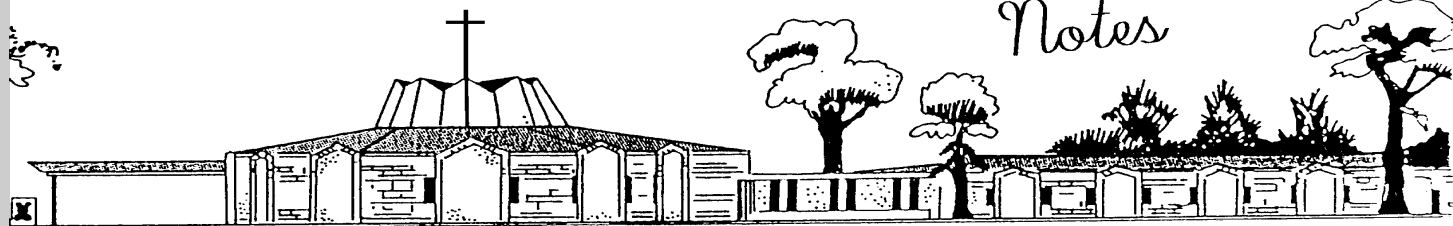


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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

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NOTE FROM DON



There are times when all of us can be a tad controlling, manipulative, or self-serving to some degree. We've all been down that road where we believe our judgment is better than the one standing next to us. It is usually either because of experience or training or just the fact that we unfortunately have celebrated more birthdays than others. It happens all the time; it's just a part of life. The young step into positions of responsibility every day as their elders either reluctantly or joyously surrender these roles.

A couple of weeks ago I was thrust into this position of playing the role of the elder (which I'm told I better get used to) as my daughter Kelsey turned 16 and went to get her driver's license. It has been one thing to sit there in the passenger seat and instruct her and applaud her. That's the role I've gotten used to. But to step out of the car and let this small, tiny girl who seemed to just quit playing with dolls yesterday and now in my opinion can barely reach the peddles or see over the dashboard, much less drive on her own. This is an act of faith.

This is where I hold on with white knuckles to the keys of the car because it's hard to let go of what I once controlled. But our Lord has called me to let go, because it's her turn. And someday she will teach her son or daughter to drive but only if I let her go today. Faith is difficult to learn, and as we all know, it doesn't happen overnight.

Eight days after Kelsey was given the keys, she called us and said she had been in a little accident. It was nothing big, but it was enough to scare you. We didn't take away those keys that were so difficult to hand over in the first place. In fact, we gave them right back even when she didn't want them. That's the only way she will ever learn.

We can't go down to the Department of Public Safety and apply for a license and pay a little fee that gives us faith. Faith is something we learn as time goes along and...well, it's totally free and much needed. For we all have little accidents along the way, just like Kelsey. And she is an officer on her school drill team and that grace was necessary when she ran into the coach of the football team. Then again, so is forgiveness because she will see him every Friday night.

In His Grip,

DON

Couple Coming to Beaumont



Two years ago, Northwood was approached by the Division of Homeland Ministries to sponsor a young Vietnamese couple who wanted to immigrate to Beaumont. Now they are coming! Tranh Son Thanh and Nguyen Lan are set to arrive at Jefferson County Airport on August 25 at 9:30 p.m. As a church we are being asked to help get the couple acquainted with Beaumont, assist them in applying for a job, and help them to learn English as a second language. They will need our aid, not financially, but they will be in need of the knowledge that it takes to live in America. They have family here in Beaumont, but they will still require our assistance. You can speak with Don or Bea for more information or call Leah R. Little at Interfaith Ministries (713)-533-4984.

Tasting for Some Other Place

Don't forget about the Tasting for Some Other Place that is coming up on Tuesday, August 16 at the Beaumont Civic Center. The event will begin at 5 p.m. and last until 6 p.m. and tickets are \$10 per person. You can call the office for more information or call 832-7976 to order tickets. Come join us for a great evening!

A Party for Lora Parker



In case you weren't aware, we will be having a party for Lora Parker to celebrate all of her accomplishments as Northwood's Choir Director over the years. The party will be held after the church service on August 21 in the Activity Building in place of the Fellowship Dinner. Please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy. Thanks!

Cabinet/Functional Committees

- On Wednesday, August 31 the **Pastor's Cabinet** meets @ Northwood at 6 p.m.
- The **Functional Committees** meeting follows the Cabinet at 7 p.m. @ Northwood.

Notice of Upcoming Quilt Guild Activities

The Activity Building has been reserved for the following dates:

- **Quilt Guild** meets on August 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- **Workshop** in the Activity Building on Friday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Workshop** in the Activity Building on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

August Worship Leaders

The following people are scheduled to serve as Worship Leaders for the rest of the month:

August 14: Michelle Huynh

August 21: Zack Kidd

August 28: Mark Wallace

Please call the church office if you need to switch with someone.

CWF/CMF Calendar

- Monday, August 15: The **CMF Men's Group** meets @ the home of Mark Wallace at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 17: The **CWF Adventure Group** will meet at 7 p.m. at a destination yet to be confirmed.
- Friday, August 19: The **CWF Seekers** will meet @ Northwood at 10 a.m.

A Note from the Cline's, Schneider's, and King's

Thank you to our church family for all the expressions of sympathy following the death of Roberta. Thanks for your prayers, cards, flowers, plants, and food. Northwood may be a small congregation, but its outpouring of love is overwhelming. Thank you all for feeding us both physically and spiritually during this difficult time.

The Cline, Schneider, and King Families

Youth News

We are currently looking at hiring James Payne to become the future Youth Minister at Northwood. He is right now going through the process of approval, but we hope to have more information in our next newsletter.

Back to School

We would like to wish God's blessings to all of the Northwood youth who are returning to school. We hope that you will be a strong witness for Christ wherever you are.

Random Thought



How can the Energizer Bunny go so long without eating?

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