



# THE WINDOW

*Northwood Christian Church*

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Our Vision: *Connect, Grow, Serve, & Go* September 2009



## Fall '09 G.O.L.F.

### *Gathering of Loving Friends*

*Northwood's G.O.L.F. program includes: the weekly sermon series, small groups, and an evening program for all ages*

#### **Wednesday Night Schedule:**

Dinner Served: 5:55 pm

All age Classes & Groups: 6:45 pm

#### **KICK OFF ■ September 16 & 23 ■**

##### *Living the Vision: Connect, Grow, Serve, & Grow*

Pastors Barry & Paul will lead an exciting exploration of how our vision can impact and change our individual lives and the Northwood congregation. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your connection to the Northwood Vision.

#### **FALL SERIES: Sept. 27–Nov. 18 ■**

##### *Life's Healing Choices*

To live our vision fully, we must experience the freedom found in God's love, forgiveness, and peace. We must know His healing touch in our life. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10).

Be part of this exciting eight-week study and exploration of the Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:1-12*)

- **HEAR** the sermon on Sunday mornings
- **APPLY** it to your life through weekly small group participation & Wednesday evenings
- **SIGN UP** starts in September *Look for a complete listing of groups, with days and times soon.*
- **SEE** Pastor Paul with questions or for more information.



## A WORD FROM BARRY

In my past two sermons I talked about *Life With Jesus* and how, when we follow His example, we can greatly reduce the stress in our lives. I picked up 26 other suggestions given to me in an e-mail from Jeff & Patty Phillips...

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day without feeling rushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. KMS (Keep Mouth Shut); this single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the 'kid' in you everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you Jesus."
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
32. Sit on your ego.
33. Talk less; listen more.
34. Slow down.
35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe
36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you are grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### BAKE SALE

On September 13th, after all three services, the Women's Ministry is holding a bake sale in the fellowship hall. Come hungry on the 13th, so you can purchase yummy cookies, cakes, and desserts and help support the Women's Ministry all at the same time.

### UO CONCESSIONS

On October 31st at 5:30 pm, the women's ministry is staffing a UO Football concession booth. Volunteers are needed for this game, If interested in helping out, call Juli.

### ALERT & ALIVE

We had great fun at our cooks day off at Sizzler in August. The September potluck is on the 15th at noon at the church. The Lacoeks and Rumelharts are hosting this month.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The doors to Celebrate Recovery, for anyone who has hurts habits, or hang-ups opens on Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for dinner. All Northwood members are invited to come and celebrate with dinner, meeting, and music. This program is held weekly on Sat. at 6pm. For more info on the program email [info@northwoodcr.com](mailto:info@northwoodcr.com) or stop by their table in the fellowship hall on Sundays. The ministry now has a Facebook page to keep you updated on our activities.

**Upcoming fundraiser:** We are selling 2010 entertainment books in the fellowship hall on Sundays. Purchase a 2010 for \$20 and get a 2009 book for free.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

After many months of use and continued service, the *God Can*, for collecting prayer requests has retired. A new beautiful wooden prayer request box is now in the Narthex on top of the dark wooden, cabinet that is near the front windows, next to the Sanctuary. Look



for the gold praying hands on top of it.

The new prayer box is for whenever anyone has a prayer need, and wants it to be confidential (the box will be kept locked, you can come in and place your prayer request in that box and IPM will pray on over it. IPM realized that people have

prayer needs throughout the month and this box will serve that need. The box will be checked on a daily basis. So drop by and place your prayer requests in it and *know* that our God has heard your prayer need.

*Prayer requests for the pastors, elders, or church body can be submitted during Sunday Worship or by calling or emailing the office. An email prayer chain is sent out weekly.*

### DIABETES WALK

Jason Burn is putting together a team of people to walk in the Diabetes fundraiser walk on October 10th. If you are interested in joining him, call or see him at church.

# Welcome

## New Members

**August 9**

*Kirsten LaShot*

**August 30**

*Dan Mart &  
Marcia Doughan*



## Baptisms

**October 26**

**Celia Sluga**

*Celia was baptized  
by her grandfa-  
ther Tom Utt. She  
is a 3rd genera-  
tion Northwood  
Member*



## Thank You

We wish to thank all our Northwood family for prayers, cards, communion and concern for Ralph's hip stress fracture. Also for prayers for Betty, thank you so much.

*Ralph & Betty Carson*

Thank you so much for the care and concern for us in the passing of my mother. Thanks for all the cards and calls.

*Carol & Merrill Burge*

Northwood, Thank you so much for the gift card! Graduating high school is a big step in my life, however, it pales in comparison to finding Christ. I found God through the Alpha program at your church and for that I am eternally grateful.

*Gwen Haight, THS Graduate*

## NORTHWOOD'S YOUTH TEAM

We at Northwood is excited to add Amy Gilman & Joey Palermo Silence to our staff. They join Jonathan Swartout to fill out the youth team. Jonathan is working with High School students, Amy is taking on the Middle School students, and Joey is working with both Jonathan & Amy. Join us in welcoming these three dynamic people to our staff.



## **NORTHWOOD'S LIBRARY & WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Saturday, October 17, the library and women's ministry are joining together to present an afternoon with Eugene author, Judy Dippel. Judy has written two books to help women of any age.

*Like flowers, life is beautiful, but daily living and circumstances are sometimes dry and difficult! You'll relate to Judy's writing & speaking. It is for today, and for real women, with real challenges, needing real solutions. She speaks to hopes & dreams, disappointments & pain, as she shares familiar life experiences & the grace of a real and present God.*

*Judy brings encouragement, practical application & faith to every message. Her relaxed style, like a good friend, reaches out to women with love, laughter & learning. Be encouraged & refreshed as you join her in striving towards being content, and becoming your individual best, step-by step—day by day.*

**A special afternoon with Eugene author**

**Judy Dippel**

**Saturday—October 17**

**A light lunch will be served at noon**

**Her presentation begins about 12:45**

**Doors open at 11:30**

**Tickets \$5—on Sale starting Sept. 27**

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### **MEET JENNY FRANK**



Northwood's new bookkeeper, Jenny Frank, is in the office every Wednesday, if you need to see her. Stop by and introduce yourself. Connie Knight has 'retired' from her position here at Northwood. We say a hearty hello to Jenny. Connie will still be around, so we aren't saying goodbye to her!

### **ELECTRONIC NORTHWOOD**

Have you ever wished you didn't get so much mail in your mailbox and had less to recycle at the end of the day? Sign up to receive the newsletter electronically. Every month you will receive a full color PDF file in your inbox, instead of a paper version in your mailbox! Or, do you wish you knew more about what was going on with your fellow members at Northwood? Prayer requests go out weekly by e-mail. If you wish to be included in either of these electronic forms of communication at Northwood, send an e-mail to the church at



[office@northwoodchristianchurch.org](mailto:office@northwoodchristianchurch.org).

## **FINDING SIGNIFICANCE THROUGH SERVICE**

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There is nothing quite as rewarding as serving God by serving others through the ministry of the church. I believe that such service to God gives us great purpose and our lives significance. If you are looking to make your life count, there is no better way than to give it to God for Him to use. He wants to bless others through you. What an amazing idea!

When we serve others we are modeling the life and spirit of Christ Jesus.

Service was the word applied to his Kingdom work while on earth (see Mk. 10:45). In this passage, His work was summed up in two words: Serve and give. For all time Jesus transformed “service” from the menial Greek sense of “waiting on tables” to an exalted place of honor. The “Law of Heaven” has it that the greatest in the kingdom is the servant of all (Luke 22:26). How paradoxical! And how different this attitude is from the dominant value system of our society today. But in God’s Kingdom, the way up is down. Honor is given to the one who serves. In short, service was the early church’s watchword; it should be ours as well.

My heartfelt appreciation to our many committed ministry leaders here at Northwood. As you give so much of yourself in the service of others, you are a vital part of God’s work through the Northwood Christian Church. Thank you!

If you are not yet involved in a ministry and would like to know more about getting involved in a Northwood ministry, let me know. I’d be happy to help you find just the right fit according to how God has “shaped” you for ministry. A great way to start the exploration process is to take the “gifts test” on our web site. Go to [www.northwoodchristianchurch.org](http://www.northwoodchristianchurch.org) and click on “What’s Happening” and then click “Spiritual Gifts Analysis.” Take the test and get a copy of the results to me. We will then get together to review the test and to explore possible avenues of service here at Northwood.

--Pastor Paul

### **INTERESTED IN MINISTRY?**

See Pastor Paul for

- ◆ 1–2–1 Coaching
- ◆ Ministry Placement
- ◆ Spiritual Gifts Testing & Counseling

### **YOUR PASTOR IS IN!**

Call 746-2790, x103 or see him at the kiosk on any Sunday.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY PROFILE**

**YOUNG LIFE & WYLDLIFE CLUB**

Clubs are weekly meetings within a local community that are open to any student who wants to attend. Many attend club each week to sing, laugh, play games and hear a leader share great news about God’s love in terms they can understand and grow in their faith.

**YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

This is an international non-profit organization that works with middle school and high school age students. There are four ministries to connect young people with Christian adults; Campus life, Youth Guidance, Mentor Moms, and Geo 7. Campus Life ministry involves connecting young people with Christian adults as well as training students to reach their peers with the Gospel. Youth Guidance is a ministry that reaches out to young people at Lane County’s detention facility. Mentor-Moms, this is in coordination with Young Life and is a mentoring program that works with young mother and young mothers to be. Geo 7 is an outdoor ministry that works with kids who are interested in the outdoors.

These are both great ministries, each reaching out to students in our area. Our church supports both Young Life and Youth for Christ in our World Outreach giving each month.

**JULY 2009 WORLD OUTREACH GIVING**

Love Offering/Church Family	\$752	Habitat for Humanity	\$209
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$1,044	Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,086
FISH	\$355	El Faro Orphanage	\$251
Young Life	\$188	Week of Compassion	\$418
Eugene Mission	\$376	Missionary Family <i>Ukraine</i>	\$522
St. Vincent de Paul	\$146	Missionary Family <i>Indonesia</i>	\$209
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$397	Missionary <i>Indonesia</i>	\$104
Angel Tree Scholarships	\$63	Missionary Family <i>Indonesia</i>	\$877

<b>September Elders</b>
Communion & Offering
September 6 - Merrill Burge & Beverly Robertson
September 13 - Steve Devine & Ralph Matteson
September 20 - Mel Mead & John Sargeant
September 27 - Christi Keefer & Tom Utt

<b>September Diaconate</b>
September 6 - Steve Swartout’s Team
September 13 - Kitty Bates’ Team
September 20 - Debbie Child’s Team
September 27 - Connie Knight’s Team
<i>If you aren’t sure whose team you are on, please call the office.</i>

FROM THE CHILDREN'S WING

CHILDREN'S NEWS



The last of our VBS sessions and our very fun Summer Picnic, coupled with the colorful ads for school clothes and supplies, signal that summer is ending. It is a time of transition, and also change. Some things – new lessons for children’s worship and G.O.L.F., and a new year of preschool – are things we shift into every Fall. Other things – new faces of children, parents, volunteers or staff – promise some fresh beginnings. What stands the test of time will thrive, while fresh eyes and ideas are planted in that same fertile soil.

Such is the case with our new preschool teacher. We are pleased to welcome Falicia Johnson to the Northwood preschool staff. Falicia is a graduate of the



Christian education program at Eugene Bible College. She taught for several years locally, at Willamette Christian Center and Norkenzie Christian Preschool, before her last assignment as preschool teacher on a Navaho Indian Reservation in Arizona. She is also a dance teacher, bringing skills in the performing arts we have not previously woven into our children’s programs. Falicia offers a rich mix of knowledge and experience in the Christian faith, early childhood education, and cultural, social and linguistic diversity. Falicia’s husband, also a graduate of Eugene Bible

**FALICIA JOHNSON** College, is an ordained youth pastor with extensive experience with middle-schoolers. Whether or not you have children in Northwood’s preschool, I hope you will help make Falicia feel welcome with us.

Likewise, some of our preschoolers and their families are members of Northwood and/or are returning from last year. However, most represent the larger communities of Eugene, Springfield, Dexter, Creswell, Junction City. We’re enjoying the same influx to our congregation, as newcomers continue to come forward and join our church. This reminds me of the opportunity that each newcomer presents when stepping into our church. For our part, this is the opportunity to watch Spirit grow!

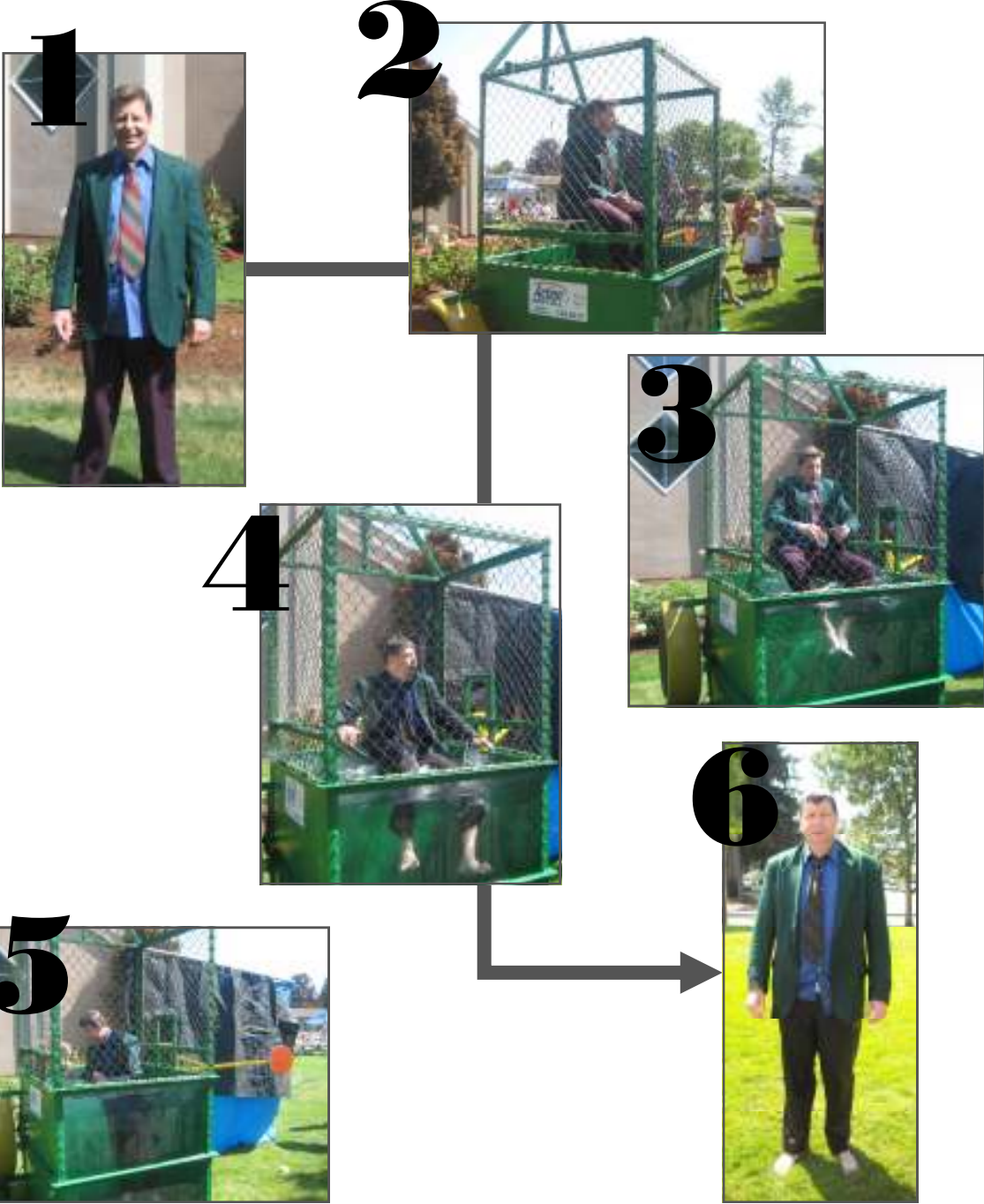
BETSY CLEWETT & STAFF

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS!!**

Wow! Where did summer go? School is right around the corner and the kids are excited. Northwood’s Middle School has some great ideas in store for your kids and you! Come by and see our classroom and get excited with us. If we are excited they will be excited. Don’t forget to smile, it’s contagious. God Bless, Amy

**Middle School Xtreme**  
**Friday, Sept. 11**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Nerf Mania!!**

# Summer Picnic '09 Pastor Barry is a Hip Guy

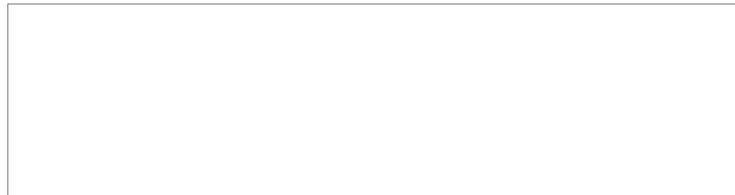




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