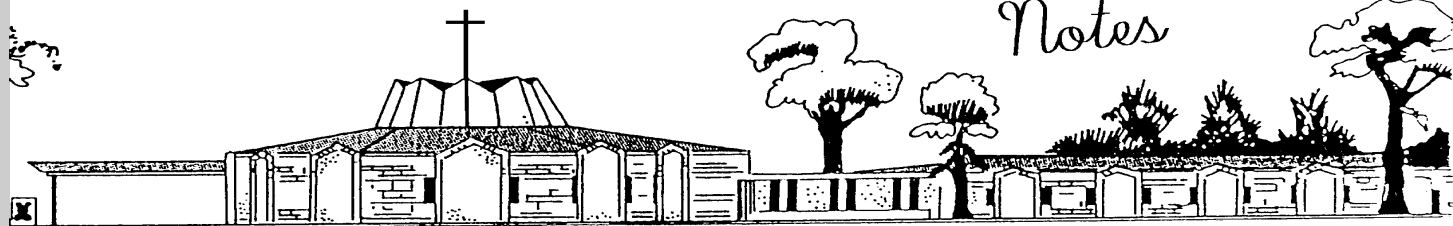


# Northwood Christian Church



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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

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## NOTE FROM DON

I'm sure most of you have already heard about the tragic bus accident, with the Westbrook soccer team, that has affected so many here in our community. I know I have spent a lot of time at the hospital this past week, spending time with the victims and their families on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor at St. Elizabeth Hospital. So, I've spent quite a bit of time riding elevators. And to be honest with you, although the doctors and nurses at the hospital seem to be quite capable, the elevators leave a little to be desired. One goes SO slow my grandmother could walk to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor before this thing arrives. And then, there are always the times when the "other people" get on and go to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor, and you quietly sigh to yourself and think, 'why couldn't they have just walked to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor,' even though you never do. And then, there was the time when I was standing on the first floor outside the elevator and as the doors were closing, a little old lady came running up, grabbed the doors, and put her "foot" on the wall to keep it from shutting. Then I told her, it was just going to the basement.....and she wanted to go up!

But, believe it or not, all this ties together with the direction of Northwood Christian Church. Some of you may think we are just going way too slow. Others may think, 'if it were not for some, we would get where we need to be much faster.' Still others are willing to fight and go down with the ship for the cause, but you better be really sure you're going in the right direction.

The truth is, if we are patient, God will get us where He wants us to be. It's never at the speed that we hoped we would arrive, but it shouldn't be! What kid ever said Christmas sure came up fast this year? No, we look forward to these things with a childlike anticipation. Easter is now upon on us bringing the promise of hope and new life. Let's hold tight to those promises as the elevator door opens into a new day with the Risen Christ!

Look forward to seeing you Sunday!  
In His Grip,  
Don



**Sunday, April 9** – *PALM SUNDAY* church service and choir program; Fellowship Dinner prepared by the Youth immediately following church services – donations are greatly appreciated.

**Thursday, April 13** – *MAUNDY THURSDAY* service will begin at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Jesus' last few days on earth, when he first broke bread with the disciples and washed their feet.

**Friday, April 14** – *GOOD FRIDAY*

**Saturday, April 15** – An *EASTER EGG HUNT* will be held at Northwood Christian Church with activities beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be egg hunts, cookie decorating and other activities for children from 0 to 100. Bring your children, neighbors, grandchildren for a fun filled morning!

**Sunday, April 16** – We will have two *EASTER* services. The first one will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the second one will begin at 10:50 a.m. We will have a *MYSTERY BREAKFAST* between the services. It will consist of fruit, casseroles, biscuits, donuts, bagels, etc. You may bring whatever you would like and we will put everything together for one big, hearty breakfast.

**WE HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND ALL OF OUR PLANNED EASTER ACTIVITIES AND WE ESPECIALLY HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CHURCH FOR EASTER MORNING SERVICES TO CELEBRATE THE DAY JESUS WAS RISEN. IF YOU HAVE OUT OF TOWN GUESTS, BRING THEM TOO!!**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please remember those affected by the terrible bus accident that took the lives of Alicia Bonura and Ashley Brown. Keep the families and friends of these girls in your prayers along with the girls and their families who are still hospitalized – Allison Forman, Devon Martindale, Sara Beach, Lauree Theibo, and Sarah Babin. Also pray for all the girls and coaches who were involved in the accident along with their families. They will be having difficulties processing all that has happened to them and their friends. They all need to be wrapped in your prayers.

**Cabinet/Functional Committees**

- Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. Church Board
- Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. Com. Mtgs.

**April Worship Leaders**

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bea Buller                      9<sup>th</sup> Clarence Kessler
- 16<sup>th</sup> Diana Schneider    23<sup>rd</sup> Blane Dunkleberger
- 30<sup>th</sup> James Payne

**CWF/CMF Calendar**

- Wednesday, April 12, CWF Board
- Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. CMF
- Wednesday, April 19, CWF Advent. Group
- Friday, April CWF Seekers, 10:00 a.m.

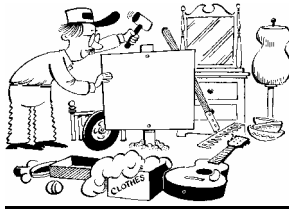
**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Chris Gillikin                      20 Kirk & Drew Morris
- 8 Craig Mercer                      23 James Payne
- 11 Mae Pearl Ernst                27 Karen Young
- 11 Tracy Barr                        29 Grant Waguspack

**COMING UP.....**

**DON'T FORGET!**

The CMF Garage Sale will be held Saturday, May 6, 2006. All proceeds will go to the building fund. Any items except clothing are still being received at the church. Remember that "one man's trash is another man's treasure", so bring all that "trash" here to the church and we will turn it into a treasure for someone else!!



**YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE**

Your kids and I had a fantastic time at the CYF Spring Rally at First Christian Church, Beaumont. We worshipped, fellowshiped, and listened to the fabulous keynote speaker – DJ Davis! We have a lot going on in the next few weeks - The Fellowship Dinner will be held on Palm Sunday and we will use it as a fundraiser for our mission trip this summer. Donations for the dinner will be greatly appreciated. We are still hard at work making the beautiful cross necklaces that some of you have already purchased. We have started working on Easter yard signs. You still have time to buy one. They are \$20 apiece and all proceeds go to the mission trip. Thank you for all the support and love!

- JAMES PAYNE

**MISSION GROUPS AT NORTHWOOD**

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

- April 2-8 (Kentucky)                      May 21-26 (Missouri)
- June 4-9 (Indiana)                      June 25-30 (Missouri)
- July 9-14 (Virginia)
- July 23-30 (Arkansas, Missouri)
- August 6-11 (Missouri, Indiana)
- August 20-25 ( ? )

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.

**SOME OTHER PLACE**

Please remember that the month of April is when we fill the pantries at Some Other Place. The following are the items needed to be brought to church:

- April 9 – Sugar                              April 16 – Grits
  - April 23 – Crisco                              April 30 – Cornmeal
- Do not bring the large sizes - just bring regular size containers.

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