

[Pierced Youth Band Auditions](#)

The 'Pierced' youth band will be holding auditions in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 service next Sunday, August 19th. If you don't know how to play an instrument I will teach you! If you just want to sing with us that's okay too! Rehearsals will begin the following Sunday, August 26th at 12:00 in the sanctuary. Contact Mark Johnston at (727) 688-5123 to set up an audition time.

[Discovery Day Mission Opportunity](#)

On Sunday, August 27, as part of Discovery Day, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. These shoes will be extremely helpful and appreciated as the kids and youth get ready to go back to school and for the farm workers as they prepare to continue their work in the fields this fall. Last time we collected over 400 pairs of shoes, plus a \$50 donation! Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday and sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way.



[Monthly Reading Group](#)

A new monthly reading group, Think On These Things, led by Pastor Paul will begin on Monday, September 18 from noon to 1:15 in rooms 13 and 15. The theme for the group is "Engaging books a thoughtful Christian ought to read." The first book we will read is a classic in Christian literature, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen. People are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks. Join us on the third Monday of the month to engage influential and inspiring books in intelligent, gracious conversation. For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org

Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at Communications@northwoodpc.org.



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WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. All sermons at NPC are available on our website at www.northwoodpc.org under the "Watch Live" tab. From there you can watch our 11:00 service live on Sundays or click on "Archives" to find previous weeks' services.

[Coming Up!](#)

[Blood Drive TODAY](#)

Come out and donate blood today, 9:00-12:15. All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood Tervis and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

[Discovery Day](#)



Please mark the date, **Sunday, August 27**, 9:15 A.M- 12:30 P.M. for Northwood's Third Annual Discovery Day, "You're Part of the Picture, Where Do You Fit?" The Christian Education Committee has exciting plans for this year's event and we would love to have everyone participate. Come learn more about all our groups and events here at Northwood. Also, don't forget to start saving gently used or new shoes for our Discovery Day Mission Opportunity! Any questions or to get involved contact Bailey Shields, bshields4@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 223-9687.

[Discovering Northwood](#)

If you are thinking about joining our church, or just would like some more information about our church and the Presbyterian denomination, mark your calendar for our next Discovering Northwood Class! We will be meeting in room 4 on September 17 10:45-12:00. Please contact Tracy Donovan for more information or to sign up! (727) 796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org.

[Hearing Assistance Devices](#)

Having trouble hearing during the worship service? Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the sanctuary. The person in the sound booth will be glad to provide you with one upon request. Please return them to the sound booth following the service.

Get Involved!

Do You Love to Sing?

Our Chancel Choir needs you! We are in need of all voice parts and in dire need of basses. The commitment is small - Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 and Sunday mornings when you are here anyway! We have choir members who attend both traditional and contemporary worship. We can make it fit your schedule. In the next few weeks you will hear why our members come to choir rehearsals. Speaking as a singer, anytime I get a chance to sing in a good choir, I jump at it - it's fun, it is challenging, voices joining together to make a beautiful sound to God - there is nothing better. Please consider giving it a try. **We begin Wednesday night August 23 for our new season.** Choir reception of 'Strawberries and Cream' at 6:15 followed by choir rehearsal at 7:00. Hope to see you there!!

Need Van Drivers

We're looking for a few good drivers -- to drive Northwood's van on Sunday mornings. This helps some of our members who need a ride to and from the 11 a.m. service. We're looking for good, safe drivers, and we'll train you on driving the route and the van. If you are interested in doing this once a month, or if you know someone else who might be interested, please contact Curtis Krueger.

curtis.krueger@gmail.com or call him (after 5 p.m. weekdays) at (727) 580-1813

King's Kids

Mark your fall calendar! The King's Kids kick-off party is 4:00-5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13. The fall session of King's Kids starts September 20 and runs through November 15, meeting 4:00-5:45 each Wednesday. King's Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. The program helps build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. The program includes rotations through Bible lessons, music/choir, guided activities (crafts, organized games) and free playtime. The success of the ministry is based on our volunteer teachers and assistants. We ask parents to volunteer monthly to help sustain this wonderful program. Questions? Contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Youth Ministry

This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

Sunday, August 13: 9:30 Sunday School in the youth room.

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Wed, August 16: 6:15 High School Bible Study

Friday, August 18: 7:00-10:00 P.M. Game Night

Rock the Universe: September 9th & 10th- We will depart by church bus from Northwood at 1pm on Saturday and attend the concerts at Universal Studios that evening. We will be staying at the Royale Parc Suites in Kissimmee minutes from the theme park. Tickets for this event are \$63. The youth committee will be covering the cost of the hotel and also the cost of chaperones. We will need 1 chaperone for every 4 middle school youth and 1 chaperone for every 7 high school youth. We will be arriving back to Northwood on Sunday around 1pm.

Matthew West-All In Tour: Matthew West along with Jordan Feliz will be in concert at the First Baptist Church Indian Rocks on October 7th. Tickets are \$22 per person if we get ten or more people attending. Please contact Emily Cantin and let her know if any youth or adults are interested. Right now, this is in the planning stages and need to see if the interest is there to move forward. We will need to know by September 16th.

Cedarkirk Youth Fall Fusion Trip: November 10th-12th: Bring your youth group to Cedarkirk for a weekend of worship, outdoor exploration, and fellowship with other youth groups! This event is open to both middle- and high-school students and will incorporate large-group worship, small-group breakouts, and plenty of your youth's favorite camp activities. Join us for either exciting weekend as we deepen our relationships with God and build community with new friends! Cost will be determined by the youth committee TBA as well as more details. Please let me know via email if your youth has interest in attending.

Volunteers are always needed for youth activities! Parents, please sign up for one of our exciting events or projects by emailing Emily Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org.

Youth Music

Youth Choir and Youth Handbell choirs will begin this week. This is for everyone 6th grade and older. We have some great music in store for you this season. The rehearsals are weekly and are the same schedule as last year:

Tuesday: Middle School Handbells--5:10-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Youth Vocal Choir--4:45-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: High School/College Handbells--5:30-6:15 p.m.

Questions? Tom Huffman at (727) 409-8726 or hufftom@aol.com.