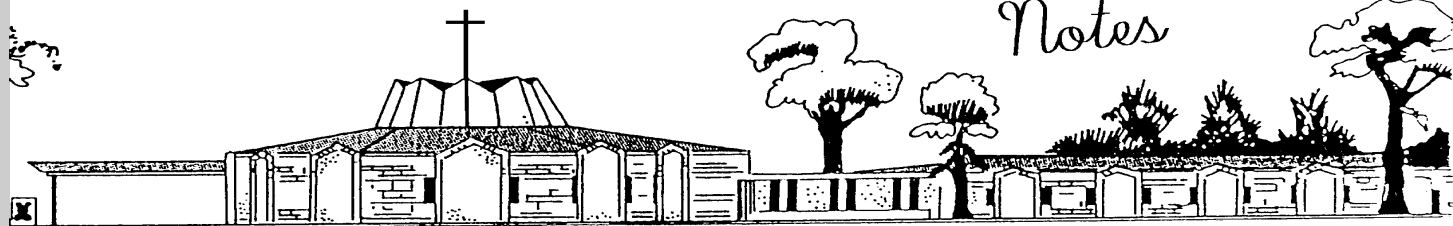


Northwood Christian Church



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

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Florene's Last Sunday at Northwood

NOTE FROM DON

A couple of weeks ago, my good friend Randy McIlvoy gave me a call and said it might be a good thing if the two of us got away from it all and went fishing. He suggested we meet in Galveston early Friday morning on that pier right off 90th Street on the sea wall. So at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning we both pulled up ready to do some damage. However, for about three hours all we did was stand there. We tried everything with no luck at all. We tried shrimp for bait, squid, mackerel...we tried fishing on top of the water and on the bottom. We tried it with lures, we tried it all. And still, nothing at all. As we looked around us we realized nobody else was catching anything either, so at least we didn't feel too bad. Around 11:30 a.m. Randy said it might be a good idea to gather our stuff up so we could go to lunch, and if we wanted we could come back later. I totally agreed; I was hungry. But then I caught a very small fish (tiny in fact) then about 20 minutes later Randy caught one. The next thing I knew we were no longer "fishing," we were "catching". It seemed like every time we threw our line out one of us was reeling one in. And before the day was over we had two ice chests full of fish. We were tired, sunburned and hungry, but we had a great time because we didn't walk away when it seemed like things were going nowhere.

How many times in the life of the church have you thought, "This just isn't working" or "I'm ready to give up"? Or maybe you're the one who flashes that reassuring grin when deep down inside you're thinking, "This idea will never fly." Jesus said, "If you follow me, I will make you fishers of men." But to be true fishers of men we must continue to throw our lines out and never stop.

When the fish finally started hitting they bit on anything as long as our line was in the water. So in a world that is starving to hear some good news we must realize if we keep doing what we are called to do and reach out to the world around us, God will deliver the catch. On that pier Friday morning, there were several men with their lines out of the water who were sitting around or getting ready to go home. Remember, Jesus called us to be fishers of men, not just observers of fishing. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

We are sad to announce that Florene Price's last Sunday at Northwood will be May 8. A reception will be held on Sunday, May 1 in the Activity Building after the service to honor Florene. We are so grateful for the love and happiness Florene has brought us over the years and for her true loyalty and dedication to God. We will never forget you Florene. You have a heart of gold.

Mother's Day



Mother's Day will be here before you know it on May 9! This is a time to honor our mothers for all of the wonderful things they do for us in our lives. On May 8 we will give a special gift to all of our mothers at the church service.

CMF/CWF Calendar

- **May 14:** The **CWF General Meeting** will be in the Activity Building from 12-3 p.m. There will be a Salad Luncheon and new officers will be installed at this meeting.
- **May 16:** The **CMF Group** will meet @ Northwood at 7 p.m.
- **May 20:** The **CWF Seekers Group** will meet at 10 a.m. @ Northwood.

Elders/Church Board/Cabinet

- **May 11:** The **Church Board** meets @ Northwood at 7 p.m.
- **May 14:** The **Elders** will meet @ Northwood at 10 a.m.
- **May 25:** The **Pastor's Cabinet** meets at 6 p.m. @ Northwood followed by the **Functional Committees** at 7 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner

Don't forget about the Fellowship Dinner on May 15 after the service. We look forward to enjoying some great food with our congregation. Hope to see you there!

Freewheelers Lunch



That's right, the Freewheelers are hungry again. They will meet on Monday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch @ Olive Garden. We hope they enjoy their salad and breadsticks.

A Note From Stewardship

We would like to say thank you to all of you who responded so generously and made a contribution to help pay off the Building Fund. It is people like you who help move this church forward in ways we cannot see. However, our building work is not done. This is a work in progress as our payment will be due this summer. Thanks for all your help.

2005 Coastal Plains Area Assembly

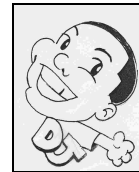
This year's assembly will be held on May 1, at First Christian Church at 1601 Sunset at Rice Blvd, Houston, TX 77005. The Board Meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. with registration at 3 p.m. and assembly worship from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Fun Fact: Northwood began its ministry as a church on May 15, 1953 (Pentecost Day).

May Birthdays

- 1 Ray Poff
- 2 Brandie Focken
- 4 Don Joseph
- 6 Charlotte Davis
- 11 Peyton Weems
- 14 Cindy Williams
- 23 Sally Rhodes
- 24 Ryan Parker
- 25 Doneta Kunkel
- 27 John Schneider
- 28 Lewis Leach
- 29 Haylee Williams

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



Youth Calendar

April 29: Car Wash starting at 4 p.m.

Wednesdays: OYC meets in the Activity Building at 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays: The Young Adult Group meets @ Northwood at 7 p.m. We usually eat out after the Bible Study is over; so keep that in mind. Speak with D.J. if you are interested in joining this group.

Sundays: The Youth Group meets at 4 p.m. @ Northwood for activities.

Thanks to Everyone

Thanks to everyone who came to our Fundraiser and Dessert. It was a fun-filled evening in which the youth raised over \$1,000 to help underwrite their Mission Trip for this summer. And, checks are still coming in. There are so many people who made this work that cannot be mentioned on this page. You know who you are. Thanks again.

Portraits

There is a sign-up sheet in D.J.'s office if you would like to sign up to have a portrait done. All proceeds go toward the Mission Trip.

Random Thought



If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?

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