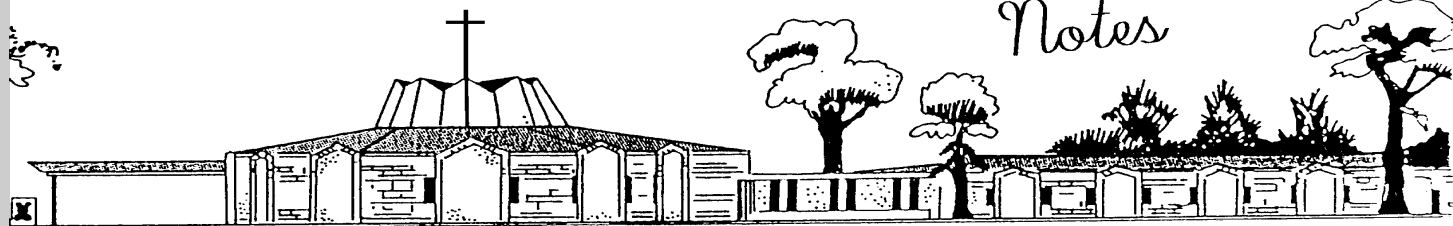


# Northwood Christian Church



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

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## NOTE FROM DON

When I returned from my little vacation last week, one of the first things I started to do was to go through my phone messages. You'll never know how good it felt when I heard the one that said my insurance company had finally settled and was going to pay us for almost everything they could legally give us. "FINALLY" --- It's been a long time battling these guys, living on cement floors and with rotten walls. But now everything is about to change. The foreman of the job came in the other day and told us what we needed to do to get things going. He said we needed to remove all the large items such as furniture as well as all the clutter from the rooms they were going to be working on.

At first that did not seem like a problem. Things went really fast and the large pieces of furniture were the easiest. But the "clutter," it seemed to be constantly reproducing itself. As soon as we would take out a storage bin full of items that had been piling up in the back of closets and drawers, we would come back and those piles would somehow only seem deeper and wider. It seemed like the process would never end. We were exhausted from moving all these piles of "stuff" that had accumulated over the years. But in the end, "hopefully", our home will be restored to a state we can be proud of.

In our reconciliation process with God, things start off pretty fast as we clear out the big things in our life that we know will get in our way. As we grow, we begin to move out the clutter that has built up over the years and eventually we realize there is virtually no end to the amount of hidden away clutter that has built up in our lives. And if Christ is going to build something new in us we must be willing to open ourselves up to constantly trying to remove all that is there. Often we will be tempted to hide it, put it back in a closet, close it off and pretend it does not exist. It's easy to do! But if we do, that is just a part of our house that will never be cleaned or made new. It will continue to rot and mildew as we hide our old clutter and trash within those decaying walls.

God's desire is to clean up our entire house. Yet He will only make new and clean up what we make available to Him. And although it's those big pieces that are most visible to everyone else, it's that clutter in the corner and in the closets that takes time and effort. So now that I finally have the money needed to clean up my house on Viking Street, let's not forget that the clean up in our hearts was paid for 2000 years ago. See ya Sunday! In His Grip, Don

## WEEK OF COMPASSION

Would like to once again thank Week of Compassion who was so generous in their giving to those in this church. Many received some help from this organization this past year. And just because our special giving season for Week of Compassion is over, it is never too late to give to these people who have helped so many.

## ALL DAUGHTER'S LUNCHEON

The CWF board is excited to announce our All Daughters Luncheon to be held on Saturday, April 1, at 12 noon in the Act. Bldg. All women and girls of NWCC are invited. Call the church office to make your reservations now. We will need to know how many are in your party, ages of children under 12, a need for a babysitter and for what ages, and a telephone number where you can be reached. Hope to see you all there!

## MISSION GROUPS AT NORTHWOOD

As of now, these are the dates that the mission groups are staying in the activity building at Northwood:

March 19-25 (Iowa, Arkansas)

March 26-April 1 (Indiana)

April 2-8 (Kentucky)

NWCC will be hosting dinners every Monday for the mission groups. We are getting the meat from Willie Ray's BBQ, but are providing the rest of the meal. There is still time to sign up for help with the meals so please call the church office if you want to help.

## TRANXIT MIX CASA CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Transit Mix and Casa of Southeast Texas are combining their efforts and are putting on a golf tournament. The tourney is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at Bayou Din Golf Club. Cost will be \$90 per player (\$350 per team). Entries are due March 20, 2006. Lunch will be provided by Johnny Carino's. For more information call or email:

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