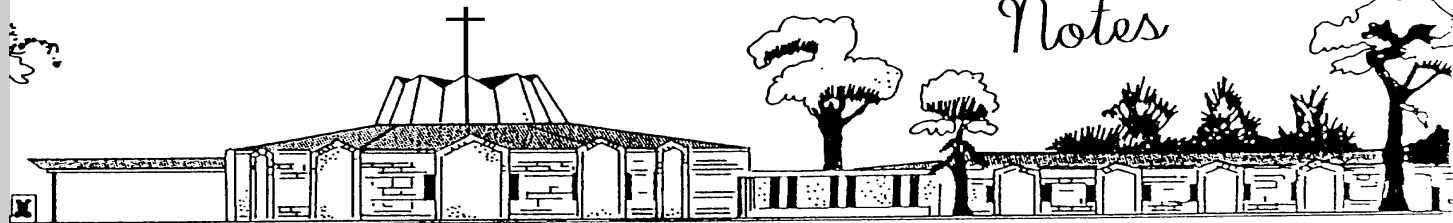


Northwood Christian Church



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

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

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NOTE FROM DON

This past Friday night I went with my wife and some others to Lamar University to see a presentation of "Kid Writes." This is a program where after local elementary schools have attended a workshop, they are encouraged to write and submit a short play to the Lamar Drama Department, after which the 12 best will be selected and performed by their drama team. Then everyone in the city is invited to attend. I have to admit I had a smile on my face almost the entire night long as these plays by second through fifth graders just kept coming. There were your classical plays like "The Dragon Who Could No Longer Breathe Fire Until He Ate Some Hot Peppers." There was the one about sports, with dogs and cats playing football. There was the play with a message like the one about the sock and the shoestring and how they were all jealous of each other until they learned to be happy with who they were. And then there was the play that just scared you, like the one about live objects floating in the toilet so very fearful of what might be coming to hurt them, like the talking plunger...or something else...I'm really not sure. Their creativity, new ideas, the lack of boundaries was inspiring.

It's that same creativity, lack of boundaries, and new ideas that helped the early church take off like a wildfire, that and an incredible passion for Jesus Christ and an openness to His Holy Spirit. But somewhere down the road the church found something it believed worked; we put it in a bottle and we haven't changed the formula much since. However, our society around us has changed by leaps and bounds. Changes in medicine, changes in technology, even changes in governments have altered the way we live and see life. But the formula of our churches has stayed exactly the same. And even those "new fangled" praise and worship churches have been doing pretty much the same thing for over 30 years. It's not new anymore. Don't get me wrong; we will NEVER touch the cornerstone, the Rock on which we build our faith, Jesus Christ. However, in youth work, you're taught to evaluate your program every year because the youth culture changes so quickly. I think it makes sense for us to evaluate the way our church reaches out to the people around us because the society we live in has changed so much. I believe Jesus knew what was best for us to do when He told us to become like children. In Matt. 18 it says they came and humbled themselves at His feet. And if we do the same...come to the feet of Jesus, humble ourselves, and listen to what He has to say,

we will be taking a step in the right direction. In addition, we will need to be creative and allow new ideas to Run Free. As for live objects in the toilet, that will not change! That will always be under the property committee! See ya Sunday.

In His Grip, *DON*

Office Equipment

The staff at Northwood would like to ask all of



the members of our congregation to keep an eye out for office equipment that you believe we could use. As many of our members know, we are in desperate need of a copy machine, and we are starting to look for a new folding machine as well. Please call the office if you find something you think we could use.

Sunday Night Worship Service

Northwood's first Sunday Night Worship Service will be held on June 5. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social and the service will begin at 6:30 and last until about 8:30 p.m. The elders will bring the ice cream and everyone can bring their favorite toppings. We hope to see you there for this exciting night!

Fellowship Dinner



Don't forget about the Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, May 15 after the church service. Some great food will be served so we hope you can make it!

CMF/CWF Meetings

- **Saturday, May 14:** The CWF General Meeting will be held in the Activity Building from 12-3 p.m.
- **Monday, May 16:** The CMF Group meets @ Northwood at 7 p.m.
- **Friday, May 20:** The CWF Seekers Group meets at 10 a.m. @ Northwood

CASA Golf Tournament

Casa will be holding a Golf Tournament on Monday, May 16 @ Brentwood. The Putting Contest starts at 8 a.m. and shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$350 for a foursome and \$90 per individual. Call 832-2272 for more information.

Surprise in the Youth Room

For all those who are unaware, the youth have a special surprise upstairs in the Activity Building. We don't want to ruin it for anyone, but it is simply a beautiful gift to all of us. If you are unable to or don't have time to make it upstairs then go check it out online @ www.northwood-christian.org.

CWF General Meeting

On May 14, the CWF General Meeting, luncheon and installation of officers in the Activity Building from 12-3 p.m. Nancy Beaulieu will speak about "Anna's House," a new place for women. All women of Northwood are invited. Please come and bring another member or a friend.

Cabinet/Functional Committees

On Wednesday, May 25 the **Pastor's Cabinet** will meet @ Northwood at 6 p.m. followed by the **Functional Committees** meeting at 7 p.m.

VBS

Northwood's annual Vacation Bible School will be held on June 19-25. Put it in your calendar now!

May Worship Leaders

Here are the remaining Worship Leaders serving in May:

15: Blane Dunkleberger

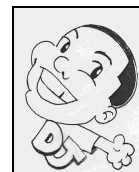
22: George Flower

29: Deborah Waguspack

Elders Meeting

The Elders will meet on Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. @ Northwood.

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CYF Camp

Don't forget that this year's CYF Camp takes place on June 5-11. The early registration deadline passed on May 5th, but you can still register until May 20th at a cost of \$290. After May 20, no registrations will be accepted.

Youth Schedule of Events

Wednesdays: OYC held in the Activity Building at 4:30 p.m. Bring snacks and drinks along with some **HOMEWORK** (if you want to).

Thursdays: The Young Adult Group meets in the Activity Building for Bible Study and discussion. We usually go out to eat afterwards so make sure to bring some spending money.

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

Random Thought



Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

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