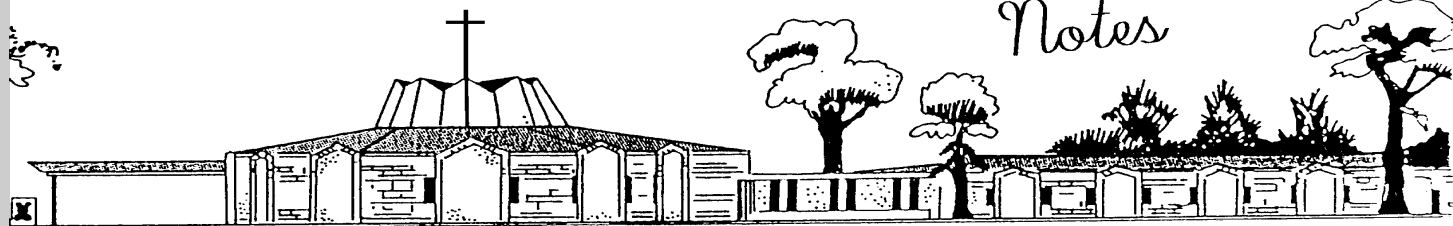


Northwood Christian Church



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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



As you drive away from my home and go out the back way, as long as I can remember, there has been a large bump in the road. Not one like a speed bump in a parking lot. This one is more like the invisible kind. You really don't see it coming, but if you hit it going fast enough, sparks will fly from the bottom of your vehicle. If you're coming back from the grocery store and forget about it, you can have tomatoes and avocados rolling and flying all over the car (believe me, I've seen them). But to be honest with you, there's a part of me that loves to hit that bump pretty hard. My daughter used to scream, "Come on dad, let's go!" I would hear my wife Linda's voice in the background saying, "D-O-N!" And it would seem like we were flying through the air just like we were on a roller coaster at Six Flags, if just for a moment.

The other day the family was coming home and I decided to hit the gas and give us all a little thrill. As I hit the bump, nothing happened! I looked shocked and said, "Hey, what's the deal?" Kelsey and Linda told me they fixed it about a week ago, and now we wouldn't have to put up with being thrown around in the car any longer. I had complained about that road forever and now that is fixed, I kind of miss it. I almost wish it was back the way it was.

We humans are such strange creatures. We talk about how we need to make our church service more attractive to young people, but when we make a few changes; we get uneasy because we're not real sure we want "those" things changed.

We pray that God will make us the person He wants us to be, but when He shows us what needs to be done in our lives, we don't want to go there. We're creatures of habit and we get used to both the thrills *and* the mundane. When God comes in with His Spirit to bring healing and make our lives whole, we don't always readily accept it. We like the old way; it's what we were used to even if it tore up our car or kept us from being who we were meant to be. So as God brings change to our lives, let's try to embrace it. It's part of the growing process. And we need to remember, we won't spend as much time searching for tomatoes in the back of the car. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS Marketplace will be here before you know it! Vacation Bible School will be taking place from June 20-24. This is a great time to get young children involved in the life of the church. Adult volunteers will also be needed as well. If you have questions call Liz Benson at 755-3761.

Sunday Night Worship Service/Ice Cream Social

On June 5, we will be having our first Sunday Night Worship Service. It begins at 6:30 p.m. with an Ice Cream Social followed by the service. Expect the service to end around 8:30 p.m. We hope to see you there for this very special night @ Northwood!

Church Board/Elders

- The **Church Board** will meet on Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. @ Northwood.
- The **Elders** meeting will take place on Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m.

CMF/CWF Meetings

- **Wednesday, June 8:** The **CWF Executive Board Meeting** will take place at 6 p.m. prior to the Board meeting.
- **Wednesday, June 15:** The **CWF Adventure Group** meets at 7 p.m. @ the home of Rosalind Dunkleberger.
- **Friday, June 17:** The **CWF Seekers Group** meets at 10 a.m. @ Northwood.
- **Monday, June 20:** The **CMF Group** meets @ the home of Zack Kidd at 7 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner

Make sure that you mark the Fellowship Dinner on your calendar for June 19. It will be held after the church service. We hope to see you there!

Pastor's Cabinet/Functional Committees

On Wednesday, June 29, the Pastor's Cabinet will be held on June 29 at 6 p.m. followed by the Functional Committees meeting at 7 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals

The high-note-hitting Northwood Choir meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. to practice and tune-up their voices.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

- *May 29: Deborah Waguspack*
- *June 5: John Boles*
- *June 12: Sara Close*
- *June 19: Clarence Kessler*
- *June 26: Denny Parker*

Quilt Guild/Luncheon

The Quilt Guild will take place on Saturday, June 18 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Activity Building. A luncheon will be held during the meeting.

Freewheelers Lunch

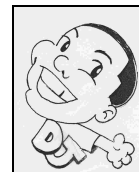
The *Freewheelers* will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 13. The location is not yet known, but expect an announcement in the bulletin.

***We would like to congratulate Russ Furry, our Northwood secretary, who once again earned a 4.0 GPA at Lamar. Russ has achieved a cumulative average of 3.94 while working his way through school. Way to go Russ!*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

9 Gloria Brown
9 Lynne Weems
14 Jean Gibbs
20 Russ Furry
21 Amanda Waguspack
24 Chris Williams

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



Northwood Christian Church. Thank you for all of your support in our mission fund raising efforts. However, our group is still not out of hot water yet. We are in need of 1,000 dollars more to cover our costs. To help in our matters, the youth group would like to have a dinner and silent auction. Should you have any semi-new or new items that could be donated, we would love it. If you would like to make a monetary donation WE WOULD LOVE THAT EVEN MORE. Our dinner and auction is scheduled for June 12th after church in the activity center. We will also be auctioning a pie. Invite your friends. Again, We need your help.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP INFO.

This year, the Northwood Christian Church youth group will be working with Youth On Mission in New Orleans. We will be working in an inner city soup kitchen and mowing lawns. We are looking forward to this assignment. Our departure date is July 16 returning on the 22. A week of hard work.

OYC/Youth Group

- **Open Youth Center** Has changed for the summer. We will begin our OYC day at 12:00 pm, Wed. on an Announced Schedule. Should you have any questions feel free to call 351-0259 DJ cell!
- **Youth Group** meets every Sunday at 4 p.m. for activities.

Random Thought



If a parsley farmer is sued,
can they garnish his wages?

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