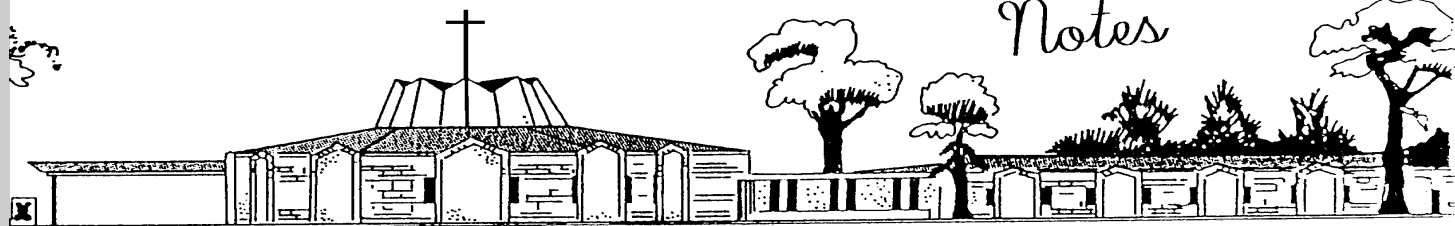


# Northwood Christian Church



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

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## NOTE FROM DON



This past week I went to three separate high school graduations. Each one was unique and wonderful in its own way. I drove up to Austin, Thursday to see my niece, Alyssa, graduate from Lake Travis High School located north of town up on the lake. It's a beautiful school and a beautiful place. The next graduation I went to was Hardin-Jefferson, a much smaller and much different school. Let's just say I didn't see a lot of T-shirts, cowboy hats and boots in Austin like I did at Hardin-Jefferson. And of course, Westbrook is a huge 5A school and is very diverse. It is also the school where my daughter, Kelsey, attends so I got a little preview of what it will look like 12 months from now when she puts on that cap and gown (hopefully). After listening to all the speakers, valedictorians, salutatorians, and class presidents, there seemed to be a theme that ran throughout these three schools. Somewhere in the course of the program someone said that in the end it was really not what you learned in the classroom that was valued the most, but that time with friends – whether it was in the lunch room or in the hallways or after class – just hanging around. It was those life experiences that taught them “so” much. It didn't matter if they were good or bad, with teachers or with friends. Those were the lessons you remembered and what you took with you.

And it is the same with us in the church. Sure, we are taught valuable lessons in Sunday school and church. But it is in those everyday life experiences that we have the chance to use them, and that's when we grow. Sometimes they are in times of crisis, sometimes they are times of temptations. Other times we have the opportunity to minister to someone who is hurting or in need. Now we need to accept the fact that we probably only make the right decision in the midst of all that about 50% of the time. But if we learn from our mistakes so that next time the opportunity or temptation comes our way, all of these life experiences can serve as a positive experience.

Scripture gives us the tools to make good decisions and draw us closer to God....our life experiences give us the chance to use them. God did not plan for us to use one without the other. So it's important to both learn and live. And even if our life experiences are painful, we can use them as we just look to Christ as our source of strength when we need wisdom and encouragement.

Remember our GRADUATION DAY comes when we see Him face to face. BUT we are PROMISED to graduate with honors if we just continue the journey.

See ya Sunday!  
In His Grip, Don

## SPECIAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE – May 30, 2006

The Special Property Committee would like to update the Congregation on what we have been doing about developing options for Repairing, Replacing, and/or Upgrading the facilities at Northwood. The Committee is currently working with a local architect. In the next few weeks we should have several possible options from the architect. The Committee will work with the architect on developing a presentation package that can be given to the Congregation. Financing options will also be presented at this time. Our goal is to make our presentation and recommendations by the middle of summer. The Committee has been working very hard on developing viable options on making the facilities at Northwood Christian Church a safe, comfortable, pleasant and functional place to worship our Lord and Savior. If anyone has any questions on what is going on please feel free to contact any member of the Committee –

Steve Focken, Denny Parker, George Fowler,  
Bruce Benson, Clarence Kessler

## “TASTING” FOR SOME OTHER PLACE

The “Tasting” for Some Other Place is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, at the Civic Center. This will be the main fundraiser for Some Other Place. This is a fun event and we want to have another “fire and ice” pickle booth this year. We will need people to help make the pickles and also to help work the booth. Tickets will be available in mid-June. Please plan to participate in this fun endeavor. We will be giving out more information in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions, please call the church office or Doneta Kunkel at 892-5310. Thanks for all your help.



## FIESTA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars now!! Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 26 – 30 from 9 a.m to 12 noon. Our “Grand Finale” will be on Friday. This will be a chance for you to experience and share what your child has done through the week. To make this year's VBS a success, we need some volunteers! Please sign up & indicate the dates you will be available. Also indicate the area you would be most interested in working.

**Cabinet/Functional  
Committees**

- Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. Elders Mtg.
- Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. Church Board
- Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m. Committee

**June Worship Leaders**

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

- 4 Mark Wallace                      11 Peter Perkolup
- 18 Zack Kidd                        25 Donna Givens

**CWF/CMF Calendar**

- Wednesday, June 14, CWF Board, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 16 CWF Seekers 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, June 19, CMF, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 21, CWF Adv. Grp. 7:00 p.m.



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Carolyn Mercer                      9 Lynne Weems
- 14 Jean Gibbs                        21 Amanda Wasguspack
- 24 Chris Williams                    27 Norma Lancaster

**NOTE FROM MARY JANE ELLIS’  
DAUGHTER**

I hope things are well with all the folks at Norwood. I think about my mom a lot and what good friends she had over the years there at the church. I thank you for continuing to include me in the newsletters because I always check them out. Sometimes I don’t recognize the names, but many times I do. You have so many loyal people, young and old. I have a piece of news that you might like to hear: Mary Jane’s youngest grandson and my son, Kelly Hayes, graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University in New Orleans on May 13, 2006. He has accepted a job at ConocoPhillips in New Orleans. I know that Mary Jane would have been proud. Again, thank you for all you did for our family when Mom died. You were very special to her.

Carol Hayes (Mary Jane’s daughter)

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**DON’T FORGET-----Starting June 5<sup>th</sup> we will start MONDAY NIGHT MANIA for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**June 11-17 I get to go to my first CYF Camp. I cannot wait to share this awesome experience with our youth.**

**2006 Summer Camp Dates:**

- 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.

**P.S. We need youth workers for VBS – June 26-30!**

**- JAMES PAYNE**

**MISSION GROUPS!**

We just want to let everyone know that on June 4<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**GRANT WAGUSPACK has been named:  
2006 Miss Congeniality  
in the Miss Squawk Pageant at  
HARDIN JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL**

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