God, and told her "when we pray we are talking and listening to the God of the universe" and that she ought to attend some local churches. Well, she did. And she talked with him a couple of weeks later and told him the God of the universe was not in the churches she visited. The people just sat there and looked bored. She knew wherever the God of the universe would be, people would look really excited. I wonder what our church would look like to her, or my preaching. I'll tell you one thing, I'd be glad to take her out to eat and pray with her group some time. The God of the universe is waiting to see you Sunday...see ya there.  
In His Grip, *DON*

## Easter Calendar

- **Sunday, March 20:** Palm Sunday
- **Friday, March 25:** Good Friday
- **Saturday, March 26:** An **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held @ Northwood beginning at 10:00 a.m.



Mrs. Liz Benson will be administering the event.

- **Sunday, March 27:** We will be having an **Early Easter Service** that will start at 8:00 a.m. at the church. The normal 10:50 a.m. service will follow later that morning.

## CMF/CWF Meetings

- **Friday, March 18:** The CWF Seekers will meet @ Northwood at 10:00 a.m.
- **Monday, March 21:** The CMF Group will meet @ the church at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 23:** The CWF **Adventure Group** will meet at the home of Donna Givens at 7:00 p.m.

## Movie Night



On Friday, March 25 (Good Friday), we will be having a movie night to watch "The Passion of the Christ" in the Activity Building. The movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. and we encourage bringing snacks and drinks. Hope to see you there!

## Easter

On Easter we will be having two services. One at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:50 a.m. The early service will be outside (weather permitting). The men of the church will provide a breakfast in between the services. We look forward to celebrating the true victory beyond the grave and freedom in this life and beyond.

***Palm Sunday Special***

On Palm Sunday the choir is doing a special presentation that will roll your socks! This is in conjunction with our new power point equipment looks to be a great Sunday. And all to lift the name of Jesus higher! Bring a friend, we hope to see you there!

***Easter Egg Hunt***

Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 26. Bring all the children you know! OR at least them all your child-like friends. This may be your last reminder, so we hope to see you (and your child-like friends) there!

***Fellowship Dinner***

On Palm Sunday, March 20, a **Fellowship Dinner** will be held following the church service. Remember to bring a dish to share with everyone!

***Cabinet/Functional Committees***

There will be no Pastor's Cabinet in March. The Functional Committees will be gathering together at 7:00 p.m. on March 30. "Do not forsake the gathering together as is the habit of some" (Hebrews).

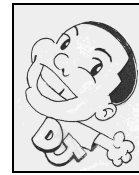
***Freewheelers' Lunch***



Those hungry Freewheelers will be meeting for lunch @ Guadalajara at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 14. Maybe they'll bring back some chips and salsa to share with us...

***Choir Rehearsals***

The Northwood Tenors (aka the choir) will meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church to warm-up their voices.



***Upcoming Events***

Here is list of upcoming rallies and camps that will be taking place within the next few weeks and throughout the summer:

- April 9-10: Spring Rally
- June 5-11: CYF Camp
- June 19-25: Brownwood

***Youth Calendar***

- **Sundays:** Youth Group at 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Building.
- **Wednesdays:** O.Y.C. at 4:30 p.m.
- **Thursdays:** College Group at 7:00 p.m.

***Car and Dog Wash***

The Youth Group is available to wash any dogs or cars that need any cleaning. Contact the church if you are interested in their services.

***Portraits***

D.J. is still doing portraits, so just let him know if you would like to get one done. Donations are accepted for the drawings and anyone can order one. Just give us a call or let D.J. know.

***Random Thought***



Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

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