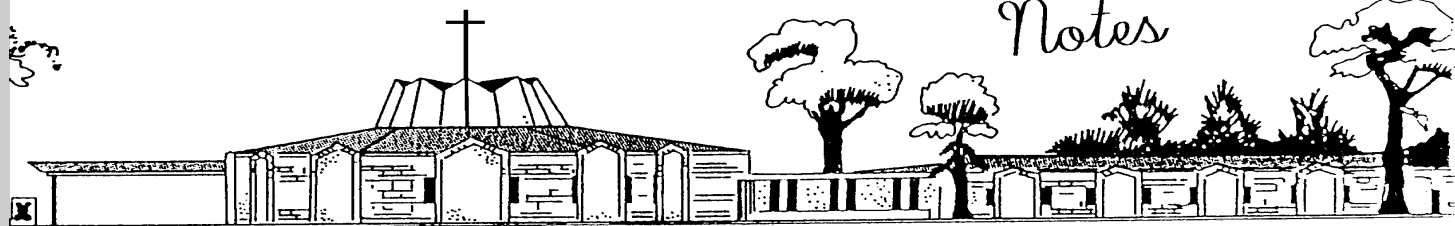


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NOTE FROM DON



You know as well as I do that when your kids get involved in something, you might as well not fight it. And, because of my daughter's love for ballet, we've been involved with dance now for a l-o-n-g time. We've been to watch some pretty impressive dance companies from one end of the country to the other. We've been to New York City, Denver, Dallas and Houston. And, while we were there, we went and saw their ballet performances. We even saw the Russian Ballet perform right here in Texas! Most of the time when I go to the ballet, I put on a jacket, and prepare to relax and enjoy an evening of fine dance. Even all the time that I've spent at the Beaumont Civic Ballet, watching Kelsey and her friends, has been great. But, last Saturday, Kelsey agreed to be a guest performer for one of her dance teachers at a place I'd never been before. At least as far as dance was concerned! Last Saturday night, we went to the small town of Silsbee, Texas. We walked right into the high school auditorium and sat down to watch the only dance company in Silsbee perform. The high school auditorium was nearly full. As kids from all over the town stepped onto the stage... No delicate handclapping here... In Silsbee, you get the full support of everyone. Even a "yahoo" and a "that a girl!"

Mistakes, you bet, but who cared -- they were a community who turned out to support their dance company! And it didn't matter that they were a little company that no one had seen before, these kids believed they could do anything. **They had heart.** If it were up to the Silsbee Ballet, they would be willing to perform at the Lincoln Center tomorrow. I wrote the rough draft for this article while sitting in the dark at the ballet in Silsbee. I thought "the yahoo" and the "That a girls" sounded alot like "Amens" that I've heard before. And, the way they embraced their kids is just like we support one another here. But that **HEART...** they had the courage to stand up and perform, even when scared to death; to step out and go places and do things that they were supposed to do. They did not have a lot of training, but they did what they were asked to do. So, when our Lord asks us to step out, to do things that we are uncomfortable with, and when we are afraid that we will fail.... we don't need to look to New York City or Houston, we only need to look a the mighty Silsbee Ballet for a lesson in courage and heart. See you Sunday.

In His Grip
DON

KEYS KEY KEYS

One more time. If anyone out there possesses keys to the office or activity building, that you are not using, please turn them in to the office.

THANKS

Last week, I mentioned that our office copier needed to be buried... well, now it can be. This past week our office received an anonymous gift. A brand new cannon copier to take care of our needs. On Friday, the church office received a brand new Canon ImageClass D861 copier/printer/fax machine. Many thanks to our anonymous giver!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As of this printing, our VBS is under way, and by our counts, it looks better than ever before. We would like to take our hats off to Liz Benson and her crew for all that they have done (and are doing). It is obvious that God's Blessing is on this work and with these Children.

Thanks to the Benson's and the Flower's

We would like to publically thank Bruce Benson and George and Dolores Flower for their recent computer donations to our church. Bruce gave us one of his Dell desktop computers, which is a great step forward from the computer we had. Thank you to the Benson Bunch for your generosity. We would also like to thank the Flower Family for the donation of a Sony Vaio computer, along with a monitor and printer. Our staff and our church are so thankful for people like you.

Summer Sunday School!

This summer, we need some volunteers to teach our 3-5 year olds in Sunday School. Their teacher (Linda Joseph) is taking a much needed break for the summer and will be back in the fall. We need some volunteers to get us through until then. There is an orange sign-up sheet outside their room. And, we appreciate all the help we can get. We have it on reliable source that you receive SO much more than you give with this group.....so why not give it a Summer Sunday?!



HEARTS AND KISSES

This past week our church secretary, Russ Furry, proposed to his High School sweet heart Emily Lockard. They were engaged under a waterfall in Colorado, awwww. Prayers and wishes.



WORLD OUTREACH

Tasting for Some Other Place is coming up. The date is August 16. Northwood will have a booth with Fire and Ice Pickles. The usual crew of pickle makers is worn out. We need new willing pickle makers. If you are able to help us get ready around July 15, please contact Bea Buller.

GARAGE SALE

Scheduled for September 22nd. Call Denny Parker for more information.



JOHN SPERLING SCHOLARSHIP

Ahoy! All you college students! If you hope to apply for the John Sperling Scholarship, please hand in your application by July 15.

Forms are available in the church offices. Applicants need to be active members of Northwood Christian Church, attending college, trade school or an accredited institution beyond High School level.



YOUTH STUFF

WOW PEOPLE. THE TIME IS GETTING CLOSER FOR THE MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS.

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!

Just for further information for you, the Mission Trip will be from July 16-22. The groups from Northwood Christian Church, First Christian Church (Beaumont) and First Christian Church (Orange) are going to join forces and take part in mission work in a Catholic Convent in inner city New Orleans. We are all excited about the endeavour.

We are a total of 15 kids and 6 adults strong. We will be making friends with kids from all over the nation all together in New O. Aeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE YOUTH

The members of Northwood Christian Church and all of their friends have no idea how much our youth appreciate their support. Upon meeting in the activity center one evening, the youth discussed how happy they were to see that the recital and dinners all turned out to be sold out events. The youth also discussed how happy they were to be able to take on carwashes and were very much appreciative of church members paying double and even triple the amount of cars being washed. God Bless you all. From the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for all of your support and your continued encouragement. The kids not only see it, but they feel it.

FUNNY THOUGHT

Why do people who know the least know it the loudest?



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