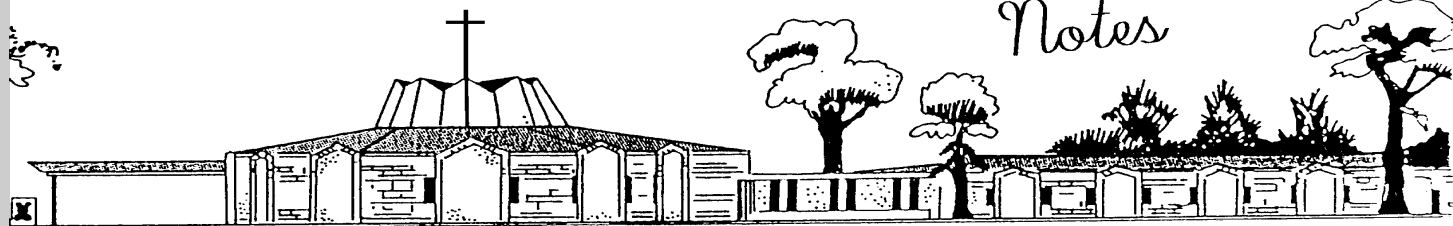


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

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NOTE FROM DON



Well I guess by now everybody is slowly but surely getting back in the swing of things. Most have electricity, but having a phone that works is still a privilege. Negotiating these crowded streets full of torn down trees, old dry wall and wet carpet is no fun, but I'm hoping in 6 months we will not even remember who Rita was. Right now everyone seems to be dealing with their insurance claims waiting to hear from your adjuster, or maybe you are one of the lucky ones who got your home taken care of right after the storm and are already starting repairs.

For me my adjuster came this last Saturday and for the most part seemed to be a very generous fellow. We are going to get a new roof and new windows a new door and carpet and some drywall and even a new air conditioner. What we won't get is clothes (like we need any way), furniture, the food in the refrigerator. In a nut shell everything that has to do with the house itselfis taken care of. Anything we put on the inside is gone.

This is just the opposite of what happens to us in our lives as believers. Even the Bible reminds us how our outer man is decaying. Its true our physical body is slipping away and we can't do anything about it. Despite the remarkable things they are doing with plastic surgery, they can't stop our body from failing us, our backs, our knees and yes, even our hair.

Our memories of those who we love and our commitment to the One who loves us are the things that last forever. And this commitment to Jesus Christ is not some kind of insurance policy we cash in on at the end of our life. This commitment is life itself! This is what allows us to get through the times when we stand proudly at our childs graduation or allows us to stand just as tall at the ruins of your home you have lived in for 40 years after a strom. Its not about what we have, but about who has us. And there should be no question about that, because we were purchased at the Cross. See ya Sunday.

In his grip,
Don

DAMAGE TO BUILDING

Well as you drive by the church building, you know it looks pretty nasty . So many people came up and asked me, "How long will it be before you will be able to worship there again.? Your facility must be destroyed." Well outside of the crushing of the of the porch on the south west side. We got off pretty well. I am also thankful for insurance because we will probably be using it. If you have questions about the specifics, track down Clarence Kessler he will be glad to try to explain all the goings on in insurance language to you.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

As you know the church is working on a new directory which includes all the usual information plus cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. There are quite a few who said, "Well I use just my cell phone or e-mail for emergency so don't worry about it." WELL in light of hurricane Rita we are giving you a second chance. In case you didn't notice that info was vital during those difficult weeks. Please call Betty Downs 861-3439, Delores Flower 866-8084 or Barbara Wallace 892-8412 with your updated information, Thanks.

OFFICE PHONE STILL DOWN

The office phone is still down. If you need to contact the church office about anything call Pastor Don @ 656-7799

DO YOU HAVE DAMAGE?

If you had damage to your home in which you may need a little help with. If so, please call the church office or Linn Wallace @ 892-6412.

THANKS TO WEEK OF COMPASSION

I want to take just a moment to thank all of those at Week of Compassion. They were generous enough to send us a check for \$5000 to help us get back on our feet. THANK YOU! Week of Compassion.

REMINDER

WITH ALL THE THINGS GOING ON DON'T LET THE TIME CHANGE SNEAK UP ON YOU. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2:00 AM ON OCTOBER 30. SO..... BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 29. SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!

Cabinet/Functional Committees

- On Wednesday, October 26, The **Pastor's Cabinet** meets @ Northwood at 6 p.m.
- The **Functional Committees** meeting follows the Cabinet at 7 p.m. @ Northwood.

October Worship Leaders

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

- 23rd Denny Parker
- 30th Craig Mercer

CWF/CMF Calendar

- We will not be meeting for the Remainder of October.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 21 John Boles
- 24 Song Wallace
- 25 Bea Buller
- 25 Brenda Kidd
- 26 Thomas Mahan
- 27 Roland Williams
- 29 Wallace Bryan
- 30 Diana Schneider
- 31 Lora Parker

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE



How do you mend a broken Jack-o-lantern?
With a pumpkin patch!

The evening class for the Youth Group will be held each Wednesday.
6:00 p.m. in the Activity Building.

WORK DAY MOVED TO SATURDAY

The Wednesday work gang which has been working up at the church ever since I got here, Is changing their work day to Saturday. They want to let you know you are invited to join them. This change will remain on Saturday until further notice.

Mary Jane Ellis

Most of you know one of the most beloved members of this congregation passed away a few days after the hurricane after she had been evacuated to Houston. Mary Jane was known for her love for youth her love for singing and just a love for people in general. There was a "Time of Remembrance" held for the family in Houston. The funeral will be held on October 29th around 2 p.m. here at Northwood Christian Church. Memorial gifts may be given to the Youth Education Fund in lieu of flowers.

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