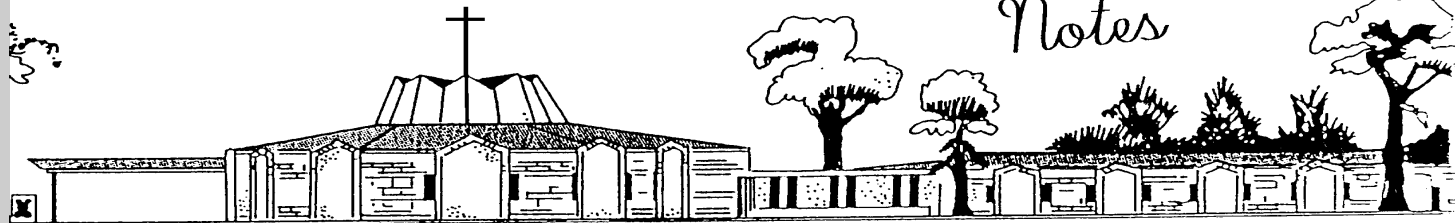


Northwood Christian Church

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

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

November 11, 2005

NOTE FROM DON



Yesterday I went to see a pastor friend of mine at a fairly large church in Vidor, Texas. I'd never been to that church before and when I arrived I saw that this church had taken a pretty good beating by the hurricane. They had workers everywhere cleaning and repairing.

I walked around the church trying to find the office but was not having any luck at all. I ended up standing face to face with this Hispanic man, so I asked him if he knew where the office was. He just looked at me a little puzzled and shook his head. So I realized he probably didn't speak English. I thought I could overcome this obstacle and I said (with my very limited knowledge of the Spanish language), "Donde esta la oficina?" Translation: Where is the office? At which time he grinned and rattled off about 2 ½ minutes of Spanish so fast I didn't understand one word. I don't know *what* I was thinking. Maybe I thought he would just answer with a British accent like Prince Charles or something. I know I don't speak Spanish that well. So how I thought I would understand him when he answered me, I have NO idea. Fortunately he used enough hand motions and pointed so I could find the office.

Later that day, when I was driving home, I just laughed out loud, and I thought, "That's often the way it is when we pray. I think we often ask God things in prayer just because we've learned the language. And when he responds we are often shocked, because we were not expecting Him to answer. We were taught to pray when we were children; this is what good Christians do. But so often we go into prayer with our minds already made up about what God wants to do or where He wants or doesn't want to take us. If we're going to ask questions of God, we better be ready to be surprised. Like when Peter says, "If it's you Jesus tell me to come to You on the water."

We can go to school to learn to pray beautiful prayers. But praying and expecting God to act, expecting God to move, that's different. Let's not pray just because we think we know the language. Let's pray expecting and expect to hear His voice and understand him. If He's true to form then don't be surprised at what He says. See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
DON

Stewardship Campaign

It is that time of the year again, although it may not seem that way with all the events that have taken place recently. Our Fall Stewardship campaign will start with a consecration Sunday, November 13 and conclude on November 20. This newsletter contains a giving form to help you prayerfully consider a commitment for 2006 to keep our mission at Northwood moving forward.

With the hurricane interruptions and all the time and energy to recover from the damage, it's difficult to think about pledges for next year at Northwood. However, we must continue to share the Word of the Lord in our community, and the church is a very special place for us to meet, renew our faith, and bring others to the Lord.

Please consider, faithfully, your pledge for 2006, as we will need to bring a close to our 2006 budget and have a congregational vote in December.

Time to Get this Baby Cranked Up!

On November 13, we will be having a breakfast blowout to kick off this new year for Sunday School and church. Worship is what fuels our soul, and after the last several months we need to make sure we are where God wants us to be- full of the spirit and not running on empty. *So we will see you Sunday Morning for Breakfast!*

New Secretary for Northwood Christian Church

Luella Antill has been hired as Northwood's new church secretary. Many of you met her last Sunday at our service. Luella has worked for the Vidor Independent School District as a secretary for almost 13 years. We are glad to have her and she would love to meet as many of you as possible, so give her a call or come by.

Focken Baby Shower

Brandi Focken's baby shower is finally here! After several postponements, this time it's for real. The shower will be held @ the Activity Building on Sunday, November 13 from 3-5 p.m. We look forward to celebrating this very special day in the Focken family. Congratulations Brandi and Chris!

Praise the Lord and SWB!

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE

Well, it's been six weeks but we finally got our phones turned on here at the office. So give us a call **JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN** at 892-3404. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Youth News

It's that time of the year again, we will be participating in the Some Other Place Scavenger Hunt this Sunday, November 13. We will have lunch directly after church and then begin our scavenger hunt. Tell your parents to feel free to bring canned food to the church to help us out. See you Sunday.

Worship Leaders

Here is a list of the upcoming November Worship Leaders:

- **November 13:** *Sara Close*
- **November 20:** *James Payne*
- **November 27:** *Debbie Waguspack*

James Payne
Youth Director

If you are an upcoming Worship Leader and need to switch with someone, then please call or stop by the church office.

Youth Group

There will be no Youth Group this Sunday, due to the Sunday Night of Worship. We will meet Wednesday, November 16 at 5 p.m. for O.Y.C. and Bible Study.

Cabinet/Functional Committees

- On Wednesday, November 30, The **Pastor's Cabinet** meets @ Northwood at 6 p.m.
- The **Functional Committees** meeting follows the Cabinet at 7 p.m. @ Northwood.

Break'n a Sweat Service Rally on December 2-4

This year's Service Rally will be held at:

Woodlands Christian Church
1202 North Mill Bend Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*1 Howard McDaniel
6 Shawna Harrold
6 Bruce Benson
7 Brock Bassett
7 Brooke Saurage
8 David Horn
14 Clarence Kessler
18 Tyler Weems
19 Bettye Baker
19 Jarred Boles
21 C. H. Brawley
22 Linda Joseph
24 Connie Pleasant
25 Liz Benson
26 Jo McDill
26 Debbie Waguspack
30 Florene Price*

Registration is Friday, December 2 between 7-9 p.m. Please bring a bible, sleeping stuff, shower stuff (showers will be provided) and clothes for church.

Please collect toiletries, backpacks, nice sweat shirts, and canned-goods with pop up lids, socks, teenage-sized underwear (male and female), gloves, and hats.

***Thank you for
all your
support
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