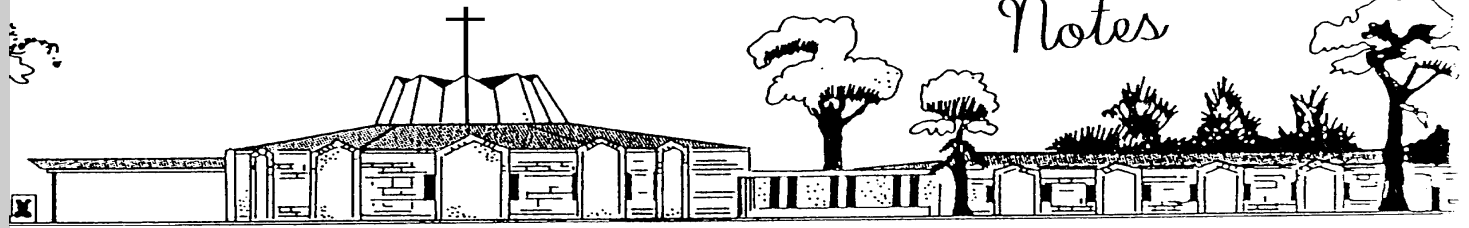


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

April 26, 2006

NOTE FROM DON

Yesterday our youth minister, James, celebrated his twenty first birthday. There were people calling him from all over the place wanting to congratulate him on his big day. I took him out as well, nothing too extravagant. Just a little something to mark the day – the day when you legally become an adult. Although with James it seems like he could push back the process indefinitely!

There are other milestones as well; Linda and I celebrated our 25th anniversary just a little over a year ago. And then there was that big celebration for Northwood's 50th anniversary that we had several years ago.

All these mark significant events that are worth remembering and that is why we celebrate them. But it is important that we always create new significant events to remember, new landmarks to be celebrated in the future and not just remember the events that happened 25 and 50 years ago. There are many in this church who have come upon that age where retirement suits them just fine. But spiritually there is nothings said in scripture about retirement. Paul and Peter were making a difference until the day they died, leading others to Christ, starting new churches in new places, celebrating the victories as well as the struggles. But in any case they knew that Lord was in charge and it wouldn't be long before they were on their feet again pushing forward, starting something new. I don't believe they had time to celebrate significant anniversaries because they were too busy starting new things. I hope that in the days ahead we take the time to celebrate the significant strides that we've made – anniversaries, days that need to be remembered. But I also hope we are so busy doing the ministry of Christ...taking on new challenges that may seem impossible because that's what we are called to do – not just for a stage in our life but for our entire life. If we do that, there will be so many more significant anniversaries of new church starts and new lives in Christ that we will see in GLORY! THAT'S making a difference – Those are true milestones! See ya Sunday!

In His Grip, Don

DON'T FORGET!

The CMF Garage Sale will be held Saturday, May 6, 2006. It will start at 8:00 a.m. in the activity building. 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!! Please call Linn Wallace at 753-2109 for further information.

EASTER EVENTS

All of our Easter services were a great success, along with our fun Easter Egg Hunt. We had large crowds at all our services. We would like to thank Leann, the choir, and all the children for a beautiful Easter cantata – it was magnificent! Also, we would like to thank Liz Benson and Carrie Weems for having such a fun event for all the young children. The kids, parents, and grandparents all had a wonderful time.

MOTHER'S DAY

We would like to say "job well done" to all the mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers!! Remember that Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day! So remember to honor your own mother and all the mothers you know! This is the day when it is our turn to show all our love and appreciation to those special ladies for all they do!



NEW GRANDCHILDREN

Gordon and Billie Dunkleberger welcomed a new granddaughter, Brylee Lynn Dunkleberger into their family on March 26th. Brylee is the daughter of Blake and Kristi Dunkleberger. She weighed 5 lb. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Denny and Lora Parker were on hand to welcome their new grandson, Kai Lynn Ericson Parker on April 17th. Kai is the son of Brent and Kori Parker and the little brother to Caedmon. He weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. *Congrats to all!!!!*

Cabinet/Functional Committees

- Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. Church Board
- Elders Mtg., May 13, 10:00 a.m. @ NWCC
- Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. Com. Mtgs.

May Worship Leaders

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

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| 7 John Boles | 14 David Horn |
| 21 Denny Parker | 28 Liz Benson |

CWF/CMF Calendar

- Wednesday, April 19, CWF Advent. Group
- Friday, April 21, CWF Seekers, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 10, CWF Board, 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 15, CMF, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17, CWF Adv. Grp. 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 19, CWF Seekers 10:00 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

29 Grant Waguspak
So Sorry – we missed Savannah Stylianou, April 4!!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Chelsea Stylianou | 14 Earl Gordy |
| 1 Ray Poff | 14 Cindy Williams |
| 2 Morgan Nash | 14 Patsy Johnson |
| 2 Brandie Focken | 23 Sally Rhodes |
| 4 Don Joseph | 24 Ryan Parker |
| 6 Charlotte Davis | 25 Doneta Kunkel |
| 11 Peyton Weems | 27 John Schneider |
| 13 Peter Perkolup | 29 Haylee Williams |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars now!! Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 26 – 30. More information will be coming later, but be praying and keep these dates open!



DIRECTORIES ARE READY!!

The directory is finally finished and ready for distribution. You can find a copy on the information table as you come in the church or in front of the sanctuary or you can come into the church office. A big thank you to everyone who spent so much time putting it together – great job!!

YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE

2006 Summer Camp Dates:

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| CYF CONFERENCE | JUNE 11-17- completed gr. 9-12 |
| EIGHTER'S CAMP | JUNE 18-24- completed gr. 8 |
| CHI RHO CAMP | JULY 2-8- completed gr. 6-7 |
| JUNIOR CAMP | JULY 16-21- completed gr. 4-5 |
| BEGINNERS CAMP | JUNE 25-28- completed gr. 2-3 |

Forms for camps are available in my office.

- **JAMES PAYNE**

MISSION GROUPS AT NORTHWOOD

I just wanted to remind everyone that this summer we will be having mission groups from all over the U.S. come stay in our activity building to help in the recovery of Hurricane Rita. In case you did not know, there are approximately 1400 families in our area whose homes are still in an unlivable condition and who need our help. This is our small way of reaching out to those who need a hand. Carl Zerweck is leading the effort from Indianapolis, but they need your prayers. Thank you Northwood for all you are doing.....it does make a difference!!

SOME OTHER PLACE

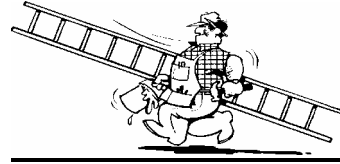
Please remember that the month of April is when we fill the pantries at Some Other Place. The following are the items needed to be brought to church:

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| April 9 – Sugar | April 16 – Grits |
| April 23 – Crisco | April 30 – Cornmeal |

Do not bring the large sizes - just bring regular size containers.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat would like to extend an invitation to all church families to come and share in the building of 24 houses for families affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This will begin on 4/22/06 and will, hopefully, be completed on 8/16/06. They need help with construction work, volunteers to come out and work in the hospitality tent, first aid tent, and lunch tent. Meals will be prepared for volunteers who are coming in from all over the world. If there are groups or individuals who would like to spend a Saturday helping one of God's children to receive a home, please call: 409-832-5853 or 284-6667.



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