



Northwood Christian Church

The Church that says, "Welcome Home..."

The Window

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A Word from Barry

Sometimes it's hard for me to believe that I have just celebrated my eleventh Christmas with the Northwood Christian Church family. It has gone so fast and so much has happened during that eleven years. There have been many times of great joy and excitement and of course there have been times of sorrow and disappointments. But during all this time there has always been one thing that has been consistent for me, and that is the joy and honor I feel to be able to serve with you as your pastor. Your love, grace, and support have been not only a wonderful blessing but an example to me and our community about what it means to be a church family. Thank you for your generosity this past Christmas with your gifts, kind words, prayers, and love. I can't imagine that there is a better church to serve with than Northwood. I believe God has great plans for each one of our lives and for the Northwood Church family this new year. I encourage you as I challenge myself to pray for and be open to God's leading in our daily lives. It is when we follow God's leading that we know His joy and blessings.

Thanks for being a part of such a wonderful church family, Barry

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Daytime Bible Study will begin a new 7 week series, *1 Peter—Stand Strong* by Willow Creek pastor Bill Hybels on Tuesday, January 2nd at 1:00 pm in the library. We will read and discuss Peter's words of encouragement on God's offer of hope, love, purpose, and victory in a precarious and uncertain world. Cost is \$5.00. Call Luanne at or email LuanelLynn@hughes.net for further information. Newcomers welcome!

A Prayer for the New Year

Eternal God! Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful; courage enough to look forward and be hopeful; faith enough to look upward and be humble; kindness enough to look outward and be helpful.

NEW MEMBERS:

We don't put our members personal information on the web. Please see your printed version or contact the office for the new members this month.



Alert & Alive

January 16, 2007 will be our first

Alert and Alive potluck of the new year. Dick and Alice Sweeney will be the hosts. Our snowbirds will be south so, bring a friend. Our December potluck-party was just great. We had over 50 attend. We even had a special visit from a red suit and white beard with a high voice-oh what fun we had. We meet at noon in the fellowship hall and all are invited.

Student Ministries Update



For those who have often wondered whether or not the youth staff at Northwood is crazy, our overnight lock-in on December 18-19 is probably confirmation that we are indeed! In the initial stages of planning the event, we thought it would be great to get 50 students to show up from among the 75-80 regular attenders whom we already minister to on a weekly basis. As we got closer and closer to the event, and the excitement among students grew, our youth staff started to get a little nervous. It appeared that we could potentially have 100 or more students attend. Monday afternoon we opened the doors and started registering students. And we kept registering students. And kept registering students, until at final count, we had **106** middle and high school students in attendance! Praise God!

As I sorted out the details of the event last week, I was reminded of one of those old MasterCard commercials: 39 two-liter bottles of soda: \$37.05. 30 Little Caesar's pizza's: \$150.00. 14 bags of chips: \$36.29. The most students to ever attend a Northwood student ministries event: priceless!

To those who helped, prayed, encouraged, and told us we were crazy: THANK YOU! Blessings, Mike

Library - We're working hard in the library to get things in A-one order.

Several books are a month or more overdue. Take a look around your house and if you have any of Northwood's books, please get them back to us. The library belongs to you and we're trying to be good stewards of what is there.

Thanks, Leone Miller and the library crew

Check Out Times

Books: Two Weeks
Tapes: One Week



Bunk Bed Available—Does your child need a new bed? A church family has a loft bed frame, with a desk under it available to anyone who needs it. If you would like it, or need more information, contact the church office at 746-2790.

G.O.L.F. Begins January 3rd

G.O.L.F. Wednesday *Dinner is served at 6:00 pm, Classes begin at 6:45 pm*

Children & Youth Groups

Nursery available for children up to 4 years of age

Kingdom Kids Children 4 years old-2nd Grade

Lifeliners Children 3rd-5th Grade

Middle School Youth Group 6th-8th Grade

High School Youth Group 9th-12th Grade

Adult Bible Fellowship Groups

Honest to God Prayer led by Arlene Field *January 3-March 21 • 12 week class*

Lose it for Life led by Michelle Weber *January 3-March 21 • 12 week class*

Putting Your Faith to Work led by Pastor Barry Lind *January 3-31 • 5 week class*

Men are Like Waffles—Women are Like Spaghetti led by Chad & Kelly Prusz and Jeromy & Glenda Green *January 3-31 • 5 week class*

Beyond the Cosmos: Origin of the Universe *January 17 • 1 week class*

They Don't Come with a Manual led by Betsy Clewett *February 7-March 21 • 7 week class*

Meeting Needs—Sharing Christ led by Pastor Eddie Wangenstein and Pastor Paul Jackson *February 7-March 21 • 7 week class*

Operation World View led by Ron Whisler *February 7-March 21 • 7 week class*

Restore the One who is Sick led by Rev. David Waggoner, Chaplain, Sacred Heart *February 7-28 • 4 week class*

Life's Greatest Priority led by Pastor Barry Lind and Garth Blake *February 7-28 • 4 week class*

Permission to Breathe: Reclaiming Your Best Self *February 7-14 • 2 week class*

Every Woman's Battle *February 21-28 • 2 week class*

ET – Is Anyone Out There? *March 14 • 1 week class*

Making Your Final Arrangements a pre-need funeral seminar led by Christy McAllister *March 21 • 1 week class*

G.O.L.F. Thursday - *All classes begin at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted*

Adult Bible Fellowship Groups - Nursery Available

Alpha *January 4-March 22 • 12 week class 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

Lose it for Life led by Kitty Bates & Leisa McAdams *January 4-March 22 • 12 week class*

Every Day I Have a Journey led by Pastor Gary Wells *January 11-March 15 • 10 week class*

It's Time to Connect—An orientation to Northwood led by Pastor Paul Jackson *January 4 • 1 week class*

Just Walk Across the Room *January 25 • 1 week class,*

How Music & Media Influence You *February 15 • 1 week class*

Creating Places to Belong *March 22 • 1 week class*

World Outreach

\$7,530 was given in November

Ron and Jacqui Whisler

Ron and Jacqui have served many years in Indonesia as Wycliffe Bible Translators. They currently live in Eugene and continue their work with the local translation teams in Indonesia. Northwood World Outreach dollars support the work of missionaries such as the Whislers. Below is an excerpt from their most current update:

We continue to do translation work via email. I recently finished a second check on the following for the Manado team: 1 Timothy 5-6; 2 Timothy 1-4, Luke 1 and parts of Acts. Jacqui is finishing up a final check on Mark for the North Maluku Team. Please pray as the teams finish up the final changes in both Mark and Acts and get them ready for print. This is a tedious, yet important step, needing prayer for perseverance and that the computers would work with no glitches.

From your responses, it seems like you enjoy hearing about how words in translation are used and how we have to watch out for unintended misunderstanding. Here is another simple example we encountered this week. In Luke 1:8, when we tried to say, "Once when Zechariah's division was on duty..." We found out if we use a possessive construction (Zechariah's division) like this, when translated literally into Manado Malay, it makes Zechariah sound like he is the leader/head of this priestly division. Of course, this is something that we do not want to communicate. So, we've changed it to something like "... the priestly division that Zechariah is a part of..."

Ron will be leading a G.O.L.F. series on Mission Awareness February 7-March 21. Plan to attend this interesting and informative class.



November Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$607	Youth for Christ (Detention)	\$397
Mission Scholarships	\$209	Christian Church in Oregon	\$1150
NCC	\$1046	Habitat for Humanity	\$314
FISH	\$397	El Faro Orphanage	\$293
Young Life	\$84	Week of Compassion	\$209
Eugene Mission	\$418	Whisler Family	\$837
St. Vincent de Paul	\$188	Lemke Family	\$523
Lane Christian Aftercare	\$230	Neveux Family	\$105

January

- John Hakes begins as the new Music Minister at Northwood.
- Northwood held an Open House for the addition of the new education wing and kitchen. The community was invited to walk through and see what is happening at Northwood.

February

- Rose Miller was hired as the new Senior's minister.
- We said good-bye to youth pastor nicole sue meehan.

March

- 40 Northwood members traveled on the Mission to Mexico trip to build homes for people in need.
- Paul Jackson hosted a Welcome Home dessert fellowship for all new and prospective members.

April

- An Easter Sunrise service was held in the new courtyard.
- The "Old Rugged Cross" was decorated with our flowers on Easter day.
- The women enjoyed a Retreat at Driftwood Shores in Florence.

May

- Northwood members helped serve the homeless of the community at the Interfaith Ministry shelter with the Eugene First Christian Church.
- G.O.L.F. ended with a Family Carnival, where everyone had fun.

June

- A successful Vacation Bible School was held with over 220 people participating.
- The 1st Annual Northwood Invitational Golf Tournament was held at McKenzie River Golf Course.



July

- The Northwood youth went to Seattle to attend a Mariners Game and go to Wild Waves.
- Barbara Utt takes the seat as Board Chair.

August

- The youth had a great time at Sky Camp.
- The Northwood Softball Team takes first place in the Willamalane League

September

- The annual Northwood Church Picnic was held.
- Mike Giering, and wife Lacy, were welcomed as the new Northwood Youth Pastor.

October

- Northwood members provided 40 school kits for children in Darfur, Sudan.
- The Northwood library hosted speaker/author Jane Kirkpatrick.

November

- Northwood's Annual Harvest Dinner was held, with over \$6,700 received to bring down the debt on the new education wing and kitchen.
- Jill Noble was hired as the new Church Administrative Assistant.
- Northwood went "Back to the Basics" with a series of sermons.
- Northwood members filled more than 220 Shoeboxes for children in need.

December

- Northwood celebrated Mary Lou Hanna and Fae Fochtman's many years of musical service to the church.
- 75 children were supported through the Angel Tree Ministry, with presents and a party.
- 88 new members joined Northwood in 2006!

2006: It Was A Great Year

January Elders

Communion & Offering



- January 7 - Steve Carden & Shelli Jackson
- January 14 - Judy Hockett & Jeff Svejcar
- January 21 - Dorman Harry & John Sargeant
- January 28 - Jeff Svejcar & Rose Miller

January Diaconate Teams

- January 7 - Rick Christian
- January 14 - Mike Wiebe
- January 21 - Kitty Bates
- January 28 - Doug Kartub

January Preparers

- Shiela Rowland & Leone Miller

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1  New Year's Day Office Closed	2 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Drop in B-ball	3 2 pm A & A Games 6 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 G.O.L.F. Classes	4 9 am Library Crew 6:30 pm Alpha 7 pm G.O.L.F.	5 6:30 pm Karaoke, Fireside Room	6	
7 8:00 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Act up for Jesus 6:00 pm Youth Group	8 7 pm Prayer Shawl, Family Room 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6 pm Praise Team 5:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Drop in B-ball	10 2 pm A & A Games 6 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 G.O.L.F. Classes	11 9 am Library Crew 6:30 pm Alpha 7 pm G.O.L.F.	12 5:30 pm Scrapbooking, Fellowship Hall	13	
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28 8:00 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Act up for Jesus 6:00 pm New Member Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Group	29 7 pm Boy Scouts	30 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Drop in B-ball	31 2 pm A & A Games 6 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 G.O.L.F. Classes				

Tuesday, January 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Daytime Bible Study begins new series • Choir moves to Tuesday
Wednesday, January 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G.O.L.F. begins
Thursday, January 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha begins
Friday, January 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karaoke
Monday, January 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Shawl Group meets
Tuesday, January 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting
Thursday, January 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Day I Have a Journey begins
Friday, January 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrapbooking
Sunday, January 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission to Mexico Fundraiser Breakfast--All Morning
Tuesday, January 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alert & Alive Potluck
Friday, January 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karaoke
Saturday, January 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwood Loves Your Family at Splash!
Sunday, January 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member Dinner

February 2007						
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