

The Logger

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Camp Invention®



Camp Invention

June 18-22

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

At Camp Invention, we're building the future, one thinker at a time. Each summer, as the doors of school buildings close, new doors can open for your child to experience something different. You've got plenty of options for summer camps to occupy your child's time, but this one is unlike any you've ever known. Northwoods will host Camp Invention for **1st through 6th graders**, led by certified instructors. The cost is \$225 but there are NEW participant, alumni, and sibling discounts. Go to campinvention.org or our **website** for more info and for registration.

- **June 18-22 - Camp Invention**
- **July 16-20 – VBS**
- **July 22—VBS Celebration**
- **July 30– August 3 – Choir Camp**

Registrations for camps are online at northwoods.org!

Camp Invention Upcycle! - Help us allow your child's imagination to run wild throughout the program by collecting upcyclable materials for your child to use and share. Go to campinvention.org to see a list of acceptable items!

NAM's 35th Anniversary Prayer—May 10, 2018

On May 10th, I was invited to say a prayer at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast celebrating the 35th Anniversary of NAM (Northwest Assistance Ministries). Northwoods was one of the ten founding congregations of NAM and continues to be one of its largest supporters with volunteers and resources. Currently Jim Fryfogle is serving as the Interim CEO, Mike Watford is the President of the Board of Trustees, and Bill Ginder and I are also on the Board. Before my prayer I shared the following quotes:

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." – Plato

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
– the Dalai Lama

"After all is said and done, a lot more will have been said, than done." – Anonymous

I said that NAM is one of the few places where this last statement is not true. At NAM, more is done than said. Then I invited all to join in a responsive litany.

Let us pray: Lord, we are here this day to pray for the Northwest Assistance Ministries and to give thanks for its 35 years of ministry in our community. Grant that all of us may be united in spirit, live together in your love, and provide assistance to your children. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

We are grateful for all the people and leaders who had the passion and wisdom to set aside denominational and faith differences to partner together to begin NAM. We thank you for the congregations and people who supported its beginning by volunteering their time, talents, and treasure to help provide programs and assistance for those in need in this community. We pray that you continue to guide NAM, in the ways of justice and peace to serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

Lord, we are grateful for all the employees, directors, workers, trustees, and managers who have worked in NAM throughout these past 35 years. We thank you for their dedication and passion to help people in their time of need. We pray for those who currently work at NAM, we are grateful for their service, and we pray that you bless them as they care for your children. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, we are grateful for your blessings in life and for the opportunity to bless others with our blessings. We pray that you help us to wisely steward the gifts you have entrusted to our care to show our love for you by loving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

We also pray for the leaders of the world, leaders who serve our government in Washington, Texas and Houston, to look for ways for all to live in harmony with one another. Give them discernment and wisdom as they wrestle with solutions to hunger, poverty, homelessness, terrorism, racism, and prejudice. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

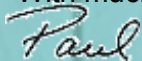
Lord, we pray for those who are sick, hurt or who have lost loved ones. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and we walk with them through these valleys. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, for all of the other ministries and organizations trying to better our community. We pray for those who work with the hungry and the homeless; for the hospitals and medical personnel who care for the sick and struggling. We especially pray for the schools and teachers who face tough challenges and limited resources, and yet offer their gifts with passion and creativity. Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

Help each of us use the gifts you have given us, and help us recommit our commitment and resolve to make sure NAM continues in the future where neighbors help neighbors to live fuller lives. We pray all these things; so Lord, in your mercy, ... *Hear our prayer.*

Thank you for your faithful support of NAM over these past 35 years, and pray that our partnership with NAM will continue to make a difference in the lives of people in the years ahead.

With much love and appreciation,



Pastor Paul

Congregational Care



Congratulations to Jim and Tonna Lowery on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Lynn on May 6, 2018. Proud parents are Joey and Megan Aguilar.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Leslie Meier who died on April 24, 2018.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Anna May Mann who died on May 6, 2018.

Northwoods Luau

A BIG Thank You to:

Bill and Margaret Ginder, and Larry and Rebecca Rankin for the excellent food.

Patricia Justice and Team for all the organization and decorating and food buying.

Lindsay Brock and our youth for games and energizers.

Many have asked for the recipe to the delicious BBQ sauce that was served. Check out the recipe!



Ginder-Rankin #1 BBQ Sauce

Ingredients:

One sweet onion (pureed) – you need to make it really, really fine

3 tablespoons butter

1 ¼ cups STRONG black coffee (we add cinnamon chunks to ours when we brew it)

1. 14 oz bottle of Heinz (the only kind) catsup

1. 10oz bottle Worcestershire sauce

1/8 cup apple cider vinegar

1/3 teaspoon black pepper

1 tablespoon salt

2 cups Dark brown sugar

Saute onion in butter until mixture is almost clear, mix in remaining ingredients.

Stir constantly until mixture comes to a boil

Lower heat and simmer for at least 30 minutes, stirring occasionally

Taste with a small piece of white bread – if peppery hot add a sugar free diet coke to “cool” the pepper.

Store in the refrigerator – the longer it sits the better the flavor. Makes about one quart



June 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 8:30 Quilters 9:30 Coffee Talk 10:30 Classics	2 9:30 Quilters
3 12:00 Get to Know Northwoods Lunch	4	5 6:30 Men's Study 8:45 Tai Chi	6 7:00 Yoga	7	8 10:30 Classics	9
10 8:00 Blood Drive	11	12 6:30 Men's Study 8:45 Tai Chi 7:00 Men's Bible & Brews	13 7:00 Yoga	14	15 50 Plus Trip 10:30 Classics	16
17	18 9:00 Camp Invention 7:00 Session	19 6:30 Men's Study 8:45 Tai Chi 9:00 Camp Invention 1:00 Logger	20 9:00 Camp Invention 7:00 Yoga	21 9:00 Camp Invention 10:00 Golden Gathering	22 9:00 Camp Invention 10:30 Classics	23
24	25	26 6:30 Men's Study 8:45 Tai Chi	27 7:00 Yoga	28	29 10:30 Classics	30

Calendar & Events

Sundays

Worship Services	
Chapel Service	8:15 AM Chapel
Traditional Service	9:30 AM Sanctuary
Modern Service	11:00 AM Fellowship Hall
Bilingual Service	5:00 PM 406 (Yth Bldg.)

Sunday School

Elementary	9:15 AM Grace Place
Preschool	9:15 AM Yellow & Green
Family Fellowship	10:30 AM Grace Place
Youth Sunday School	9:30 AM Youth Bldg.
World Craft Store	10:30 AM By Oasis

Bible Studies & Other Classes

Gospel of John	9:30 AM Room 211
Gospel of Luke	10:00 AM Conf. Room
Gospel of Luke	11:00 AM Room 211
Contemporary Issues	11:00 AM Chapel

*Contemporary Issues will be taking a break until September.

Weekdays

Mondays	
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
Tuesdays	
Men's Bible Study	6:30 AM Room 211
Tai Chi	8:45 AM Gym
ESL Class	10:30 AM & 6:30 PM Rooms 406 & 211
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
RheumaTalk (2nd Tuesdays)	1:00 PM Oasis
SAA	6:30 PM Room 404
Wednesdays	
Jesus & The Gospels Class	9:30 AM Room 211
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
Youth Group	6:00 PM Youth Building
Yoga	7:00 PM Room 211
Thursdays	
ESL Class	10:30 AM & 6:30 PM Rooms 406 & 211
Spanish Class	9:00 AM Room 211
Fridays	
Classics Class	10:30 AM Room 211
AA	12:00 PM Room 404

More Luau Pics!



50 Plus August Event

The 50 Plus Group will be attending the Astros baseball games on Tuesdays June 26th and August 28th. Tickets will be \$18 each and we will be traveling to Minute Maid Park on the Precinct 4 bus leaving at 5:10 p.m. Sign ups will begin on Sunday, June 10th in the Narthex.

Contact Gene Broccard at 281-655-0493 on or after June 10th to sign up.



ADULT *Ministries*

MIDWEEK CLASSES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m., Room 211

Led by Pastor Paul



ESL CLASS for continuing students

Tuesday night classes from 6/12-7/31 at 6:30 PM.

Thursday morning classes from 6/14-8/2 at 10:30 AM.

Led by Carmen Gonzalez, Anne Swisher, Melissa and Dick Nelson, Bob Gonzales, Mary Kimball, Lucy Blome, Doreen Levy.

JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Room 211

Led by David Puig

SPANISH CLASS

Thursdays at 9:00-12:00, room 211.

led by Lic. Yelitza Caraballo and Dr. David Puig.

CLASSICS CLASS

Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Room 211

This class enjoys learning together by bringing professors into the classroom through DVD classes offered by the The Great Courses company.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDIES

GOSPEL OF JOHN—Led by David Gordon

9:30 a.m. in Room 211

GOSPEL OF LUKE—Led by Johnie Wood

10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

GOSPEL OF JOHN—Led by David Puig

11:00 a.m. in Room 211

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Meets most Sundays in the chapel, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

We try to deal with topics of general interest and subjects suggested by participants in the group.

Your ideas and comments are most welcomed.

NO CLASS OVER THE SUMMER. CLASSES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER



MUSIC & WORSHIP



I remember as a child (and then, later, when I taught preschool), how I had such eager expectancy for Summer. I thought it would *never* arrive.

This same feeling of excitement and eagerness has been bubbling inside of me for the last few months, as I've anticipated becoming a part of the Northwoods staff and walking alongside you in faith. I am delighted and honored to be here and look forward to the worship experiences we will enjoy together.

Being part of a worship leadership team is humbling. It is a privilege. It is a high form of worship to share the gifts God has given us for his glory and praise and to bring others to know him more. And, it is my experience that we all have deeper and greater gifts and talents than we may let be known.

As I get to know the Northwoods family, I hope to uncover how our many and varied talents might be used in celebrative worship. I pray you will consider how you might engage in a new way. It doesn't require a weekly commitment. Do you play an instrument? Did you sing in choir way back when?

One opportunity that is upon us is the Summer Choir. This would be a wonderful chance to "try on" being a part of an amazing, spirit-filled group of singers. The Summer Choir will sing twice a month in June, July, and August. Please contact me if you'd like more information on how you might join us, even for just one Sunday.

If you or your child (or grandchild) plays an instrument or has a solo voice, the summer is a great time to share that talent in worship as we enjoy guest musicians. Let's talk about it!

Maybe a spot with the Journey band is more in line with your talents. Play guitar or keyboard? The tambourine or shaker? Or perhaps you're a technophile who would enjoy learning about the sound systems used in worship and the projection technologies used for our on-screen viewing. Give me a shout and let's get connected.

You can reach me through the church office or at jennifer@northwoods.org.

Thank you for how you've welcomed me already, and I look forward to getting to know you!

Blessings,
Jennifer

MISSIONS

Ministries



Habitat for Humanity build
June 16th

Join our team to work on a "dream house" for a family on Saturday, June 16th. Both skilled and non-skilled hands can be put to work. The Habitat for Humanity neighborhood is located in Fairfax.

(281-444-8861; davidpuig@northwoods.org).

Other work days are:

July 7th: 8am- 12pm

July 27th: 8am- 12pm

October 20th : 8am- 3pm

November 3rd: 8am – 3pm



Share Life with Others – Give Blood

Thank you to those who gave in our last blood drive. Your donation's have the potential to save 120 lives. Donate at our Blood Drive on June 10th, 8:00-12:30. If possible, make an appointment in advance at the sign-up table the previous two Sundays or by calling Melissa Ross (281-353-1042; msrzpr@swbell.net).

We celebrated our first ESL graduation in Northwoods on May 10. It was an opportunity to recognize the achievement of our students from different countries, such as Ecuador, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia, Puerto Rico and Cameroon, who after 4 months of classes demonstrated through a final review how much their English skills improved. We had a moment to recognize the work of our teachers Carmen, Anne, Lucy, Dick, Melissa, Doreen, Bob and Mary and gave them thanks for their incredible service and dedication in this ministry. We also enjoyed the delicious food that students and teachers brought as well as games oriented to brush up English skills our students learned in our ESL course. Above all, that evening was an opportunity to see how dreams come true. To see each student with their families that evening makes us keep dreaming of this ESL project, praying that God can continue to use us to serve and make the difference in people's life as a way to be blessed as well.





When: September 8th

Where: Northwoods Presbyterian Church

What: Together we will be assembling meal packs, hammering, singing, Packing backpacks, sorting clothes, crafting, quilting, and visiting the homebound – all of us serving together as the hands and feet of Christ!

Make a Difference Day – September 8th

The week after Labor day

Join a Team by August 26th

Contact David Puig for any questions davidpuig@northwoods.org.

Help Our Military Enjoy Christmas in July!

This month, we join with other groups across the Houston area to collect food, toiletry and dry goods items along with hand-written personal notes, cards, and letters expressing appreciation to our troops. This project is sponsored by **H.O.M.E.** which stands for **Help Our Military Endure.**

- Listen for more information about this project on June 10th during the Moment for Mission. We will also provide a shopping list of needed items.
- From June 17th - July 8th, we will have boxes clearly marked in both the Narthex and The Journey to collect your donations.

H.O.M.E. will hold a packing party on Saturday, July 14th, to celebrate "**Christmas in July**" and we are invited to help them pack up all the collected items for our overseas troops! Why not join the fun!

For more information, feel free to check out the H.O.M.E. website at the following



Children and Family *Ministries*

“LIKE” us on FACEBOOK

to receive updates and parent resources!

Check out our Northwoods website page!

Contact Lindsay@northwoods.org for any questions.



Summer is here! Northwoods Children's Ministry has quite the line up ready to go!

Registration for Camp Invention is still open. Visit campinvention.org for registration!

Movie Night has been scheduled for Sunday, June 24th in the Fellowship Hall!

Join us for a showing of The Good Dinosaur with pizza, snacks, and drinks! RSVP to Lindsay at lindsay@northwoods.org!

Amped VBS is live for registration! Visit northwoodsVBS to register for kiddos and volunteers. You will receive an email after registration with a link to the payment website.

Choir Camp will be July 30 - August 3. Email Lindsay to sign up!



AMPED

The cost will be \$15 for the first participant, \$10 per additional participants in the same family, with a \$35 cap.

YOUTH Ministries



Welcome Henry Collins,
Interim Youth Director!

Henry has been actively involved in our church and with the youth for many years. He served as an elder, leads the confirmation classes each year, chaperoned mission trips, volunteers at VBS and so much more. You can contact him at youth@northwoods.org.



Sundays

9:30 AM

Meet us in the YOUTH BUILDING to start the day off right with our COFFEE BAR and SHIPLEY'S seems to make it there every week too! We begin in a LARGE GROUP format before breaking into High School & Middle School SMALL GROUPS. We use XP3 as our curriculum, which provides us SCOPE & SEQUENCE to our ministry at Northwoods from PRESCHOOL up through HIGH SCHOOL. XP3 wants to help each student see God for who He is, to see themselves the way God sees them, and to love others the way He loves us.

We finish up at 10:30AM & would love for you to join us at the Journey service in the fellowship hall at 11AM.

Wednesdays

5:30 PM

Student Worship Band Practice

6:30 PM

Dinner

7:00 PM

Bible Study with live music, & separate breakouts for Middle School & High School

7:45 PM

Games, Basketball, & Art Class run until 8:30

Between each Bible Study series we celebrate by taking a Wednesday just for play (usually off-campus) with bowling, laser-tag, trampoline park, etc.

reach. grow. connect. serve.

WE EXIST TO HONOR GOD WITH OUR LIVES. WE DO THIS WHEN WE REACH YOUTH, CONNECT WITH FAMILIES, GROW IN FAITH, & SERVE OTHERS.

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Next Logger Deadline – June 11th!

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Get to Know Northwoods

Are you new to Northwoods? We would love to get to know you and answer any questions you might have about our church. June 3rd, at noon you are invited to be our guest for lunch. This will be a time to get to know each other and an opportunity to join the church.