

# Norwood Christian Grapevine

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

## *Pastor's Promptings...*

### **THE BOY SCOUTS ARE BACK IN TOWN!**

I have only been in Norwood for a little over 2½ years now, but from what I've been told the Boy Scouts have had a rich history in the area. Like most things in life the history of Boy Scout troop 469 has had its ups and downs. Many of the men in the community have been a part of the troop over the years either as a Scout or as an adult leader.

Those who have not had first-hand experience with scouting can still recognize the value of scouting and the positive influence the scouting program can have on a boy's life. Everyone I've spoken with about scouting has had a positive response about the prospect of getting the troop going again.

Over the last month we have had two community meetings to discuss the possibility of getting Boy Scout troop 469 going. We have laid out the adult leadership positions we need to fill before we can move forward. I am happy to report that we have the necessary core group of adult volunteers signed up in order to move forward. We can always use more volunteers of course, but we have the minimum that we need.

So what is the next step? What we need now are the boys! The adult leaders are willing to support three scouting groups: The Cub Scouts, which is for boys 7-10 years old, Boy Scouts for boys 11-17 years old, and Venturing which is for boys and girls ages 14-20. We have leaders for each group so all we need are the young people who are interested to participate. We need at least five kids for each age group.

So, if you believe in the benefits of scouting in the life of a young person, help us spread the word that troop 469 is back! If you would like to have your son involved in Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, or if you would like your son or daughter involved in the outdoor adventure activities of Venturing, get them signed up today. As soon as we get at least five scouts for each program we can get started.



We are looking forward to being a part of troop 469 and the rich history it has in the community. To get an application, to volunteer to help out, or for more information, call the church office at 327-0201.

Serving Christ and His family,

*Pastor Ken*

### **A RARE PERSON**

By Davis Watson

Have you ever thought how so few people read this article? We only print about 1,000 newsletters each month and they are only placed in the Norwood and Redvale mailboxes. This article is usually found on the second page of a newsletter which had to survive the trash bins at the post office, the pile of other magazines and newspapers you have to read, and all of the more pressing matters of life. You have taken the time out of your busy schedule to read this article. You indeed are a rare person.

You are reading this article for one reason: God loves you.

Not only are you "rare," you are unique. No one is like you! God, the creator of this world and everything in it, created you in His image; an image of love. He could have created you as a "puppet," but love is not found in "pulling" strings. Love is only found in freely giving of one's self. God loves you.

But what have we done with His love? We have distorted it, we have manipulated it, and we have mocked it. In the end we have taken His love and have used it for our own selfish purposes. After all we have done, God still loves you.

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On the TV, there is a church service that comes on and the congregation is prompted to say to their neighbor, "God loves you and so do I." I must say, "I don't love you!" I don't love you like God loves you. For me to love you, you must be a good person, you must like me, you must not have detestable habits, you must respect me, you must be honest and after all these I may begin to love you.

God loves you no matter what you have done, no matter what habits you have acquired. God loves you and wants to be with you. Can you imagine this? The creator of this world loves you and wants to be with you. This world is a big place.

It's a beautiful place and out of all the people on this earth, God wants to be with you! No matter how much God loves you, He hates sin even more. In fact He can't even look upon sin. Now this is a problem. No matter how good we think we are, we have committed some sort of sin which will not be tolerated by God. However, God has provided a way that He will not have to look upon our sin.

"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." John 3:16

"and, once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him" Hebrews 5:9

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made

this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2: 36-41

God loves you. Will you be that rare person who says, "God, I love you!"?

To find out more about God's love for you, please be our guest this week:

Sunday Bible Study 10 AM  
Worship Service 11 AM

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next men's breakfast will be held at Norwood Christian Church on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. All men in the community are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and accountability.

## BOY SCOUT MEETING

There will be a Boy Scout leadership meeting on Wednesday evening, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to formulate plans for a registration drive. The meeting will be held at Norwood Christian Church in the fellowship hall. Please call the church office at 327-0201 for more information.

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

### Communion Preparation

Ted & Fay Earley

### Greeters

Ted & Fay Earley

### Communion Servers

Ted & Fay Earley

### Communion Meditation

Davis Watson

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

### Communion Preparation

Ernie & Zack Calvillo

### Greeters

Thomas & Robert Lawrence

### Communion Servers

Davis & Mary Watson

### Communion Meditation

Ken Lawrence

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

### Communion Preparation

Davis Watson

### Greeters

Kate Davis

### Communion Servers

John & Chris Oliver

### Communion Meditation

Ernie Calvillo

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Communion Preparation

Betty Greager

### Greeters

Sharon Newport &  
Carmen Warfield

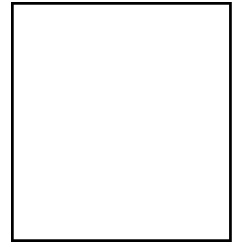
### Communion Servers

Howard & Betty Greager

### Communion Meditation

Dean Boehler

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**10 AM ~ Bible Study**  
**11 AM ~ Worship Service**

 *JUST LIVE IT*



## **2009 COWBOY SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The 2009 Fair & Rodeo is just around the corner  
which means it is time for our annual Cowboy Sunday Pancake Breakfast.

Norwood Christian Church will serve a  
FREE breakfast  
to the community beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

All are welcome!

Contact Davis Watson at 327-4221 if you would like to donate food for the breakfast.





*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.*

*Colossians 1: 13*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Praise Team 7:30PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>  Norwood 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade 11AM
<b>5</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Boy Scout Leadership Meeting 6PM	<b>9</b> Praise Team 7:30PM  <i>Bill &amp; Kathy Row—Annv.</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30AM
<b>12</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Coleen Joseph</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Praise Team 7:30PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <i>Stacy Boehler</i>
<b>19</b> <i>Cowboy Breakfast 7:30AM</i> Worship 11AM  <i>Terri Gabarron</i>	<b>20</b>  <i>Kathy Nelson</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Praise Team 7:30PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>Sharon Newport</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Praise Team 7:30PM  <i>Sharon Pike</i>	<b>31</b>	