



THE WINDOW

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Family

God's Big Backyard

Vacation Bible School: June 15-19th

Join with your Northwood family at this summer's VBS—the focus is on service and each evening everyone will learn, play, and work together. The dinner, crafts and games, and opening and closing assemblies surround the centerpiece event: service projects that target families, friends, neighbors, the community, and the church itself.

Friends

- 5:45 Dinner Served
- 6:30 Opening
- 7:00 Service Projects
- 7:45 Closing

Community

Volunteers are needed in many areas, see Betsy or Reed to get involved

Fish for Food

By the end of the week, we'll fill a boat with food donations & then tow it to the local food bank



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GRADUATION HAPPENINGS

Sunday, June 8

Graduation Celebration

Recognition during 2nd service for graduates

Graduation BBQ

For all graduates & their families and friends, 5pm

Sunday, June 15

Promotion Sunday

Toddlers-3rd grade, 1st service, 4th thru high school in 2nd service.

Sundaes on Sunday

In honor of all 'graduates' sundaes are served between services

A Word from Barry



Not long ago I preached on our need to 'love one another.' Perhaps we should consider the law of the garbage truck. I appreciate this e-mail Bob Nelson sent to me the other day and I share it with you.

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... 'love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'

Here is a practical way for us to practice loving one another.

See you Sunday, Barry



The Alert & Alive Potluck is June 17 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited, but we especially encourage those who are retired or over 55 to join us.

This month the theme is 'Your Wedding.' You are asked to bring one photo of your wedding to the church by Sunday, June 15, and leave it in the office. On Tuesday at the potluck we will have a test and see how many can correctly guess who is who. Meredith Noble & Judy Lacock are in charge of this month's potluck.



LIBRARY NEWS

Refuse to Be the Average...



Northwood Adults, the Church Library crew wants to encourage you to read this summer and do we have an offer for you!

Between June 1 and August 31 (12 weeks) if you read eight books from the church library, we will reward you with a free Library Book Tote.

Sign up on the sheet in the library to let us know you're participating. Then take a form to fill out with what you are reading. When you return the list of your books read, we'll give you your special tote. Thanks for using our library.

CHOIR NEWS



Choir season is over for the summer. Our Music Pastor, John Hakes is scheduling special music for all three services during the summer, and those who are interested in singing for a church service, should contact him. john@northwoodchristianchurch.org

NORTHWOOD NOMADS

Love to travel? Join the Nomads as they travel this summer. No need to have an RV, as there are usually accommodations available nearby. On June 30 we will travel up the river to Belknap Hot Springs. In August, we travel to Gold Beach, and in September our destination is Lebanon. Contact Meredith Noble if you are interested in going, so she can give you the information you need to make reservations.

IPM NEWS

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the military. The following is a list of people that you can be praying for:

Jason Bush, Brian Harry, Travis Leonard, Ricky Love, Tyler Mart, Matthew Patton, Jeff Power, Matt Sather, Paula Scherer, Amanda Staton, Sean Tesseney, Dustin Webber and Brandon Wilson.

If you have a loved one serving in the military, please let the office know, so we can pray for them also.

Sunday, June 1—Fill out a prayer request and place it in the *God Can* in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, June 2—Monthly Prayer Night. Members of the IPM will be meeting and praying for requests in the “God Can” on this night during the hours of 6 - 7:30 p.m.

SUMMER CLASS OFFERED

*A Series of Class Sessions Beginning June 26
Gary Wells Leading*

You are invited to be part of a group that begins Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. The topic, “Because I Trust Him,” deals with the reality of facing life with Jesus. Gary Wells is leading the sessions which will show that the Lord is with us as we invite Him. Based on the Bible and true to life, you may be part of this valuable study. For more information and to reserve your place, call Hallie or Gary Wells.

COREY IS CELEBRATING

Mike and Karin Harman are having an open house on Sunday, June 1st from 1-4 pm to celebrate the graduation of their son, Corey from Springfield High School. Everyone is invited.

THANK YOUS

A big thank you to those who donated dolls, soft cuddly bears, etc. for children in the Ukraine. This project ends soon, so if you have dolls or stuffed animals that your children have outgrown, please drop them in the large box by the office. It will make a child very happy. Please not Barbies or ‘extra large’ stuffed animals. For more info, call Janet Sweeney.

To Northwood Church,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and gifts. They meant a lot to Rolly and I. Please keep us in your prayers! We will be back to church soon. I am doing as well as can be expected, but it will take time.

Our thanks to all, Rolly & Gena Sullivan

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Below is an article from the Register Guard

Jonnie Helfrich serves as a teacher/parent volunteer with an emphasis on physical education at Page Elementary School. In addition to working with students, she monitors the supply inventory, buys new equipment and advises staff on maintenance issues. She also organizes the school’s ‘lost and found’ and helps with field trips, special events, health screening, and more.

Volunteer hours: 4 to 8 per week.

“Jonnie is inspiring with all the energy that she brings to the students of our school. Her skills and willingness to share her talents with students is outstanding.”

Rosalynn Jaeger, Page Elementary School

Northwood’s Class of ‘08

Springfield High School

Bryson Eklund

Corey Harman

Rafaela Krey

Desiree LeCuyer

Melanie Potter

Joey Palermo-Silence

Erinn Swartout

Kaylee Tryon

Gateways

Amber Miller

Marist High School

Braden O’Guinn

Willamette University

Kendra Bates

For details on all of Northwood’s graduation events, see the front cover.



Congratulations,
GRADUATES

It is not our intention to leave anyone off the list. Please accept our apologies if we missed your name.



New Members

May 11

Mark Schneider

Janay McAllister

Baptism

May 25

Kaylee Tryon

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.



Disciples Home Missions

Is

“Equipping Disciples for Christ”

Through

Congregational Transformations •

Leadership Development

• Faith Formations • Christian Vocations

WORLD OUTREACH

Through Global Ministries, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, the Division of Overseas Ministries helps Disciples share the Good News of Jesus Christ from our doorsteps *to the ends of the earth* and seeks to meet the needs of God's people; spiritually, physically, emotionally, and economically. Global Ministries is a way for congregational and regional participation in overseas ministries. It is funded through the Disciples Mission Fund, which Northwood supports through our monthly World Outreach funds.

You can obtain more information on this denominational ministry at www.globalministries.org.

April 2008 World Outreach Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$590	Angel Tree Scholarships	\$66
Mission Scholarships	\$246	Habitat for Humanity	\$246
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$820	Disciples Mission Fund	\$902
FISH	\$312	El Faro Orphanage	\$230
Young Life	\$148	Week of Compassion	\$328
Eugene Mission	\$328	Whisler Family	\$656
St. Vincent de Paul	\$148	Lemke Family	\$410
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$312	Neveux Family	\$164

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SOFTBALL

Come and support our Northwood softball team. Bring a blanket picnic dinner, and enjoy time with others from the church cheering on our team.



All games are played at Guy Lee Park

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
June 2	6:15 pm	Calvary Open Bible
June 9	7:45 pm	New Song
June 16	9:15 pm	Springfield Faith Center
June 23	9:15 pm	Totally Cellular/SCC
June 30	7:45 pm	First Baptist Springfield
July 7	7:45 pm	Calvary Open Bible
July 14	9:15 pm	New Song
July 21	6:15 pm	Springfield Faith Center
July 28	6:15 pm	Totally Cellular/SCC
Aug. 4	9:15 pm	First Baptist Springfield

SUNDAES ON SUNDAY

PROMOTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 15, after 2nd service, we will honor all Sunday School students with our annual Sundaes on Sunday. What a deal! You choose the ice cream and the toppings! Come join us for a real 'cool' treat! Everyone is invited to enjoy ice cream, 'kids of all ages!'



YOUTH NEWS...FROM REED

You may have noticed the name *Roots* in regards to the student ministries at Northwood Christian Church. Along with the name come convictions about the Christian life and youth ministry. In the next few months I will be unpacking what those are. Also we have a new blog, this is the place to find the most current info about student ministries. The address is www.northwoodroots.blogspot.com

If you are interested in going to Creation let Jonathan or I know, and we will let you know how to make that happen.

On Sunday June 1st during second service all youth will join the congregation in second service to celebrate, and learn about the last Mission to Mexico trip.

On Sunday June 8 we are celebrating our current high school and college graduates. During second service we will honor their accomplishments, and at 5 pm we will have a BBQ for family and friends to celebrate. If you plan on attending the BBQ please RSVP.

Sunday June 15 during second service we will celebrate the advancement of our students as each age group takes the next step. Sundaes will be served in the Fellowship hall following the service.

Honeyman... Devil's Elbow... Old Town... Florence is calling my name. This month we will take a trip over to the coast for the day. On Friday June 20 the high school kids will have their chance, and on Friday, June 27, it will be time for the middle school kids to enjoy the trip. More details to follow.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Friends,

As we approach Summer 2008, it is well to acknowledge the resilience of all members of Northwood, including the children and youth. Despite the challenges of the past year, we've pursued programs to expand our youngsters' understanding of God's character and promises revealed in the Old Testament, and Jesus' unending love, teaching, and sacrifice on the cross for us all. With the addition of Reed Webster as youth pastor, we've begun to rebuild a cohesive and worshipful student ministry with strong pastoral and lay leadership.

Together, we now welcome Graduation Sunday (June 8) and Promotion Sunday (June 15) as occasions to mark important milestones in the lives of our kids, youth, and even some adults. Please plan to join us to celebrate these great accomplishments. June 15th, Father's Day, is also the traditional date for starting our five-day VBS program. This year's VBS is an event not to be missed for members of all ages!

This year's VBS is a unique program called "God's Big Backyard." It focuses on God's call on our lives to understand and apply His Word in service to others. The format for the five days will shift somewhat from previous years, so that we learn, play and work together as an inter-generational community. Our fellowship throughout each evening—in dinner, crafts and games, and opening and closing assemblies—surrounds the centerpiece event: service projects that target families, friends, neighbors, the community, and the church itself. Our overarching service project is to "fish for food" by literally filling a boat to deliver our cargo to a local food bank at the end of the week.

Although our focus each day will shift, every day will produce memories of learning, playing, and working together as a harmonious community. For example, we're looking for a few creative cooks to work with Carol and Merrell Burge to prepare camp-style meals and snacks each evening. We're also inviting families or groups to provide our Bible story each night in music, dance, and/or skits. (Prizes awarded at the final Closing Assembly!)

Adults are also needed to engage and assist children and youth in each evening's service project. And we're looking for true Servant Hearts in our church and community to share their stories related to our service projects with us throughout the week. Clearly, this means that we need the gifts, talents, and skills of every member of the church to create God's Big Backyard right here at Northwood.

VBS is just the starting ground for a summer of fun and purposeful service activities for Northwood's children and youth. In thinking about gathering our kids regularly throughout the summer months, we intend to provide many opportunities to extend the theme of "Serve Others, Serve God" to the church congregation and our community.

Intrigued? Good! We need you to help make this VBS a truly memorable event. Whatever your age or gifting or interest, there is a place for you as a team leader, craft maker, game leader, photographer, or videographer, singer or dancer, teacher or mentor, storyteller or decorator in God's Big Backyard. Thanks to those who've already responded to the call, and welcome to all who join us in making every moment of VBS 2008 meaningful and memorable!

Betsy and Reed

As a little boy I can remember my brother and I playing in revolving doors wherever we happened to find them. Not the lame kind that swing back and forth, but the ones that swing around that magical pivot point of excitement. Sometimes I would get stuck, unable to break free from the circular walls of glass that envelop you when pushing through the center. The whooshing sound of the weather-stripping that once signaled another rotation of the massive circular structure soon turns into a signal of another missed chance to break out. The excitement and joy that a child initially experiences when discovering the wonder of this new kind of door can quickly turn to panic when they realize that they are stuck in the middle of the cycle, trapped by the momentum of the door that turns too quickly to stop on its own.

A NOTE FROM



REED-O

Depending on whom you listen to, the average stay for a youth pastor is somewhere between nine months and two years. Growing up I was unaware of the revolving door that characterizes much of the youth ministry world. For over 20 years my first church had been blessed with a steady, loving, and Godly influence. However that stability ended when the youth pastor, during a season of heightened church drama, decided it was best he leave. After his departure the church that had experienced the blessing of stability went through a run of youth pastors. In all, over a two-year period, three had come, but only one had decided to stick around. The reasons for the departures were not all that clear to us students, and to be honest a good reason would not have made a difference. Each time we experienced the loss of a youth worker, we experienced yet another adult giving up on, and abandoning us.

I am no stranger to the hurt that can be found in the cyclical reality of present day youth ministry. It is as if the youth are stuck in the middle of a giant revolving door, adults coming and going, but leaving them stuck in the middle left to find their way out. All they need is a dedicated group of adults who are willing to stop the door and let them escape. It is no secret that this church has experienced the phenomena. What the church needs is a dedicated group of adults to stop the door from turning so the youth can find their way through. Jonathan for one has shown his commitment to be in the lives of the youth despite the struggles the church has gone through. He has been trying to slow the door, but cannot do it on his own. I have been hired to help in the effort, and I hope to be able to prove to the youth that I am here to stay. Jonathan and I, as talented and gifted as we may be, are not enough to stop the cycle, and so I implore others to join in, grasp the door, and let the students out. A first step is to join the Youth Ministry Team.



Sunday, June 1

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Mission to Mexico Svc.
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, June 2

- **6:00 pm:** Monthly Prayer Night
- **6:15 pm:** Softball Game

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 4

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

Thursday, June 5

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

Friday, June 6 *No Events*

Saturday, June 7 *No Events*

Sunday, June 8

FISH Sunday, bring canned food

Graduation Sunday

Congregational Meeting

- **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
- **5:00 pm:** Graduation BBQ
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group



Monday, June 9

- **7:45 pm:** Softball Game

Tuesday, June 10

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team

- **6:30 pm:** Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

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

Thursday, June 12

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

Friday, June 13 *No Events*

Saturday, June 14 *No Events*

Sunday, June 15

Fathers Day



Promotion Sunday/Sundaes on 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
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group
- **5:45 pm:** Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 16

- **5:45 pm:** Vacation Bible School
- **9:15 pm:** Softball Game

Tuesday, June 17

- **12:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Potluck
- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **8:00 pm:** Drop In Basketball
- **5:45 pm:** Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 18

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Games
- **5:45 pm:** Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 19

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew, Library
- **5:45 pm:** Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 20

- High School Beach Trip

Saturday, June 21 *No Events*

Sunday, June 22

- **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, June 23

- **9:15 pm:** Softball Game

Tuesday, June 24

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **12:00 pm:** Newsletter Items Due in Office

Wednesday, June 25

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

Thursday, June 26

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

Friday, June 27

- Middle School Beach Trip

Saturday, June 28

- **8:00 am:** Women's Breakfast

Sunday, June 29

- **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, June 30

- Northwood Nomads to Belknap Hot Springs
- **7:45 pm** Softball Game

Northwood Staff

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Reed Webster, Youth Pastor
Betsy Clewett, Director of Children's Ministry
Jonathan Swartout, Youth Worker
John Hakes, Music Minister
Judy Lacock, Pianist
Toni Unfred, Groups Coordinator
Connie Knight, Bookkeeper
Jill Noble, Administrative Assistant

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