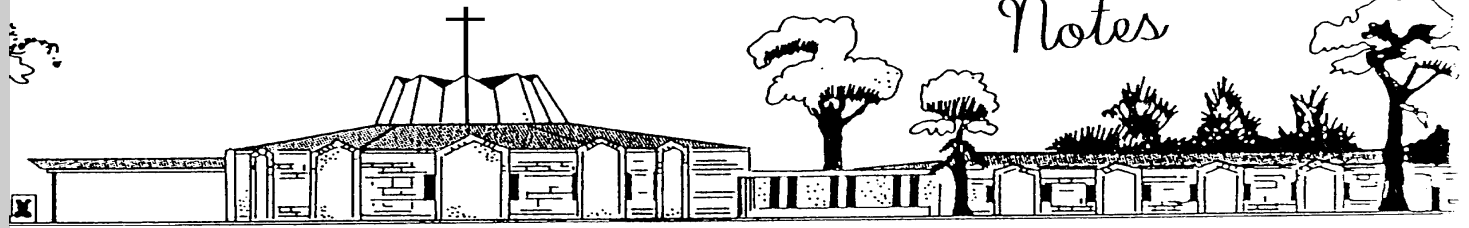


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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.

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Rev. Don Joseph, Minister

May 16, 2006

NOTE FROM DON



Most of you know my daughter, Kelsey, is a pretty good little dancer. She has been doing it for a long time – and literally just loves to dance anytime and anywhere. It doesn't matter if it is ballet or jazz, or if she is on the football field doing high kicks for the drill team. This past Saturday, they had tryouts for "that very" Westbrook Stars Drill Team. And I don't know how it got to be such a big thing at her school, but IT IS HUGE! Judges are brought in from all over the Houston area and needless to say, these young girls get a little stressed out. My daughter was trying out for captain of this team. The last two or three days before the tryouts we hadn't seen much of her and I figured she was preparing for the dances she was going to have to do for these judges. As we went to watch the tryouts that morning, several parents came up to us and thanked us for the amount of time that Kelsey had spent with their child preparing for the tryouts. Some were trying out to be officer, while others were just trying out for the team for the first time. When we got home there were even more notes of thanks waiting for her there. It seems to me this young girl spent quite a bit of time working with others behind the scenes, which "I guess" is good, since she had just been chosen to be the new leader of that group.

You know, as believers in Christ, we all are expected to get involved in a local church, , and to some degree we are even expected us to be involved in the leadership of that church. But what God really wants more than that – He wants things to happen behind the scenes, things that have absolutely no church or denominational ties at all --- where we don't have a title or a job description--- where all we do is reach out to individuals in kindness and love. Sometimes there are people we don't even know that well or even at all, but there are things we can do for them. And the things we do, don't have anything to do with promoting our reputation or growing our church, but they have so much to do with us just caring for them and it makes our Saviour smile. These are opportunities that are put in front of us every day, and we need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and remember to put others needs in front of ourselves. It sounds easy....but it takes a lot of effort and constantly being aware that God is using *YOU* to show His love in an every day way to a hurting world. By the way, if we do that, the church will grow because others will be drawn to Christ in us. And we will have made a difference in the world we live in. So let's all point to Christ, whether it's with a smile or a dance. See ya Sunday!

In His Grip, Don

QUOTE PROVIDED BY HOWARD McDANIEL

"NINE TENTHS OF WISDOM IS ACTION!!"



College:

John V. Schneider
Texas State University
San Marcos, Texas
Honor Graduate
BA in Finance

High School:

Grant Waguspack
Hardin Jefferson

Drew Morris
Hardin Jefferson

Brandon Brooks
Westbrook

We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 21, 2006 during our regular church service. Please try to be there to congratulate them on all their accomplishments.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped with a very successful garage sale on Saturday, May 6. The response to all who contributed with items to sell, to those who came and set up everything in the activity building and to those who came and bought from the CMF garage sale was overwhelming. A venture like this can not be done without participation from all. Thanks again to you all.

Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, May 21, immediately following the regular church service we will have our monthly fellowship luncheon. Bring yourself, your family and your appetites and enjoy a great time to visit and eat!! There will be a money tree for Scott Boles and Jenny Langham during the luncheon. Please keep the Boles family in your prayers as they prepare for the birth of their baby and grandchild.

Cabinet/Functional Committees

- Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. Elders Mtg. (rescheduled from May 13)
- Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. Com. Mtgs.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE CHANGE OF THE ELDER'S MTG. – MAY 20 INSTEAD OF MAY 13 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH.

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 George Flower |
| 21 Denny Parker | 28 Liz Benson |

CWF/CMF Calendar

- Wednesday, May 17, CWF Adv. Grp. 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 19, CWF Seekers 10:00 a.m.

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!!

Don't forget to come in and pick up your directory. We still have some available so look on the tables in the church or in the church office.

Sara Close – New Address

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YOUTH SIDE OF THE PAGE

I will be on vacation, May 13-20th, so there will be no youth on Wednesday night, May 17. The following week we will have three seniors graduating. Congratulations to Grant Waguspack, Drew Morris, and Brandon Brooks. I can't wait to see what great things you will all do with the lives you have ahead of you. Starting June 5th we will start MONDAY NIGHT MANIA for all 4th and 5th graders. The first Monday of every month in the summer will be MONDAY NIGHT MANIA!! We will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and go do something really fun – it could be putt-putt, bowling, or something completely different. Sooo—I look forward to seeing you!

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

IMPORTANT CHURCH WORKDAY

A very important workday for NWCC will be Saturday, May 27, starting at 8:00 a.m. The main focus will be the cleaning of the activity building. A lunch will be provided for those who come and work. *Please* put this day on your calendar as we *need* all the help we can get!!

MISSION GROUPS!

We just want to let everyone know that on June 4th through the 9th there will be another mission group from Shelby, Indiana coming to stay with us. There will be approximately 40 men and women coming down to spend a week helping others get back on their feet again after suffering from Hurricane Rita. We are constantly thanking God for the work these groups are doing in helping others who do not have insurance and are still having terrible problems as a result of the storm.

REMINDER - PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES!! THANKS

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