



# THE WINDOW

*Northwood Christian Church*

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*March 16, Children's performance, 1<sup>st</sup> service*

This day is in remembrance of Jesus' humble ride into Jerusalem while the crowds laid palm fronds at the feet of their king. This year, the children of Northwood will have a 'triumphal singing march' into the sanctuary during first service. **NOTE:** Children's practice is held during Sunday school and G.O.L.F.



*March 20, 7pm*

This service is a worshipful Upper Room remembrance of Jesus and His twelve Apostles when He established Holy Communion at the Last Supper. Pastor Gary Wells will share a spoken introduction of each of the disciples and communion is served. The choir will also share special music. This special service is not to be missed.



*March 21, Noon for 24 hours*

PRAYER VIGIL

Members of the church participate in this 24-hour prayer time to observe Good Friday, the day of Crucifixion. Consider spending a solitary time here at the church on Easter weekend devoted to prayer. **NOTE:** You can sign up on March 16<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall

*March 23, 7am*



They came early in the morning, quietly, in fear and mourning to the tomb of Jesus. Imagine,

the tomb open—the stone rolled away. Where was their Lord? Risen, Risen Indeed! Start your Easter morning in quiet celebration of the wonder of this day. **NOTE:** Wear warm clothes, there is time to change. Also, a light breakfast is served.

*March 23, 3 Services*



Northwood celebrates the glorious day of our Risen King with three services held at the regular times. The traditional Floral Cross returns—remember to bring flowers to decorate it. It is a special, but also very busy day in the life of our church. How can you help? Please park at Page so visitors and those needing assistance can park in our lot. Also, take extra time to greet new faces. Share the joy of this special day!

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## A Word From Barry



We are in the midst of a series of sermons entitled “Reconnecting with God.” It seems to me that no matter where we are in our relationship with the Lord that it is good from time to time to go back to the basics. To do those things that once brought us closer to God.

When Jack Nicklaus was the undisputed number one golfer in the world, he was asked how he kept at the top of his game. His answer was startling to some. At the end of every season he went back to his first coach who taught him the basics of the game all over again. Every season he went back and learned the basic building blocks of a good swing.

In our relationship with God it is good for us to go back from time to time to the basics that will help ensure a close relationship with God. What are those basics? Here are just a few:

- Worship weekly with others.
- Spend a few minutes each day alone with God. Praying, listening, and reading our Bibles.
- Look for God throughout your day and be reminded that He is always with you.
- Daily look for opportunities to serve another by simply putting them first.
- Listen to music that will inspire you.
- Look for opportunities to improve a relationship.

What would you add to the list? I think the key to a close relationship with God is that we are intentional about our walk with the Lord.

*I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday, Barry*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Support for Pain Sufferers

The Pain Management Support Group is starting back up on Monday, March 17th, from 6 to 7 pm in the Fireside Room. The topic is *How Pain Effects You*. There will be a surprise guest speaker. Also, I will share with the group the experience I have had with the Intrathecal Pain Pump Implant. There will be lots of time for questions and answers to your issues with pain and more. Please come even if you just know someone in pain or are curious about the 75 million people that live with pain every day. Hope to see you there. Dan O'Neal.

### Easter Choir

Any singers interested in joining the choir for special music presentations on Easter and Maundy Thursday may join in rehearsals during the month of March. The choir will be practicing from 7:30-8:30 on Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary. Questions, call John Hakes, music director.

### Library News

We're pleased to have a very special new section in our library. It's called, *People of the Bible*. The books are based on Bible stories, but of course, as fiction, they are embellished some. It's a great way to gain an understanding of how people lived in those days and how God worked in their lives.



However you say it, THANK YOU! To the wonderful staff members of Northwood, thank you for all of your support and hard work during this time of conflict in the church. Your efforts to stand by our side and help guide us through this stressful time are greatly appreciated. So, even if your work has not been directly affected or if we have been all too quiet in our gratitude, please know that your loyalty and dedication has not gone unnoticed. You are truly loved and appreciated. The Church

In the weeks following Easter we are beginning a church-wide study using Max Lucado's book **3:16** *The Numbers of Hope*. In coordination, Pastor Barry will be preaching a series of sermons. We hope this will help us to increase fellowship and connection within our congregation as we learn more about God's love and grace. There will be numerous opportunities to join a small group for this study. Classes during Sunday School and G.O.L.F. will also be available. Watch for sign-up tables in the weeks to come. Or call Toni Unfred if you are interested in starting a group.

### Hearing Loss Workshop

On Thursday, Mar. 6 from 7 to 9 Leone Miller (our Hearing Ministry Leader) is presenting a workshop on hearing loss for hard of hearing people, their families and friends, and for any teachers or leaders who may need some information to aid them in working with hard of hearing people.

Leone is discussing things that a church can do as well as coping skills and ways for hearing folks to work with a *(continued in next column)*

hard of hearing person. Andrea Cabral from Hearing Loss Assoc. (HLA) will discuss CAPTEL and other phones that are available from the state of OR. She'll also talk about HLA of Lane County. Lesley Bergquist, also from HLA will discuss assistive listening devices. There will be time for questions and personal help.

Please invite anyone you know who may be interested. Springfield churches have been invited to attend. We'd love people from any churches (not just Springfield) to join us.

### Alert & Alive Potluck

Mark your calendars for the Alert & Alive potluck on Tuesday, March 18 at noon. Easter is the theme for the month. Lee McNeese and Emily Sachs are the hostesses.

### February's New Members

Sunday, the 10th

*The Chariker Family*

*Michael, Sharon, Andrew & Leah*

### February's Baptisms

Sunday, the 17th

*Andrew Chariker*

### February's Births



February 19

*Lochlan Grey*

to

Sean & Lea McGowan  
Proud Grandparents are  
Russ & Sue Smith

## BOARD NEWS: COMMITTEE OF 7

*From Barbara Utt, Board Chair*

Each spring the congregation elects four members to serve on the Committee of Seven, our nominating committee as described in our constitution. It consists of one elder, two diaconate members and four at large members selected by the congregation. On Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> we will be selecting these four people for the 2008 Committee of Seven. This group is called to present the slate of board officers, elders and diaconate to the board and congregation for a vote of the full congregation on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

That is the formal explanation. What it means to you is that this is our chance as a congregation to select four individuals (along with the other three) who will represent the entire congregation in choosing our spiritual leaders in the elders, our board of director's leadership and the ever-important diaconate. Please put some prayer and thought into your choices. It will be tempting to look around church on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> and choose four people, but what about the other two services? Consider people who have a willingness to serve, are involved in different ministries, groups and activities at the church; represent different age populations or geographic areas. Why do people choose Northwood as their church home? Answers to all of these questions will help find a diverse group for the Committee of Seven that will represent the full spectrum of Northwood Christian Church. Think about the fact that Jesus chose 12 men to be disciples and shape Christianity as we know it, 12 men who we would not likely have chosen. Would you have picked a tax collector or fisherman in Jesus' time? Not likely, but look at the results.

If you have any questions about this process or the Committee of Seven please ask myself, Pastors Barry or Paul, or John Sargeant, Chair of the Elders. We would be happy to answer any questions that may help you in this process of selecting the church leadership for 2007-2008.

### January 2008 World Outreach Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$535	Angel Tree Scholarships	\$59
Mission Scholarships	\$223	Habitat for Humanity	\$223
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$743	Disciples Mission Fund	\$817
FISH	\$282	El Faro Orphanage	\$208
Young Life	\$134	Week of Compassion	\$297
Eugene Mission	\$297	Whisler Family	\$594
St. Vincent de Paul	\$134	Lemke Family	\$371
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$282	Neveux Family	\$149

## Intercessory Prayer Ministry News

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The IPM's six-week Lenten journey has centered around key events. When you receive this newsletter, we will be on the fifth key.

March 2 Week 5-Cross "Christ Blood Perfect's Man(kind) Forever"

March 9 Week 6-Restoration and Blessings.

On March 16, the final week of this study journey the IPM concludes by distributing key chains with symbols of these key events.

**Monday Prayer Night** on March 3. Place your prayer requests in the "Prayer Can" on Sunday, March 2. These prayer requests are prayed over by IPM team members Monday night. We are encouraging all of you to pray at your own homes for only 15 minutes any time from 6 to 7:30 pm on this evening. Unite with us in prayer and see our compassionate, powerful God act.

**Good Friday 24-Hour Prayer sign ups:** On the night that Christ was captured by the Roman soldiers, He asked His disciples "Can you not pray with me for one hour?" In observance of that cry from our Lord, we are responding to that request in obedience to Him by praying for 24 hours beginning at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 21 and continuing until noon Saturday, March, 22. **On Sunday March 16**, sign-up sheets will be available in the fellowship hall. Please sign up to pray for 30 minutes or longer if you choose. Let us honor that which our Lord asked. This is a rewarding experience to sit and pray with our Father in honor of His Son.



**"Hope Quiets the Storm"** is a unique CD containing scriptures prayed by a woman who has experienced the strength from our Lord throughout her own health crisis. The CD is available for sale in the fellowship hall on Easter, March 23.

Thanks to everyone who has risen to the challenge of gathering socks, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for next year's Christmas parade. Keep your eye out for end-of-season sales for cold-weather-wear, and then we'll focus on glow-in-the-dark socks popular at \$\$ stores in the summer and fall!

The first Children's Ministry family night, held on February 21<sup>st</sup>, brought 13 families together for dinner, followed by fun activities for kids while parents met in the sanctuary. After a blessing by Pastor Emeritus Gary Wells, we talked about the emerging vision for Northwood's children's programs, including Sunday programs (nursery, Children's Moment, Children's Church and Sunday School), Wednesday's children's choir and Miniature G.O.L.F., Northwood Pre-school, and other special events and activities.

For parents unable to attend and other members of our congregation who might be interested, we want to reiterate that our Children's Ministry programs are:

- Child-focused (age-appropriate, hands-on, interactive, and expressive)
- Scripturally-based (Biblical personalities, principles, and concepts studied in programs that balance worship and fellowship)
- Vision-driven (programs that support faith-filled families in fostering children's spiritual growth), and
- Value-added (we can verify children's spiritual growth through expression in the visual and performing arts, self-regulation, service to others and moral reasoning)

To achieve this vision, our programs:

- Provide both multi-age and age-differentiated activities
- Allow for deep, intimate, faith-filled time
- Transfer new learnings to home and school settings
- Make every moment memorable (no wasted time)

The notion of ***making every moment memorable*** is especially important. Consider that children attend public school 5 days per week, for approximately 6 hours a day, for a total of **30 hours**. Wow! Now compare that to attending Children's Church (40 minutes), Sunday school (50 minutes), and/or Wednesday G.O.L.F. (75 minutes) each week, for a total of **3 hours**. Because early spiritual development is critical to living a faith-filled life, we know that every moment of those 3 hours must be memorable.

We are inviting parents to 1) provide input we can use in planning and implementing our programs; 2) provide feedback after children and families participate in programs; 3) participate in regular programs, service activities, and special events; and 4) insure that children attend programs on a regular basis for worship and fellowship with friends. We are especially keen on volunteers willing to serve on the Children's Ministry Team.

On a related note, our children are preparing to sing praises to Jesus at first service on Palm Sunday. We're practicing, with the able leadership of Jonnie and Leah Helfrich, at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and 6:30 on Wednesday night G.O.L.F. We'll be sending song notes home. We hope that, if your children want to participate on Palm Sunday, you will practice with them at home, encourage them to practice with the group, and bring them to first service on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We have special plans for Children's Church that day after the singing is done.





Group

Saturday, March 1

- **3:30 pm:** Meet the Youth Pastor Candidates

Sunday, March 2

- **7:30 am:** Mission to Mexico Fundraising Breakfast
- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **3:00 pm:** Mission to Mexico Orientation Meeting
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, March 3

- **6:00 pm:** Monthly Prayer Night

Tuesday, March 4

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice
- **8:00 pm:** Drop In Basketball

Wednesday, March 5

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Game Day
- **4:30 pm:** Camp Fire
- **5:55 pm:** G.O.L.F. Dinner
- **6:45 pm:** G.O.L.F. Classes

Thursday, March 6

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew
- **7:00 pm:** "The Gift of Jesus" Class

Friday, March 7 *No Events*

Saturday, March 8 *No Events*

Sunday, March 9

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Ser-

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- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, March 10 *No Events*

Tuesday, March 11

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **6:30 pm:** Board Meeting
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 12

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Game Day
- **4:30 pm:** Camp Fire
- **5:55 pm:** G.O.L.F. Dinner
- **6:45 pm:** G.O.L.F. Classes

Thursday, March 13

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew
- **7:00 pm:** "The Gift of Jesus" Class

Friday, March 14 *No Events*

Saturday, March 15 *No Events*

Sunday, March 16 **Palm Sunday**

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **12:30 pm:** 3:16 Leader's Training
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, March 17

- **Pain Management Support**

Tuesday, March 18

- **12:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Potluck
- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice
- **8:00 pm:** Drop In Basketball

Wednesday, March 19

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Game Day
- **4:30 pm:** Camp Fire
- **5:55 pm:** G.O.L.F. Dinner
- **6:45 pm:** G.O.L.F. Classes

Thursday, March 20

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew
- **7:00 pm:** Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 21

- **Mission to Mexico Group Leaves**
- **12:00 pm:** Prayer Vigil Begins
- **12:00 pm:** Newsletter Items Due
- **6:30 pm:** Karaoke

Saturday, March 22

- **12:00 pm:** Prayer Vigil Ends

Sunday, March 23 **Easter Sunday**

- **7:00 pm:** Easter Sunrise Service
- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

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