

Norwood Christian Grapevine

I am the vine; You are the branches... John 15:5

Pastor's Promptings...

Building the Men of Tomorrow

As parents and grandparents we have a God-given responsibility to train up the children God has entrusted to our care. Our children and grandchildren are the adults of tomorrow. This country's future will be determined by the job we do of training up the next generation. It is our job to train up strong, community minded leaders who will be prepared to face the challenges this country faces.

The leaders of Norwood Christian Church believe strongly in the importance of training up the boys of today to become the type of men this country will desperately need tomorrow. For a couple months now we have invited the men of the community to meet for breakfast once a month to discuss how we can make a positive impact not only on each other's lives now, but also on the lives of the boys and young men in the community now and in the future.

This men's group believes that a vital program that once had a big impact on the youth of the community is missing and needs to be started up again. That program is the Boy Scouts of America.

Since 1910, Scouting has helped mold the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes, and through nearly a century of experience, understands that helping youth puts us on a path towards a more conscientious, responsible, and productive

society. Scouting, with programs from Cub Scouting through Venturing helps meet these six essential needs of the young people growing up in our society:



Mentoring

Young people need mentors. Positive relationships with

adults—community and religious leaders and of course, parents—provide youth with good role models and have a powerful impact on their lives. Young people of every age can benefit from constructive, one-on-one interaction with adults beyond their own families. Scouting provides such adults. We have a process that screens, selects and trains the leaders who can provide that extra attention all young people need to succeed in life.

Lifelong Learning

People need to learn all through their lives. We live in a society that rewards continual acquisition of skills and knowledge. Scouting provides structured settings where young people can learn new skills and develop habits of continual learning that will help them succeed. Scouting, from its foundation in Tiger Cubs through the Venturing program for young men and women, offers a concrete program of discovering, sharing and applying knowledge and skills.

Faith Traditions

Young people need faith. There is abundant evidence that children benefit from the moral compass provided by religious tradition. We acknowledge that faith can become an important part of a child's

identity. Each of the major faiths breeds hope, optimism, compassion, and a belief in a better tomorrow. Scouting encourages each young person to begin a spiritual journey through the practice of his or her faith tradition. One of the key tenets of Scouting is "duty to God". While Scouting does not define religious belief for its members, it has been adopted by and works with youth programs of all major faiths.

Serving Others

Young people need to serve. The level of community service is a good indication of the health of any society. Scouting has, from its inception, been deeply rooted in the concept of doing for others. "Do a Good Turn Daily" is a core Scouting precept. Scouting encourages boys to recognize the needs of others and take action accordingly. Scouting works through neighborhoods, volunteer organizations, and faith-based organizations to help young people appreciate and respond to the needs of others.

Healthy Living

Young people need to be well. To get the most from life, one must be both mentally and physically fit. A commitment to the vigorous life has been reflected in Scouting's outdoor living skills: fitness requirements stem from the very beginnings of the program. Scouting programs have long included challenging physical activities such as hiking, swimming and lifesaving as a part of the curriculum. First aid and safety programs are synonymous with Scouting. Our programs today

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include strong drug abuse awareness and prevention programs, emphasizing the value of healthy living habits.

Building Character

Young people need to know to be good and to do good. Few will argue with the importance of teaching values and responsibility to our children, not only right from wrong, but specific, affirmative values such as fairness, courage, honor, and respect for others. Beginning with the Scout Oath and Scout Law, the Boy Scouts of America program is infused with character-building activities that allow youth to apply abstract principles to daily living situations.

We would like to get the local Boy Scout troop going again. To that end Norwood Christian Church has agreed to be the sponsoring agency for the local troop. We have arranged to have Mr. Mike Penkaty of the Western Colorado Council of the Boy Scouts of America come speak to the community. We are hosting a free dinner and informational meeting Wednesday night, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Everyone interested in Boy Scouts is invited. See the following information for details.

Please join us for this meeting and help spread the word to those who may be interested.

Serving Christ and His family,

Pastor Ken

Welcome to the Family!

*Janet Buddle**

Natalie Lawrence

*by baptism

**Open invitation to parents & boys
Information meeting about Boy
Scouts of America
Join us for a free meal of
hamburgers, hotdogs,
and ice cream**

**If you have a boy age 7-18
years old**

**If you would like to help as a
leader**

**If you can teach a skill to help
boys achieve merit badges**

**If you want to learn more about
how you can help or just to
show your support**

**Join us Wednesday, June 3rd at
6:00 p.m.**

**Norwood Christian Church
Corner of Lincoln & Summit by
the fairgrounds**

**Please RSVP so we'll have
enough food for everyone**

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LIFE IS A PICKLE

By Davis Watson

Many of you have expressed your appreciation for these letters in the church newsletter and how you look forward to reading them each month. We truly are grateful for the kind words; however, we at Norwood Christian never want anyone to replace the Word of God, the Bible, with these newsletters. The Bible alone should be our source of truth and encouragement for our lives.

This past week we have been reading about Absalom, King David's son, who led a revolt against his father's rule and chased him into the desert. Do you ever feel like you are endangered or the pressures of life are collapsing around you?

King David was in a real "pickle" when his own son was trying to kill him and while fleeing, David writes:

Psalm 63

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

¹ O God, you are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶ On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.

⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

⁹ They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth.

¹⁰ They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.

¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

I encourage everyone to begin reading the Bible daily. If you have never started, start today. There are many places to begin reading, but if you are new to Bible reading; start in the New Testament found in the last quarter of the Bible. Read one of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, and then the Book of Acts. In times of trouble or "pickles of life", turn to the middle of the Bible and pick a Psalm to read. Psalms 23, 55, 58, 61, 62, and 63 always bring me encouragement. As always, we at the Norwood Christian Church are ready to help and encourage you in your "pickles of life."

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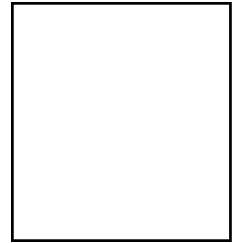
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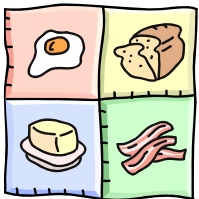
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10 AM ~ Bible Study

11 AM ~ Worship Service



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BRUNCH ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST



We have decided to make a change to our Father's Day celebration. Instead of our usual "Dinner and a Movie" event on Saturday night, we have decided to have a Father's Day Brunch on Sunday morning instead. This will allow the guys to have all day Saturday to do whatever they want to do with their family.

So mark your calendars for Sunday, June 21st for our Father's Day Brunch (it's really a breakfast but Davis prefers the word "brunch"). We start the "amazing graze" at 9:30 a.m. The ladies will do all the cooking and cleaning so guys, all we have to do is show up and eat (and eat, and eat!).



God anxiously awaits the day He can align the desires of our heart with His perfect plan. And when we discover God's power within our own hearts we can begin a new journey that unlocks our greatest potential. September 26, 2009 women all across the nation will gather together to begin this great quest! During this event, filled with worship and inspiring messages from key Christian leaders, women will connect in true friendship and gain the support they need to become all that God has gifted them for. You can attend this Extraordinary Women's Conference via satellite right here at Norwood Christian Church. This event is being hosted **FREE**, courtesy of Norwood Christian Church. Watch for registration details and invite your friends! Featuring:



Karen Kingsbury
Speaker



Stormie Omartian
Speaker



Candace Cameron Bure
Speaker



Nancy Leigh DeMoss
Speaker



Charles Billingsley
Praise & Worship



Kathy Troccoli
Performer

Coming Saturday, September 26, 2009
Live via satellite to Norwood Christian Church



Our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. *Romans 6:6*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Men's Boy Scout Info Meeting 6PM	4 Praise Team 7:30PM	5 Women's Seminar at Baptist Church <i>Victoria Haggard</i>	6 Women's Seminar at Baptist Church
7 Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM <i>Ted Earley</i>	8	9	10 Elders Meeting 7PM	11 Praise Team 7:30PM	12	13 <i>Ricky Klement</i>
14 Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM	15 <i>Ron Carlson</i>	16	17 <i>Zack Calvillo</i>	18 Praise Team 7:30PM <i>Rich Benintendi Ruth Boehler</i>	19	20
21 Father's Day Breakfast 9:30AM Worship 11AM	22 <i>John & Rebecca Williams—Annv.</i>	23 <i>Mandy Watson</i>	24 <i>Cheyenne Miller</i>	25 Praise Team 7:30PM	26	27
28 Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM	29	30		28 Praise Team 7:30PM		