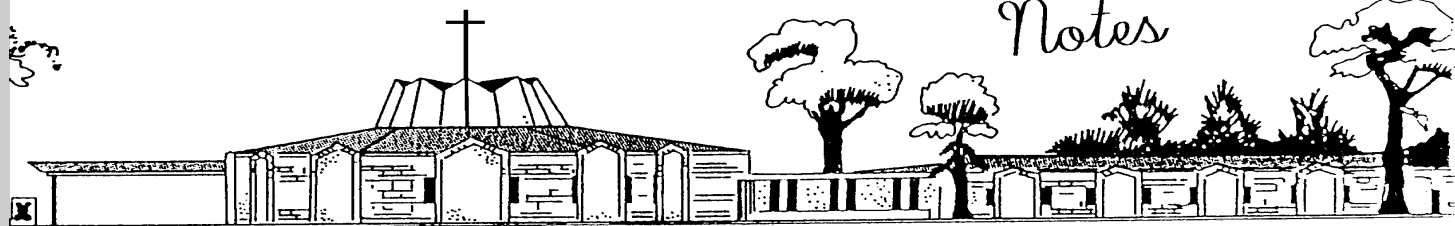


# Northwood Christian Church



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

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## NOTE FROM DON



Last night after our board meeting, the Parkers, the Fockens and myself went to eat at Novrosky's (our local burger joint), when three young men came in and asked if anyone there was driving a Saturn. Well, Steve Focken's brand new Saturn was parked right outside the door so he promptly said, "I do!" Then these three boys said, "We don't want to scare you or anything but a big snake just crawled up under the hood of your car!" Steve got up to go see and we all looked at each other and realized our conversation about good movies was no longer that interesting. So we went out to see what was going on. Now after the boys pointed out where the snake went....that was one thing, but for Steve to find the snake, that was another. But the most amazing though, is within minutes there was a "large" crowd of men and women had emptied out from all the restaurants to see what was going on. Some of the women were talking about how their hearts were pounding and the men how not much scared them....but snakes, well, "that" was another thing.

Well, all I'm going to say is it all ended well for everyone....everyone but the snake. For details, you can ask Steve, I'm sure he will be glad to tell you.

Last night, like I said, everyone seemed to want to find or see this snake. Some said their hearts were pounding. But for the most part, most were keeping their distance...

The world has convinced us that we should pursue God the same way they sought after the snake. And even as our hearts begin to pound as we draw closer to the One who made us. We often can't discern if that pounding is from an excitement that comes when we meet God face to face or a thrill that comes with danger. And the truth is that it may be both.

And why in today's world can there be more excitement about one small reptile who can give us a thrill for 10 minutes than there is for the God of the universe who can change our lives forever? I believe it's because that reptile at any time may do the unexpected. We, on the other hand, have worked so hard to domesticate God, and make Him behave by our rules. We can't tame God and put Him in a box. The people outside the church have no interest in the God we've tried to tame. They don't want a God whose been made to fit "our" idea of what He should and shouldn't do. He needs to be let loose to do as He wills and if this happens, He will go where He wants to go when he wants to go there. Crowds will gather....hearts will pound....and lives will change in parking lots and even in the church.

See ya Sunday!! In His Grip, Don

## "IT'S FIESTA TIME"

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT NWCC

We are so excited about the upcoming Vacation Bible School to be held the week of June 26 – 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We have so many fun activities planned – you will not want to miss it! 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.

### SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We need substitute Sunday school teachers to fill in for Linda Joseph and Lora Parker from June 25 through August 13. They've been doing a great job all year long, but need a break. You can fill in for one week or as many as you like. A sign-up sheet will be on the hallway table. Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

### MOVING OUT OF THE SANCTUARY

Soon and very soon, we are going to be moving out of the sanctuary, *but* before we can do this, we must make the activity building not only a good place to worship, but a GREAT place to worship. And to do this, we will be putting together a special task force to figure out all that must be done. If you would like to be a part of this task force, our first meeting will be on June 28 at 7:00 p.m. And then we'll have another meeting that second week of July. Anyone is welcome to come with a creative mind and a heart for worship.

### CAMP NOAH

Camp Noah is a free camp being held at First Christian Port Arthur, July 10-14 from 9-3 each day. It was begun by the Lutheran Disaster Response and is held all over the world for children that have been through a natural disaster. Since our Gulf Coast region experienced Hurricane Rita, our Coastal Plains area of the Disciples is sponsoring this wonderful camp for our children and their friends. This is a faith-based camp that includes drama, indoor and outdoor games, caring counselors, crafts, aft and music. If you would like your children to attend, call Rev. Scott Miller at 962-7714 by June 21 to register.

## Cabinet/Functional Committees

- Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m. Committee Mtgs.

### 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

- 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

### “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. Join us at the church on Sunday, June 25 to help make the pickles. If you have any questions, please call the church office or Doneta Kunkel at 892-5310. Thanks for all your help.

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For those of you who were here this past Sunday, I want to say thank you to all of you. It wasn't quite our “typical” worship service but obviously God didn't want it to be. And EVERYONE in that sanctuary played a part of the church being the church. Matthew 25:35 “For when I was hungry you gave me something to eat when I was a stranger, you invited me in; naked you clothed me; sick you visited me when I was in prison you came to see me”.  
.... ..Jesus.

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**Our very first Monday Night Mania was a huge success. We played putt-putt and had a great time. Next time we get together we'll be doing something really fun! Sooo—I look forward to seeing you!**

### 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

### Note from Luella

Sadly, last week was my last full week as secretary at NWCC. My family and I are re-locating to the Ft. Worth area this summer. I just want you to know that I have never known such a wonderful group of people in my life. You made me feel a part of your family starting on my first day here. I will miss each and every one of you and will carry you with me forever. *Love, Luella*

### NEW ADDRESSES

**Donner Ener**                      1129 Ellen Drive  
Deer Park, Texas 77536  
**Robin Focken**                      318 W. Chevy Chase Dr. Apt.6  
Glendale, Ca. 91204  
409-658-2651  
**Ryan Parker**                      P.O. Box 1556  
Haynes, Alaska 59827

### THANK YOU

**Thanks to First Christian Church of Shelbyville, Indiana for sending a \$700 donation to NWCC for allowing them to stay in our activity building during their mission trip to the Beaumont area. We would like to pray for them and thank them for their contribution to the re-building of our area.**

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