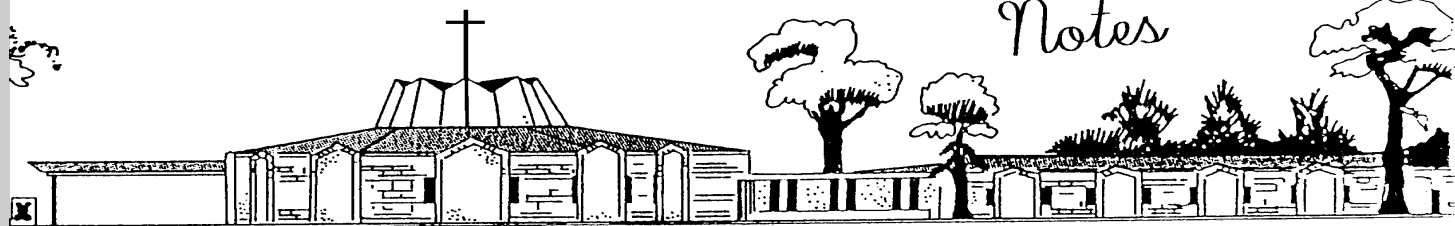


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NOTE FROM DON



Just this past week we returned from our vacation in New York City. We spent almost a week up there observing all the sights and sounds of the big city. We wanted to make sure we had time to relax so we really only set aside three or four "must do" activities that we wanted to get done while we were there. We went to Yankee Stadium and watched the Yankees "pound" the Orioles 12-2 (and the hot dog was great). We went to a Broadway show called "Sweet Charity" starring Christina Applegate that was hilarious (even if Miss Applegate wasn't there). For my daughter and the dancing part we went to the Lincoln Center and saw the ballet "Swan Lake." Kelsey sat with eyes wide open the whole time, as she watched this incredible performance by the finest ballerinas in the world.

Then we signed up for a tour of the Lincoln Center. It was us and only five others as we were able to see some parts of the stage that no-one ever sees. While we were on our tour a woman walked by and Kelsey's eyes got as big as silver dollars and she said, "That's Irina Dvorenko!" Several minutes later another individual walked by and she said, "That's Carlos Acosta!" The tour guide finally stopped and said, "How do you know who all these people are?" Well, the truth is she's read about them, she's watched them, and she knows all about them, including their names! They are the principal dancers of the ballet there in New York City. I might have recognized Peyton Manning or Barry Bonds but not these individuals. She recognized them because this is "her" focus.

So how do we recognize the Lord when He is in our midst? How do we recognize the Spirit of God when He comes near us? Have we been reading about Him? Have we been listening to His voice or could God walk right by us and we not even know who He was? I guess it depends on what "our" focus is. If our focus is on the Saviour, we will recognize Him and we will be excited as He comes near to share His love with us. If our focus is elsewhere, we will be looking desperately for God and His love as He stands right next to us.

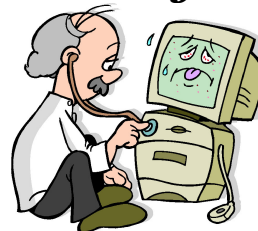
It just takes opening our eyes, *our spiritual eyes*, and being aware that God is near. And this tour has just begun. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

DJ's Last Sunday

DJ's last official Sunday as Northwood's Youth Minister is on July 24. He will be preaching that Sunday, so make sure you're here to celebrate DJ's contributions to our church. He will be hanging around after this Sunday, so don't be worried, we'll still be seeing him.

Temporary Church E-Mail Address Change



Due to recent problems that we have been having with our current internet service provider, Northwood now has a new Yahoo e-mail address: northwoodchristian@yahoo.com. We will be sending out e-mails from this address until we set up an account with another company. So be on the lookout for e-mails from us!

Upcoming SOP/World Outreach Events

Tasting @ Some Other Place

The Tasting for Some Other Place will be held on August 16 from 5-8 p.m. at the Civic Center. The cost is \$10 and Northwood will be preparing fire and ice pickles. If you are interested in signing up to make pickles, there is a sheet on the table in the entrance hall of the church. We hope to see you there and that you will participate in this event!

Back to School Clothing Drive

The Back to School Clothing Drive will take place @ Northwood on August 1-3 and will go from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a break at noon. Every child's outfit is 60\$ which includes two pairs of jeans, two shirts, six pairs of underwear, six pairs of socks, and some school supplies as well. We welcome special gifts from members for this cause. Thanks!!!

John Sperling Scholarship



Don't forget that John Sperling Scholarship applications are due on Friday, July 15! If you haven't gotten one yet then stop by the office and pick one up. Time is running out and we have to get them in!

Upcoming CMF/CWF Meetings

- **Friday, July 15:** The CWF Seekers Group meets @ Northwood at 10 a.m.
- **Monday, July 18:** The CMF Group meets at 7 p.m. @ Northwood.

Quilt Guild/Workshop Dates

The Quilt Guild will take place in the Activity Building on July 21 from 9:30 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. They will be meeting again on Saturday, July 23 in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. for their Workshop as well.

Cabinet/Functional Committees Meeting

The Pastor's Cabinet will meet on Wednesday, July 27 at 6 p.m. followed by the Functional Committees Meeting at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

July Worship Leaders

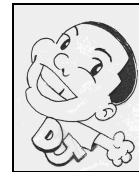
Here is a list of some upcoming worship leaders this month:

17: *Diana Schneider*

24: *Steve Focken*

31: *Peter Perkolup*

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



Mission Trip

The Youth will be departing for New Orleans on Sunday, July 17 for this year's Mission Trip. We are very excited for all of the kids going and we hope they have a great time. They will be helping serve food in a soup kitchen along with other activities. They will be returning back to Beaumont on Friday, July 22. Thanks to everyone who helped make this trip a possibility. See ya guys!!!

Potholders

In case you are interested, Mandy Waguspack is selling potholders right now. Please see her if you would like to buy one. The cost is \$6. Proceeds go toward the upcoming Mission Trip. Thanks!

Random Thought



What does Geronimo say when he jumps out of a plane?

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