



THE WINDOW

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A WORD FROM BARRY On Sunday, April 6th, I am starting a new series of sermons based on what is the most well-known verse in the entire Bible John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." With this verse in mind, Max Lucado writes: *A twenty-six-word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. Brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather two thousand years of storms and questions. If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. We all need the reminder. The heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God's treatment is prescribed in John 3:16.*



For God **He loves.** *so loved the world that He gave*
He gave. *His one and only Son, that whoever believes*
We believe. *in Him shall not perish but have* **We live.** *eternal life.*

This powerful verse, which is only one sentence long and contains only 26 words, is packed with so much truth that we are spending several weeks together learning from its truth.

Along with the sermon series you are encouraged to participate in one of our many small groups that are using Max Lucado's book *3:16 The Numbers of Hope* as a focus of the study. It is my prayer that at the end of our six-week study we better understand God's amazing love and gift for each of us.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday, Barry

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Library News

New books are added weekly to the Northwood library; 132 so far this year. Here are a few of the new titles:

Biblical Eldership by Alexander Strauch

When You Don't Know What to Say

by Sandy Clough

Black #1 by Ted Dekker

The Return #3 by Karen Kingsbury

What God Wants to Do for You Today

by Jim George

The Bathtub is Overflowing but I Feel Drained

by Lysa Terkeurst

Check out our many series as we are trying to complete them. Maybe the one you are waiting for is in.

Alert & Alive Potluck

Tuesday, April 15th join the Alert & Alive for a great potluck. All are welcome, but especially those over 55.

Committee of Seven

Thank you to those who submitted such a great variety of names for the Committee of Seven. The seven serving on this year's nominating committee are Elder: Tom Utt, Diaconate: Debbie Childs and Sharon Comer, Congregation At-Large: Allan Gibbs, Mary Lou Hanna, Bob Shelton, and Janet Wells.

Their task is to submit a slate of officers, elders, and diaconate to the board for the 2008–09 fiscal year. If you would like to nominate someone as a candidate for one of these positions, please give your suggestion to one of the committee or Pastors Barry and Paul. Also, keep this team in your prayers they have an important task in front of them.

IPM News

Monday Prayer Night on April 7. Place your prayer requests in the "Prayer Can" on Sunday, April 6. These prayer requests are prayed over by IPM team members Monday night. We encourage 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.

Thank You

The family of Doris McCord wishes to thank you for the kindness shown, the many cards sent, and especially for the prayers during Doris' illness and her passing. You were such a blessing to each of us. Thank you.

Faye Mott, Judy Allard, Betty Bishop

Ladies Formal Soirée

Saturday, April 26, 1-4 pm

Plan to join the women's ministry for a time of fun, laughter, fellowship, and, dessert—of course! The *Love in Action* project, for this event is for the women of the Eugene Mission. Please bring toiletry items or cash donations. Donations can also be exchanged for raffle tickets starting April 6th in the fellowship hall. A fun drawing for prizes will take place at the Soirée. If you have any questions or would like to find out how you can help with this event, please call Juli Meador or Susan Devine.

2008 Women's Ministry Events

April 26	Women's Formal Soiree
July 19	BBQ/Potluck
Sept. 20	Relax at Belknap Hot Springs
Oct. 3-4	Regional Fall Retreat



If you have not joined a small group for the sermon series on John 3:16, it's not too late. There are groups offered Sunday mornings at 9:45 am and one on Wednesday night during G.O.L.F. Call the church office and sign up for one of these groups. They are a great way to delved deeper into Pastor Barry's sermons, and to meet more people through a great time of fellowship! 3:16 books are available for purchase from the church, but are not required to participate in the small groups.

Regional Assembly

April 18–19

Northwest Christian College



This year the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Regional Assembly is held in Eugene, at NCC. The weekend will include:

- Three worship services with inspiring music and preaching
- Visit from our Mission Partners from Ecuador
- Workshops, book displays and resource tables in abundance
- Enjoying the hospitality of Northwest Christian College

If you would like to attend, registration forms are available in the brochure rack in the Narthex. Cost is \$50 for the weekend.

Our congregation has been asked to provide 25 dozen cookies for the event. If you are able to bake some cookies, please let Jill know in the office.

New Office Hours

The church office is closing at noon on Fridays, effective immediately. New office hours are:

8–4 Monday through Thursday

12–1 closed for lunch

8–12 Friday

Hours may vary on occasion, phone message are returned as promptly as possible.

Interfaith Homeless Shelter

Northwood is helping First Christian Church of Eugene host the Interfaith Homeless Shelter the week of April 7–13. Our church helps prepare, serve, and clean up breakfast and dinner each day. We also provide hosts and craft people for the evening. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, please contact Marie Wilson. It is a very rewarding experience to help those in need.

Media Ministry



Did you know that all sermons are recorded, and are available for you to have in CD, cassette, or DVD format? All we ask for is a donation of \$1. If you want a copy of the sermon, please check the half-wall by the sound booth, if one isn't available, fill out a media request form to have one made for you. Sermons are also available for checkout in the library, or download from our website.

Love and Hope

In support of giving comfort and a touch of home to our military people stationed overseas, we are sending care packages to soldiers in the field. You can help by purchasing items to donate, donating cash to have items purchased, or donating to help cover the mailing costs. For a complete list of items, see our website, call the church office, or contact Judy Davies.

Long time Northwood member, **Aubrey Hanes** passed away on March 13. Aubrey joined Northwood in 1975, and will be missed. He is survived by his wife Marcella, three daughters, Nancy Hanes of Junction City, Sherry and her husband Steve Smith of Creswell, Christine and her husband Tony McCallum of Springfield, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his twin sister Audrey Welch of Junction City. He was preceded in death by his first wife June.



Doris McCord passed away March 18, at the age of 96. Doris was a charter member of Northwood, she joined when Northwood was a new church in February 1962. Survivors include two daughters, Faye Mott of Atoka, Oklahoma, and Judy Allard of Yelm, Washington; a sister, Betty Bishop of Springfield; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Doris was preceded in death by her husband, son, a grandson, and a great-grandson.

Donations in honor of these two long-time members, may be made to the church.



New Baby

March 16

Owen Katherine Smith

to

Matt & Miranda Smith
Big Brother Keler
Proud Grandparents are
Russ & Sue Smith

Welcome

New Members

February 10

LaVada Reynolds

Baptisms

March 16

*JJ Sargeant
Danelle Ralston*

March 23

*Parker Sedgwick
Paige Sedgwick*

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



G.O.L.F. WEDNESDAY

Dinner Served at 5:55 pm until 6:15 pm

Classes start at 6:45 pm

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

Nursery available for children up to 4 years of age

Preschool & Elementary 4 years old–5th grade, singing, arts & crafts, games, and Bible study.

Middle & High School 6th–8th & 9th–12th, Separate middle school and high school groups. Fellowship, Bible study, small groups breakout discussions, and informal fun. Each age group meets separately.

ADULT GROUPS

Good to Great in God's Eyes *Barry Lind* What characteristics do great Christians have in common? Based on Chip Ingram's book, *Good to Great in God's Eyes*, we will talk about practical steps for honoring God with our lives, and developing greater faith.

New Member Orientation *Paul Jackson* For all new, newer or prospective members. Learn about Northwood's history, purpose, values, goals, and ministries.

For Women Only *Danelle Ralston & Kim Helfrich* Special topics related to your life and walk with the Lord. This is a study, prayer, and support group. New members are welcome.

John 3:16 Group *Toni Unfred* A study/discussion group of Pastor Barry's sermon series on John 3:16. Everyone is welcome.

Come and join a class for Spring G.O.L.F.

Good Food...Great Fellowship...Bible Study...Prayer...Support.

See Pastor Paul to sign up.



FISH

This month FISH is being lifted up as a community outreach partner. FISH stands for “*Friends In Service to Humanity.*” As a partner Northwood helps fill our community’s emergency needs for food, clothing, and prescription maintenance. FISH is a 100% volunteer run charity located in the River Road area and is supported by local churches. Fish receives monthly support from Northwood through our World Outreach designations. Northwood sets aside 18% of all general fund offerings for outreach, both locally and globally.

If you or someone you know needs emergency help, call 689-9750. Check the pink flyer in the narthex for more information.

In addition to the general fund giving, servants of Northwood may donate non-perishable food to the FISH box located in the entry of the church. The 2nd Sunday of every month is set aside as FISH Sunday, and you are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to church with you. Let’s see if we can overload the box on April 13th! The food items are delivered to FISH monthly. Clean usable clothing may be taken to the FISH clothing closet at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 13th & Pearl. Call 689-9750 to verify hours.

February 2008 World Outreach Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$580	Angel Tree Scholarships	\$64
Mission Scholarships	\$242	Habitat for Humanity	\$242
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$806	Disciples Mission Fund	\$886
FISH	\$306	El Faro Orphanage	\$226
Young Life	\$145	Week of Compassion	\$322
Eugene Mission	\$322	Whisler Family	\$644
St. Vincent de Paul	\$145	Lemke Family	\$403
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$306	Neveux Family	\$161

April Elders

Communion & Offering

April 6 -

John Sargeant & Mike Harman

April 13 -

Jeff Svejcar & Judy Hockett

April 20 -

Tom Utt & Ralph Matteson

April 27 -

Ralph Matteson & Dorman Harry

April Diaconate

April 6 - Dan Witt’s Team

April 13 - Judy Davies’ Team

April 20 - Gary Franklin’s Team

April 27 - Kitty Bates’ Team

*If you aren’t sure whose team you are on,
please call the office.*

FROM THE CHILDREN'S WING

What a joyous Easter season we enjoyed this past month. We were well-practiced for Palm Sunday, and continue singing “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” to Jesus. Easter morning was a busy time, telling the story of Holy Week with our Resurrection eggs and learning about the significance of eggs to the concept of Jesus’ re-birth. Thanks to all adults who support our children in these important understandings.

We also appreciate everyone who has contributed generously to our collection of hats, scarves, gloves, and socks to distribute at the 2008 Springfield Christmas celebration. We have nearly met the 500-mark toward our goal of collecting 1000 items for this event. As you think about the second half of the project, we urge you to think “babies.” Nearly all of the items collected so far are for youth and children over three years of age. Now let’s focus on infants and toddlers, and socks for kids of all ages! Once those baby items start rolling in, everyone will get involved. Whose heart isn’t touched by little caps and socks?

This project has inspired our focus in all Children’s Ministries for the next 10 weeks: “spirit and service.” Easter is a natural platform for lessons on the Holy Spirit, and the spirit gift of service to others. We invite your input on service projects that our children can perform. Several of these lessons will focus on the Fruits of the Spirit, so don’t be surprised if you observe our children practicing kindness, goodness, joy and patience at Northwood!

Finally, we will introduce our four to seven year olds to attending regular worship services in the weeks ahead. Research informs us that children who attend only Sunday School and mid-week programs may not develop the habit of attending weekly worship into adulthood. We want to ensure that Northwood kids love God and long to worship Him as they grow in their faith. Once monthly we will attend second service, and with Pastor Barry’s approval, offer the congregation a brief song, skit or other devotional. We hope you love what our kids contribute!

BETSY CLEWITT & STAFF

YOUTH PROGRAM

Meet Reed Webster—Our New Youth Pastor

Reed hails from Eugene and is married to Kelsey. Reed’s heart and passion is for youth. His mission statement is “*to create life-long followers of Christ within the context of Christian community.*” Reed graduated from Eugene Bible College in 2005 and from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2007 with an M.A. in Theology. Most recently Reed served at Covenant Community Church as interim youth pastor during a transition period for that church. We are happy to have Reed and Kelsey as part of the Northwood family and hope for many years of effective ministry within our congregation.



News from Dan Armstrong

Our former interim pastor Dan Armstrong sent exciting news about his 11 year old grandson Samuel Sosa. Samuel entered a nationwide Jif Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich contest, and was selected as one of five finalists to travel to New York. He traveled with his parents and twin brother Manuel, prepared his recipe for judges, and was selected the winner! He receives a \$25,000 scholarship! Way to go Sammy!! Here's the winning recipe.

Crunchy Chinese Fortune Cookie Sandwich

Ingredients

4 slices of wheat bread

Sandwich Mix:

3 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter

1 tablespoon finely diced celery

1 tablespoon finely diced apple

Chinese Dipping Sauce:

1/4 cup Jif Creamy Peanut Butter

1/4 cup coconut milk

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon sesame oil

1/2 teaspoon chili powder

Directions

To make the dipping sauce, combine all ingredients in small saucepan and cook over low heat while stirring with a wire whisk. When the mixture starts to bubble and thicken, remove from heat and let cool.

While the dipping sauce is cooling, roll flat with a rolling pin the four slices of bread. Use a large circle shaped cookie cutter to cut out each slice of bread into a circle. Mix the 3 sandwich mix ingredients together in a small bowl. Place a tablespoon full of mix into the center of each circle shaped piece of bread. Fold the bread in half so the sandwich is now a half circle. Crimp the edges of the sandwich together with your fingers so the mix will not come out. Then, while holding the center of the sandwich, pull the sides of the sandwich down so the edges touch each other, forming a fortune cookie shape.

Cut extra apple and celery slices to eat with the Chinese dipping sauce.

To make fortunes for your fortune cookies, use a clean plastic lid from a tub of butter, yogurt, or sour cream. Cut small plastic strips, then write your fortune on them with a permanent marker. Tuck the edge of the fortune into the edge of your cookies to make them real fortune cookie sandwiches.

Once the dipping sauce is cool, serve the crunchy Chinese cookie sandwiches with their fortunes, and apple and celery slices on a plate with a cup of dipping sauce. Dip the sandwiches and the apple and celery slices into the sauce, and you have a great after school snack that was fun to make and eat!

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Games

Thursday, April 3

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, April 4

- **6:30 pm:** Karaoke

Saturday, April 5 *No Events*

Sunday, April 6 *3:16 Groups Begin*

- **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

Monday, April 7 *No Events*

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 10

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, April 11 *No Events*

Saturday, April 12 *No Events*

Sunday, April 13

- **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

Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

- **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, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, April 18

- **6:30 pm:** Karaoke
- Regional Assembly at NCC

Saturday, April 19

- Regional Assembly at NCC

Sunday, April 20

- **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

Monday, April 21

- **6:00 pm:** Pain Management Support Group

Tuesday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew, Library

Friday, April 25

- **12:00 pm:** Newsletter Items Due in Office

Saturday, April 26

- **8:00 am:** Women's Breakfast
- **1:00 pm:** Women's Soiree

Sunday, April 27

- **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
- **2:00 pm:** Memorial Service for Doris McCord
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, April 28 *No Events*

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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

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