

*“Come let us worship him and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us.”
Psalm 95:6*

Administration and Operations

Church Office Reception Ministry

The first voice that is heard, the first face that is seen in Northwood’s church office is that of a volunteer receptionist. The receptionist greets members and visitors, answers phones, and assists staff with general office work. A joyful attitude and willing spirit are key requirements for this important ministry.

The schedule allows for a half day each week working from 9:00 AM until noon or 1:00 until 4:00. Being a church receptionist is a great way to meet other Church members and serve the Lord.

Deacons

Deacons are men and women elected by the congregation and ordained to the task of caring for others physically and spiritually in Christ’s name. Each individual serves a three-year term, facilitating any one of the many ministries involved. Ministries of the Deacons include but are not limited to:

- Meal Ministry
- Home, hospital and shut-in visitations
- Parish Nurse Ministry
- Hurricane evacuation housing
- Worship greeters
- Sunday van service
- Prayer Chain
- God’s Tool Box Ministry
- Correspondence and care packages to military personnel and college students

These ministries are explained in more detail through this Booklet.

Elders

Elected by the congregation, Elders are responsible for the spiritual oversight and governance of the church community. Elders who are in active service, along with a Pastor as moderator and Associate Pastors, make up the Session in a Presbyterian Church. An Elder may be either active or inactive, but ordination as an Elder, is a lifetime appointment, with active service lasting three years.

Gardening/Plants

Several special gardens have been planted around the church that beautify our church property and require tender loving care. There’s the butterfly garden and the memorial fountain, just to mention couple. At this time a few people lovingly care for them, but they sure would like your help. They try to work on Friday’s but the plants grow and need care on a flexible schedule. “Many hands make light the work” so come join them in fellowship.

Kitchen Krew

The Kitchen Krew consists of three teams: set-up, cooking and clean up. These teams volunteer to provide the congregation delicious meals for weekday events like Wednesday Dinners, luncheons and church picnics.

Under the leadership of the Kitchen Krew, there is the Special Events Team whose ministry is the same, but focuses on weekend events such as Night on the Towne, Rally Day, etc. The Northwood Kitchen Krew also provides each Sunday morning that wonderful wake-up coffee and snack.

Lock Repair

With over 100 locks throughout Northwood, a locksmith can keep quite busy. Northwood's volunteer locksmith sees to it that all the locks inside and out are in working order. With his own key cutter, he can make sure everyone who needs a key can have one. Interested members of the congregation willing to learn the "ins and outs" of locks are encouraged to volunteer to assist.

Memorials and Honorariums

These monetary gifts are given to Northwood Presbyterian Church in loving memory of, or in honor of, special people. Forms are available in the racks in the Narthex. If the use for the gift is undesignated, it is equally divided between Capital Improvements and Endowments. Gifts to other specific funds are also welcome. Acknowledgments are sent, noted in the "Good News" church newsletter, and written in the church Memory Book.

NPC Library

Northwood is proud to have not one, but two libraries! The Adult and Youth Library is located off the Narthex near the Sanctuary entrance. The Children's' Library is located in the side hallway near the Nursery. The libraries, with over 1500 volumes combined; focus on bringing spiritual enlightenment to all ages in a variety of ways. In addition to books, there are videotapes and DVD's as well as a collection of audiotapes. Contemporary and classic material, religious, and secular titles and authors are all in evidence.

The mission of these user-friendly libraries is to provide assistance in our growth as disciples. The libraries are open during all three services every Sunday as well as Mondays and many Fridays. At other times, please contact the main church office for admittance.

The NPC Library Committee, consisting of volunteers from the congregation, performs a wide variety of tasks. You will find the Committee hard at work weekly, and at additional times throughout the year as needed.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating members of the congregation to serve as elders and deacons. The Committee is made of three elders (one from each class), one active Deacon, one member of the Men of Northwood, one member of the Presbyterian Women, one youth, and two members-at-large.

Outside Church Sign

The sign outside the church facing Highway 580 is changed weekly to include the upcoming sermon title and other information.

Property Ministry Team

The Property Ministry Team is responsible for the oversight and care of all the church property in order to best serve the needs of the church. Several of their responsibilities are the building and grounds maintenance, lock repair, the web page, gardening and plants and the church vans.

Schools Ministry Team

The Schools Ministry Team oversees the Kids Corner Preschool for children ages two through four, which includes an optional Lunch Bunch Program from 12:15PM to 2:15 PM. The team also oversees the Before and After School Program for children kindergarten through grade 5, as well as Summer Camp which operates from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team

This Ministry Team encourages all members of Northwood to be good stewards of their talents and resources for the church. All members of Northwood need to know they are responsible to make the church what it is and all it can be with the gifts that have been bestowed upon them.

In addition, this ministry conducts the annual Stewardship campaign, so every member is encouraged to make a commitment of his or her time, talents, and financial resources so Northwood can complete its Mission Statement.

Sunday Bulletin Crew

NPC's Bulletin Crew members are faithfully committed to fill the Sunday bulletins with all those extra informational notices that help the congregation stay informed. Even though the group takes their work seriously, they are quick to say that they also enjoy sharing and laughing with each other while they get the job done. In addition to the bulletin project, this crew dates and replenishes the attendance sheets, restocks pew envelopes, and keeps the Bibles and Hymnals orderly in the Sanctuary. As one member put it, "It's an easy little job"--- with big rewards. After all, nothing beats knowing the Lord is using you!

Sunday Morning Opening and Lock-Up Teams

On Sundays, most of us show up for worship, perhaps Sunday School, some good Christian fellowship and maybe even a cookie or two. Then we say good-bye and leave, but not all of us. The devoted members of The Sunday Morning Lock-Up Team see to it that all is safe and secure when they go home following the last service.

The Sunday Morning Church Opening Team works from 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM turning on the AC/heat, lights, opening doors, etc.

On a rotating basis, a team member takes responsibility for building security by going through the buildings, locking all the doors, turning off running air conditioners, and turning off the lights.

Web Page

This is a great place to find out all about Northwood. We try to make sure the information stays current with updates several times each week. If you are a visitor, you may especially want to check out information about Northwood's Mission, the staff, directions, various ministries, and opportunities. As a member of the congregation, perhaps you would like to catch up on news from the library, the monthly church calendar, school programs and so much more. All the latest information and times of events and services are just a click away. If you have not done so yet, think about visiting this wonderful site at www.northwoodpc.org soon.

"Window" Newsletter Crew

Collating Northwood's twice-monthly newsletter can be fun and rewarding when you team up with many other wonderful friends in Christ. The team is comprised of approximately 15-20 volunteers who make the needed insertions and prepare the newsletter for mailing. Any time the group meets, you are likely to find no fewer than seven members and usually many more happy Presbyterians sharing in the work of the Lord and the kind of camaraderie that can only be found with other believers. After 1½ to 2 hours, the team is finished and a coordinator takes the completed newsletter to the Post Office for mailing. With so much going on here at Northwood, reading the newsletter is a terrific way to stay well informed.

Athletic Opportunities for Adults

Friday Night Co-ed Softball

The Co-ed Softball team plays on Friday nights at the Eddie C Moore Fields, at the corner of Drew and McMullen Booth Rd. in Clearwater. The team usually plays four seasons a year, with each season lasting 6-10 weeks. Games are played in the evening, between 6:30 - 9:00 with start times varying weekly according to the schedule.

Participants must be no younger than 16 to play and all ability levels are welcome. Although the team certainly likes to win, having a good time and enjoying fellowship is the main goal. The team is always looking for new players and, yes, everyone gets to play. Bats and uniforms are provided.

Golf Tournament

Under the auspices of the Men of Northwood, the All Church Golf Retreat is a wonderful, fun way to support our youth. Held in autumn at a local golf club, the event typically raises between \$1500 and \$2000 to benefit the Youth Ministries at NPC.

“Chip” in a modest entry fee, which covers 18 holes of golf and lunch, then enjoy some great Christian fellowship. All are welcome to take part by either playing or cheering on your favorite golfer!

Men's Bowling

Northwood has a five-man adult bowling team that meets on weekly from September to May. The group is part of the Upper Pinellas Men's Church Bowling League. While the team consists of the five “regulars,” there is a need for several “subs” to fill in for unexpected absentees.

Saturday Morning Runners

Runners and walkers are welcome. The group meets at 7:00 AM at the gate to Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. The roundtrip in the park is 2 miles and the round trip to the Safety Harbor Spas is 4 miles. Everyone is encouraged to run or walk as far as they want, and a stop for bagels and coffee caps off the morning.

Christian Education for Adults

Bible Study Groups-Co-ed

Fireside 1 Bible Study

Fireside 1 studies the Scriptures, prays, and encourages one another in our walk with the Lord. While the group finds keeping their membership small to be effective for them, you are invited to inquire about openings at any time.

Learn It and Live It Bible Study

This small group Bible study focuses on studying Scripture and learning to apply it to our individual lives as well as doing mission and outreach projects. Nursery care is provided. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM.

Christian Education for Adults

Bible Study Groups–Men

Promise Keepers

This group focuses on God's plan for a man in his family; in his church; and before God.

Men of Northwood Small Group

If you want fellowship, study, and discussing God's word through various Bible study literature with other men, this is for you! This group meets weekly for breakfast, study and fellowship at 6:30 AM each Friday at Denny's on US 19 near Countryside Mall.

Christian Education for Adults

Bible Study Groups–Women

Fireside 2 Bible Study

In addition to studying the Lord's Word, this group of ten serves as a support group for its members in any of the situations life brings their way. The chosen study varies, but the topics are always timely and well chosen. One of our goals is to invite you to participate so more groups can be formed, thereby multiplying this ministry.

Moms of Teens

The title of this group gives it away! Come join us for uplifting fellowship, Bible study, and discussion on life with a teen. New members always welcome.

Mom's Covenant Group

Moms meet together in the parlor every Thursday morning from 9:45-11AM for Bible study and fellowship. The second Thursday of the month they become the Martha Circle of PW and study the Presbyterian Women's lesson. Other Thursdays the Bible study is geared to the needs and desires of the group.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women (PW) are Bible study and mission oriented groups that encompass all the women in the church. The purpose is to nurture faith through prayer and bible study; support the Mission of the Church worldwide; to work for justice and peace; to build an inclusive environment that strengthens the Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom. The membership is divided into the following Circles:

Esther-Elizabeth Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 AM in Room 5 of the CE Building.

Lydia Circle meets on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM in Room 5 of the CE Building.

Martha Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Church Parlor.

Naomi Circle meets on the 2nd Monday at 1:00 PM in various locations.

Ruth Circle meets on the 2nd Monday at 1:15 PM in Room 5 of the CE Building.

"Fresh Brewed Life" Small Group

This small group meets from 10:30 AM until 12:00 noon on the 1st Friday of each month in Room 4. Women of all ages in all stages of life are encouraged to attend. Childcare is available upon request.

Christian Education for Adults

Sunday School Classes

Christian Education Ministry Team

The Christian Education Ministry Team is to provide Christian education for all ages, children through adults, in the lives of our members, families and friends.

They are responsible for all Sunday School Classes (children/youth/adult) and all Bible Study Groups (women, men, co-ed) including Circles and Small Groups.

The Seekers (9:45)

If you enjoy intellectual stimulation and are willing to commit to reading thought-provoking literature, this class is for you. This small but growing and dedicated class welcomes new members to its discussions

Experiencing God (11:00)

We are a Sunday School Community. We want to reach out to support each other like a small group while doing service projects and social fellowship. Newcomers are very welcome!

Serendipity (9:45)

This class studies the Scriptures while praying and encouraging one another in our quest as disciples of the Lord. Our teaching team allows for a variety of insights. There is an open invitation for new participants.

The Bible from Scratch (9:45)

The name says it all! This class started at the very beginning of the Bible. They read, discuss and work systematically through the passages of the Bible. As they study through the Pentateuch, they are at the onset of the 40- year journey through the desert- the rebellion, the death of leaders, the humanness of God's people in the midst of the wilderness. And yet God is present; God is sovereign; God's will continues to reign. The book of Numbers has wisdom and promises. Come hear God's word for all of us.

The Thread/Young Adults (11:00)

This class is for post-high young adults through those who are pre-30ish. They meet at 11:00 AM. Students who return from college on weekends will find a home for study on Sunday mornings and are invited to be active participants.

Today's Christian Issues (9:45)

This intergenerational group of caring, supportive Christians addresses social issues that affect all in some way. The members are dedicated to a better understanding of what Christ would have us do at this time, in this place.

It is felt that God has directed the class to sponsor two students from Thornwell Home and the Thomas P. Harness Cottage for Boys and support the Beth-El Farmworkers' Mission to be a community of believers, reaching out to those less fortunate.

*“We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us.”
Romans 12:6*

Congregational Care

Care Notes, Get Well and Sympathy Cards

Care notes provide self-help resources for grief, illness, distress and guidance. The care notes can be found in the Narthex of the Church. They are easy to read and give concise information. They cover many subjects from something as simple as finding time to pray to dealing with death. They also have a set of booklets for both teens and children and their parents and also for specific holidays and the stress sometimes involved at that time of year.

This ministry also sends sympathy cards to reach out to our members and families during a difficult time. It is important for them to know that we, their church family, are here for them.

Christian Counseling

The Christian Counseling Ministry at Northwood provides professional, confidential, and affordable counseling to those who are hurting. Our counselor works with individuals, couples, families and children.

Our counselor works from a Christian theory base and teaches a world view that we are on this earth to give and receive love, that love sometimes involves suffering, that love gives and receives forgiveness and that love is the hidden central motive underlying even the most self-defeating things we do

There is a professional fee, since the counselor is not a paid staff member. When someone cannot pay the full fee, he or she may qualify to receive assistance in payment from church funds.

Meetings are by appointment only and are held at Northwood or Skycrest Methodist Church. Meet with the counselor for 45-50 minutes, usually once a week, with the duration of counseling tailored to the specific need of each client.

College/Military Care Package Ministry

What a great way to let these members know how special they are to their church family. The College/Military Ministry, through congregation volunteers, keeps in touch with NPC members who are students and soldiers by

- sending them holiday cards
- preparing care packages to soldiers overseas
- sending a gift certificate to the out-of-town college students in the fall and in the spring.

Deacon's Meal Ministry

The Associate Pastor of Congregational Care receives, approves and passes to the Deacon of the Meal Ministry, requests for a meal to be served to a family in need through illness, death or the birth of a child. Teams of volunteers take turns preparing and delivering the meals, spreading congregational support and encouragement to the recipients.

God's Toolbox Ministry

Using the tools God gave them to help others; volunteers provide small and light maintenance repairs around the home as well as the picking up of prescriptions and/or groceries. The recipient of the services provides payment for all costs involved.

Labor is free and provided by the volunteers who serve the Lord through their service to others. These services are provided to members of Northwood Presbyterian Church who are incapacitated or unable to do it themselves, live in the geographical confines of our church, and have homeowner's liability insurance.

Home Communion

In Baptism God says, "Welcome home, my child." In Communion, God hosts us at the family dinner table, where we find all we need.

Home Communion is a ministry for persons who are physically unable to participate in Sunday worship. A Parish Associate and an Elder visit persons desiring Communion in the home.

Hospital Visitation

When a member of Northwood is in the hospital, they or their representative can contact the Pastor of Congregational Care. Information, including the name of the hospital and the patient's condition can be channeled in this way to the appropriate parties, so that visitation by a Deacon, church member, or a Pastor may be started. The support and prayers of our church family are something we can all use especially when illness occurs.

Nursing Home Ministry

Each month, several members of our church gather at Palm Garden Nursing Home off McMullen Booth Road to hold a service for the residents. The afternoon service usually runs for about 30 minutes and includes the singing of hymns, a scripture reading, a short message, and prayer requests. Communion is offered every third month when the parish Associate leads the service.

Although some of Palm Garden's residents include members of Northwood who can no longer travel to church, the service is open to all regardless of their church affiliation or denomination.

Parish Nurse Program

The Parish Nurse Program focuses on prevention of illness, promotion and maintenance of wellness, and embraces holistic health concepts, which emphasizes the spiritual, physical, and emotional dimensions of individuals.

This program is designed to provide leadership in identifying and meeting the holistic health needs of the congregation.

A Parish Nurse is available at Northwood between services one Sunday of each month to meet with individuals of all ages regarding their health needs.

Prayer Chain

Requests for prayer and declarations of praise can be made to the church office during normal hours or to the Prayer Chain Coordinator when the office is closed.

The Prayer Chain ministry consists of volunteers, who receive a phone call from their team leader and then pray individually for those requesting prayers or giving praise for answered prayers. This is a very effective and rewarding way of praying for one another and giving fellow members the assurance that they are being “looked after” by their church family. The Prayer Chain is a wonderful way to respond to God’s command that we pray for one another.

Special Care Member Visitation

When a member of the congregation is unable to attend services and functions at Northwood, this Board of Deacon’s ministry helps keep them “in touch.”

Volunteers are asked to visit, call, or correspond with these special care members, thereby keeping them in contact with the church and the Lord’s work here at Northwood. Videos of sermons, copies of church publications and the simple presence of another caring Christian can be a great comfort in someone’s life.

Stephen Ministry

A Stephen Minister is a child of God who walks beside a hurting person, a caring Christian who listens and a layperson who has received 50 hours of training in providing distinctively Christian Care.

They minister to their care receivers regularly in a confidential nature on a one-to-one basis.

Here at Northwood a Stephen Minister is always available to help those experiencing loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, unemployment, grief, anxiety and depression, separation and divorce, terminal illness, and many other experiences.

This is a Ministry of Presence.

Van Ministry

Van Ministry is a program providing transportation to the last service for anyone who is unable to get to church on his or her own. The van picks up worshippers and will return them to their home immediately after the service.

Fellowship for Adults

Christian Cruisers Car Club

Christian Cruisers Car Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the youth room. We also do a monthly Saturday road trip to a museum, custom car shop, car show or local cruise-in. We welcome all enthusiasts of all ages including rodders, restorers, racers and dreamers.

Dinner for 6, 7 or 8

Groups of 6, 7 or 8 meet monthly on a rotating basis for dinner and good Christian fellowship. Each group is in charge of making their own decisions when it comes to "What's for dinner?" The hosts for the evening open their homes to their group and provide the evening's entrée. Everyone chips in to fill out the meal. Since good Christian fellowship is the "main course" with these groups, dinner can be anything from pizza to "take out" to a gourmet meal.

This ministry forms groups twice a year in February and October, but an annual December brunch is held for everyone to assemble one time together. If you cannot commit to every meeting, then please sign up on the "substitute" list.

F.U.N. (Friends United at Northwood)

Chili Cook-offs, Christmas Dinner Parties, Chinese Auctions, Old Fashioned Picnics, Miniature Golf, Bowling, and Super Bowl Parties! If that sounds like fun to you, than this is a group you may want to investigate!

This Ministry is open to anyone in his or her 20's through 50's, married or single. With monthly get-togethers, this group's focus is on Christian companionship and fun, fun, fun! Childcare is provided at the Church free of charge.

Men of Northwood

This Men's Club is dedicated to ministry, education and fellowship with men of the church. With a mission statement that serves the youth of Northwood, the group awards three \$500.00 scholarships each May, and sponsors various needs of Northwood's young people, including missions of the Computer Club and the H.I.M. team.

These gentlemen enjoy deliberating Christian literature in a Small Group atmosphere. Being active with many undertakings enables the group to frequently enjoy additional fraternization throughout the year.

Some of the group's projects include newspaper recycling, a painting ministry, Saturday Morning Runner's Group, outings to sporting events, and the Annual All Church Golf Retreat. Some of these social activities welcome family participation.

Middlers/Boomers

Middlers/Boomers is a social group that participates in diverse activities for fellowship - some of which have been attending concerts followed or preceded by Hors Devours or Dessert parties, hay ride with a bonfire and cookout, river tubing, ball games with a tail gate party, Christmas progressive dinner and White Elephant gift exchange, barbeques, etc.

Northwooders

Mark your calendars each month to join in the fun and camaraderie of this eclectic gathering. A Potluck Dinner starts the evening festivities, with everyone bringing their own service ware and a dish to pass. YUM! After a great meal, the focus turns to the evening program. Past programs have included subjects as diverse as “Walking the Appalachian Trail”, “Gunsmithing” and “Beading.” Come meet the Northwooders for a great evening of entertainment. While all adults are encouraged to attend, there are no arrangements for baby-sitting.

Saturday Night at the Movies

Saturday night will never be the same! Come one come all...as long as a parent is present for PG13 movies! What a great excuse to take the evening off, eat popcorn, and watch movies in a loving, caring Christian atmosphere.

*“We are God’s workers, working together”
1 Corinthians 3:9*

Mission and Outreach

Adult International Mission Trip

Members of Northwood have participated in adult international mission trips to Guatemala. Working with the Alliance of International Reforestation (A.I.R.) the group has planted trees and built stoves for Guatemalans living in remote mountainous regions. Since the 1960’s 50% of the rainforests have been destroyed. A.I.R. works with the Guatemalan people, teaching agro-farming without the use of pesticides. The stoves replace the open flame method of cooking, improving health as well as conserving a ton of trees each year. These remote people of Mayan descent live very hard lives, yet they are proud and happy people. Through this mission we are meeting and helping Christians in a distant land.

Beth-El Angel Tree

Each November, a Christmas tree is placed in the hall near the Library for the benefit of migrant workers and their families. The tree is decorated with paper angels, each with the name of an item needed by the families.

You are invited to take as many angels as you would like, and in doing so, you promise to fill that need by purchasing and then dropping off at church your unwrapped gifts.

This Angel Tree joyously demonstrates Northwood’s faith in the Father’s love for all. You may find further satisfaction by helping with the delivery of the donations to Beth-El.

Georgia Mission Trip

An opportunity for Northwood parishioners of all ages to grow together while spreading out to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Georgia Mission Trip is held for one week during the early summer in Conyers, GA and is sponsored by the Smyrna Presbyterian Church. Our members drive up together, live together in a nice cabin and work together with members of other churches painting and fixing homes of people in the Conyers area. Skill and talent are welcome, but not required.

This is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, friendship, fun and eat plenty of good food. Each evening there is a chance to worship with all the churches.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity invites people of all backgrounds and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Since 1976, Habitat has built 175,000 homes worldwide.

NPC members over the age of 18 are needed to assist in the completion of homes here in Pinellas County. The new homeowners are given a new lease on life with a low interest rate loan, and in return, they work right alongside the volunteers during construction. Tools and guidance are provided for all who wish to lend a hand. In return for your efforts, you receive a happy heart knowing that you have shown the love and caring for your fellow man that the Lord has directed us to do.

Meals on Wheels

Northwood sponsors a Meals on Wheels Route out of Palm Lake Village Senior Center in Dunedin. A team of volunteers from NPC, under the guidance of our route coordinator, delivers meals five days a week. The team divides responsibility for the delivery to multiple homes. The distribution usually takes a little more than an hour, with a local route.

Substitute drivers provide backup when the regular drivers are unavailable. This ministry is a blessing to many folks who cannot prepare a meal for themselves. It is also a blessing to be able get to know these deserving folks.

Mission and Outreach Ministry Team

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team oversees the efforts and dollars NPC spends to support benevolences on local, regional, national and global levels as recipient groups strive to spread God's message to our world. Examples include:

- Annual mission trips, both in the U.S. and to other countries,
- Intersarsity (work on college campuses),
- Prison Ministry,
- RCS (the Food Pantry, Halfway House and Shelter)
- Iraq Missionaries

Your interest and participation are always welcome in this very active and inspiring ministry team.

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Ministry)

Operation Christmas Child is supported by NPC each year. This “shoebox” ministry brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God’s love.

This program of Samaritan’s Purse provides an opportunity for all of us here at Northwood to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission’s project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God’s greatest gift. Along with shoebox gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language.

Information is provided in October on how you can be a part of this exceptional ministry.

Prison Fellowship

Every year, by the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the Northwood Congregation joins together to spread Christian love to the children of prisoners.

The names of children from the age of newborn to 16 are provided to the congregation via paper angels on a Christmas tree erected in the Narthex. You pick one or more names, and then stop in the Library to register your choice in the Prison Fellowship card catalog. Purchase your selection, wrap it in holiday cheer, attach the angel, and then bring the gifts back to church within two weeks.

If you would like to more literally “spread the cheer,” you are encouraged to volunteer to help deliver these gifts to these special kids!

RCS (Religious Community Services)

RCS is a non-profit, multi-program social service agency supported by 81 multi-denominational congregations in Upper Pinellas County. As a member congregation, Northwood provides supplementary financial support and volunteers to keep these projects running smoothly. Programs include Grace House, a homeless shelter, Food Pantry providing emergency/supplemental food for families in crises, The Stepping Stone that provides low-cost housing and counseling, The Haven for victims of domestic violence, and The Thrift Store that supplies all RCS Programs with items needed to furnish apartments. Your help will be welcome.

Sewing for Missions

If you are a master crafter or novice, old or young, own a fantastic sewing machine or just a needle and thread, a person who sews, crotchets or knits; no matter what category you fit in, you can be productive sewing for missions. Help to provide some of our most basic needs to a wide assortment of people by either working with the group each month at church or from your home whenever you are able.

This ministry provides an extensive assortment of donations including children's clothing, blankets, toys and teddy bears to various missions such as RCS, Beth-El and To Haiti with Love. Wheelchair bags as well as lap robes are passed to local nursing homes and premie caps are given to local hospitals.

*"Let them praise his name in the dance; let them
sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp."
Psalms 149: 3*

Music and Fine Arts for Adults

Celebration Ringers

This is the beginner- intermediate hand bell group. Some members have played for many years and some are brand new readers. The group learns level 2-3 music and rings five octaves of handbells. Rehearsals are held weekly. The Celebration Ringers perform during worship services every 4-6 weeks.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is the adult choir that sings in both traditional services on Sunday mornings. This group leads in worship by singing hymns and anthems. Anyone high school age and up is welcome to join us. We learn 4-part music from the classical era to beautifully written anthems of today. We have singers who can read music and those who cannot, but all love to sing!

Chancel Choir rehearses weekly. Some members sing in one service and some sing in both (the choir leaves after the anthem in the 11:00 service for those doing double duty). We learn a cantata to be sung in service twice a year. Opportunities are available for music retreats with clinicians. It is a time of fellowship and a great way to give back to your church while doing something that you love.

Clown Ministry

Come on and Clown Around! Becoming involved more in worship services, (children's sermons), Sunday School and other events at NPC is the goal of this Ministry. We also will be serving nursing homes in our area by visiting and bringing laughter to those confined. The Harvest Festival and the NPC Summer Picnic are great settings, as we can paint faces, make balloons, or just clown around! If you are interested in learning how to become a clown, develop a character, put on a "clown face", develop an "outfit", please contact us.

Contemporary Service Set-Up Crew

The Contemporary Service provides a unique and exciting opportunity for worship. The equipment required for this service varies greatly from that of the Traditional Services, necessitating a quick set up before the service and an equally speedy break down after the service. This crew helps the Music Director and band members make it all happen. If you have always dreamed of being a "Roadie" for a very hip band, here is the chance you have been waiting for.

H.I.M. (Hands In Motion)

H.I.M. Ministry is a puppet and creative movement ministry for individuals from 6th grade to adults. There is a performance for the children's sermon monthly as well as creative movement each month. H.I.M. performs at many outreaches throughout the year and participates in a regional competition yearly. The H.I.M. Ministry is divided into Defenders and Crusaders.

Horns In Praise

This is a group of instrumentalists that augment V.I.P. (Voices in Praise) for contemporary worship. This group is always seeking brass and woodwinds to raise their instruments in praise. When active, they rehearse on Thursday evenings with V.I.P.

Instrumentalists

We are seeking fairly experienced players to share their skills in all three services. We often need instruments to accompany anthems and for offertory, communion and preludes. We have full orchestrations for many praise songs for the 9:30 service and would like to form ensembles for both traditional and contemporary worship. Children and youth are invited to play Christmas songs on their instruments prior to the Family Christmas Eve Service.

Jubilation Ringers

This is the advanced handbell group. This group reads music well and plays level 3-5 music, ringing five octaves of handbells. They are always seeking new ringers and good readers. The Jubilation Ringers play at Sunday services every 4-6 weeks. Rehearsals are weekly.

Not So Mighty Acts of God (Drama)

The "Not-So-Mighty-Acts-Of-God" is an adult drama ministry at Northwood seeking to serve God by acting out His Word in ways that will touch the heartstrings of our church family! Our message, while often times humorous, is always serious. We believe our primary audience is the Lord God. We try to glorify Him through our drama presentations in the worship services and at special events, such as the Wednesday night programs. We provide an opportunity for you to both serve the Lord God in a way that is fun and always different and to learn or improve your acting skills along the way.

Photography and Videography

Northwood's volunteer photographer brings professional talent to this special ministry at the church. Newcomers joining Northwood are photographed and introduced to the congregation on the Newcomer's Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Any time there is the need to "capture the moment" with a still photo, Northwood is prepared.

In addition, our 11:00 Sunday worship service is videotaped so people who are not able to be in attendance can still benefit from the sermon and choir experience. Anyone can simply borrow a tape from the church library. Kids Programs, Northwood's "Night on the Towne" as well as other events through the year are videotaped. Often the special event tapes are offered for sale at a nominal price.

Visual & Sound Ministry

This amazing "behind the scenes" ministry consists of dedicated persons ranging from middle Schoolers to adults. The group learns and works with PowerPoint and Easy Worship Software for the visual aspects of worship at the Contemporary Service and manages the soundboard for all three services. Working closely with the "Voices in Praise" group, members meet weekly.

Voices in Praise (VIP)

This is the adult contemporary praise band. VIP leads the singing of popular praise and worship music in the 9:35 contemporary service, often preparing 6-7 songs each week and staying current learning the latest offerings. It consists of a full rhythm section and six singers. All permanent positions are full, but we are always looking for alternates and experienced contemporary soloists. We also have orchestration for horns and woodwinds.

New Members and Visitors

Discovering Northwood Classes

The “Discovering Northwood Classes” are held five times a year and are open to individuals who are interested in learning more about Northwood and those interested in making Northwood their church home.

The classes will be held on three Sundays in September, November, January, March and May at 9:30 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building. The three classes will cover Christianity, Presbyterianism, specifics about the life at Northwood Presbyterian Church, and discipleship.

Membership and Evangelism Ministry Team

The Membership and Evangelism Ministry assists the church membership fulfill its mission statement. Their first goal is to help bring new members and families into the church and get them assimilated into the life of Northwood. Efforts are made to encourage regular worship attendance and Bible study. Newcomers are also introduced to Northwood’s many mission, service and fellowship ministries that present many possibilities for participation.

Secondly, this committee encourages all members of Northwood to be good stewards of their talents and resources for the church. All members of Northwood need to know they are responsible to make the church what it is and all it can be with the gifts that have been bestowed upon them.

Your interest and participation are always welcome in this very active and inspiring ministry team.

Retreats & Trips for Adults

All Church Cedarkirk Retreat

Experience the love of Christ, the excitement of camp and the magic of friends. For a special weekend experience each fall, Northwood members are invited to Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia, Florida to learn to follow Christ through discussions and worship. Make new friends and reinforce the bonds with old friends while taking canoe trips or going for walks in the woods.

When dates are announced, along with itinerary and pricing, you will want to sign up quickly because space is limited. To learn more about the facilities Cedarkirk has to offer, you can investigate their web site at www.cedarkirk.com.

Cedarkirk Summer Camps

Northwood is pleased to provide information to the Congregation each year regarding the variety of Summer Camps available at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. An American Camping Association accredited camp, Cedarkirk offers youngsters from 3 years old through Senior High an exciting and diverse God-driven camp experience.

“Cedarkirk is a place where faith can be seen, smelled, touched, and heard. You see it when you look around at the peace in nature. You can smell it when you eat the meal of simplicity. Most of all, you hear it when an entire group of people are gathered together singing songs to our Lord”. Cedarkirk is located at 1920 Streetman Drive, Lithia FL 33547. You can check out their Website at www.cedarkirk.com or cAMps@cedarkirk.com or call them at 813-685-4224.

Montreat

Notices for conferences and retreats to Montreat Conference Center are announced in the various church publications. The Montreat Conference Center, as a mission center of the Presbyterian Church (USA), seeks to glorify God by serving the whole Church of Jesus Christ by calling all God's people to a place set apart, for spiritual commitment and renewal, to grow in discipleship, to build relationships, and to prepare one another for Christ's ministry in the world.

For over 100 years, groups and individuals have gone to Montreat to be inspired by its programs and to be spiritually and physically renewed in its beautiful western North Carolina mountain setting.

You may want to prayerfully consider joining Northwood's next trip to Montreat so you too can be renewed.

Special Events

W.A.Y. (Wednesday And You)

W.A.Y. (Wednesday And You) convenes on Wednesdays each spring and fall, bringing you the opportunity to participate in some thought-provoking study, informal worship, and good Christian fellowship. Older elementary school children through adults are welcome to participate in the programs, which run for four to six weeks each. Topics vary, with the Spring Programs often reflecting the solemnity of the Lenten season, while Fall Programs usually take on a lighter tone. The programs are held in the CE Building, following dinner. Attendance at dinner is not required to enjoy the programs. Times are published in the Sunday bulletin.

Yard Sale

The annual Northwood Yard Sale is held on a Saturday each spring. The congregation is encouraged to donate the unused treasures they have been saving all year to benefit the Music Ministry. The week preceding the Sale is a busy one, with the hard-working Yard Sale Crew picking up, sorting, pricing and displaying all the goodies in preparation for the big event. The day of the Sale, the volunteers can be found energetically selling, wrapping, loading items, cooking for the Crew and finally cleaning up!

Volunteers are needed during the week prior to the sale as well as on the day of the Sale. Everyone is invited to donate his or her time or treasures for this wonderful event. You can also support the Music Ministry by exploring the Yard Sale for that perfect “treasure” that you just “must have”. It is a fun day, so bring a friend. It is a nice way to introduce someone to Northwood!

*"Come let us worship him and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us"
Psalms 95:6*

Worship Preparation and Hospitality

Communion Set Up

Communion is the symbol of God's unconditional love for us. In preparing to remember Christ's ultimate sacrifice, Northwood has six teams of two people who prepare the communion offering and then after their service, clean up.

This is an essential ministry in the celebration of The Last Supper. Being a part of it is a very bonding time for those involved and additional helpers are always welcome.

Greeting Ministry

Under the direction of the Deacons, the Greeting Ministry is in place each Sunday to bid welcome to all attending Northwood Presbyterian. Positioned in the front as well as the back of the Church, Greeters create a cordial environment for newcomers and members alike. A smile, a handshake, or a kind word can make such a difference in someone's day.

Sanctuary Flowers Ministry

The Sanctuary Flower Ministry provides the opportunity for members of the congregation to decorate the sanctuary each Sunday morning with two flower arrangements. These can be dedicated as either a memorial or honorarium to loved ones. Please note you are responsible to pay the current rate for these arrangements. Your memorial or honorarium will be listed in the bulletin on the selected Sunday. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact the person listed in the Table of Contents.

Ushering Ministry

Ushers serve at all three services. These individuals are at their respective service about 30 minutes before the service starts to hand out bulletins, and greet worshipers. During the service, they count the members in attendance and take up the collection of tithes and offerings. After the service, the usher will straighten up each pew to prepare the sanctuary for worship during the next service.

An usher commits for one month per year at the traditional services and for as many weeks at a time as they would like for the contemporary service. In all services, substitutes are used when emergencies occur.

Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry Team works to glorify God by overseeing all the elements that comprise the worship service. These volunteers oversee the music and drama ministries, preparation and serving of communion, ushering, and the par Aments and decoration of the sanctuary. The efforts of this ministry team help make the Sunday worship experience meaningful for all.

Care and Fellowship for Children

Before/After School and Summer Camp

These programs provide fun and safety in a Christian atmosphere. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, from both Leila G. Davis Elementary School and McMullen Booth Elementary School attend the programs. Summer camp runs the full ten weeks of summer offering a variety of field trips, interesting guest speakers and many arts and crafts. Winter programs may include participation in the Angel Tree, Samaritan's Purse and King's Kids projects. The creative curriculums are structured to recognize the need for children to pace themselves. Both winter and summer programs give the children an opportunity to interact with each other and to learn the spirit of friendship in a stimulating, yet understanding setting. Teachers are licensed through Pinellas County School System. Tuition is paid on a weekly basis.

Kid's Corner (Preschool)

Kid's Corner is a caring, Christian school, dedicated to the development and advancement of the whole child. Kid's Corner is a licensed pre-school, staffed by qualified and professional teachers. Excellent facilities and an outstanding staff will prepare your 2 to 4 year old child for kindergarten in a Christian environment. Pre-school skills are developed through social interaction, projects and group activities.

King's Kids

Children meet weekly during the school year for Bible stories, crafts, games, and choir in appropriate age groups from 4:00-6:00 on Wednesdays. Parents are encouraged to participate at least once a month as leaders or helpers.

Nursery Care – Infant or Toddler

During Sunday worship services and/or Sunday School, infants through 3 years old can be dropped off at these nurseries while parents take a "time out" to worship the Lord.

Infants are cared for in a peaceful, nurturing environment, with appropriate love and care. The Toddler Nursery accommodates 1-3 year olds with a short Sunday School lesson, songs, play and a snack.

The excellent care afforded by both these nurseries might make the difference between an exhausting and tense Sunday and an anxiety free morning filled with the peace and love that only genuine worship can provide.

Scouting

Scouting is camping, camaraderie, skill building, fellowship, friendship and fun. However, more important than what scouting is, is what scouting does. Scouting builds character, and provides a solid foundation for life. Through structured programs and activities, scouting teaches positive values far beyond those that can be learned most anywhere else.

- TIGER CUBS

Tiger Cub Scouts is for the first grade boys and helps build strong relationships with adults, family, and other members of the Tiger Cub's den. The main emphasis is fun for a boy and adult, but many activities involve the entire family.

- CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts is for boys in second through fifth grade, provides a year-round, home-centered program focusing on character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship and sportsmanship, getting along with others, encouragement to "do your best" and preparation to become a Boy Scout.

- BROWNIE AND JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

In partnership with committed adult volunteers, the girls participate in community service projects and fun activities that help them develop strong values. Activities can consist of nature exploration, crafting, sing-a-longs, horseback riding, Christmas parade participation and camping together. Additionally, Scouts tour local businesses. These trips afford an education in how various businesses operate, providing possible career ideas for the girls. Involvement in Community Service Projects may well include Coastal Cleanup, Operation Christ Child and Good Pantry to name a few.

Summer Programming with Children

When the Mom's Covenant Group takes a break for the summer, some would be lost without the friendships that have been made over the year. So we plan a weekly outing for moms and their children. We start the week after school is out, go to Vacation Bible School when it's scheduled and continue our outings until the week before school starts. We have gone to such places as the zoo, the park, Morningside pool, Clearwater Marine Aquarium etc, in the past. The schedule changes from summer to summer, but our schedule is posted on the Noah's Ark Bulletin Board and is published in the Window. We typically meet on Thursdays at 10AM.

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
Matthew 19:14*

Christian Education for Children (Ages 3 - Grade 5)

Bible Study Groups

Children’s Church

Children from the age of three (by September 1 of the school year) through first grade are invited to worship in Children’s Church following the children’s sermon in the traditional worship services. A Bible lesson is shared and then all enjoy crafting. Children’s Church is held in Room 3.

Vacation Bible School

Offered one week each summer for children ages 3 (by September 1st of previous year) through 5th grade. Children start the day with a meeting in the Sanctuary to worship through prayers, songs and Bible lessons. They then rotate through instruction including crafts, games, and classroom time where Bible curriculum is presented. Parents are encouraged to attend the closing program on Friday.

Worship Preparation Class

This class prepares children who will be entering second grade to stay in worship with their parents as they outgrow Children’s Church. The vocabulary of worship, the liturgy and the sacraments are the focus of this 4-5 week class.

Christian Education for Children (Ages 3 - Grade 5)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children's Sunday School

Classes consist of Bible stories, games, crafts, and activities in a warm and loving environment. We use the PC(USA) curriculum, We Believe.

The children learn about living for Jesus through biblical truths, prayer, and their relationships with others. Thus, they begin the life long process of developing their faith. New children and volunteer teachers are always welcome.

Sunday School is also offered at 9:45 for the following groups

- 3 Year Olds
- 4 & 5 Year Olds
- Kindergartners
- 1st Graders
- 2nd Graders
- 3rd Graders
- 4th & 5th Graders

Sunday School is also offered at 11:00 for the following groups

- Preschool through 1st grade
- 2nd - 5th grades

Music and Fine Arts for Children

Angel Choir – 3rd to 5th Grades

The Angel Choir meets on Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 PM. This group continues with vocal warm-ups, extending vocal range and improving tone quality. They learn anthems to sing in the worship services and also learn a Christmas and Spring musical, complete with choreography. In the spring, this group attends an overnight choral festival where they sing with about 200 other children and have an opportunity to play handbells, chimes, Orff instruments, drama, sign language, interpretive dance and more.

Celestial Bells and Orff – 3rd to 5th Grades

This special group meets on Sunday afternoon usually from 4:00 to 5:00 PM (depending on Bucs games). For the first ½ hour, this group rings handbells and, during the second ½ hour, plays Orff instruments (xylophones, glockenspiels, metallophones, drums, and many other unpitched percussion instruments). The group works on rhythms and making music totally hands-on. They play in church about every 6 weeks.

Cherub Choir – Ages 3 to 4

The Cherub Choir meets on Wednesdays from 4:00 TO 4:30 PM. They learn song to sing in church. This choir also plays rhythm sticks, jingles, drums, resonator bars and do fun circle dances. The “Musikgarten” curriculum is called “God’s Children Sing”. They work on using voices, steady beat, movement, lots of hands-on, following rules, and having fun.

Future H.I.M. – 3rd to 5th Grade Puppets

Those third to fifth graders who are interested in puppets and sticks meet from 6:30-7:30 PM on the third Friday of each month from January to May to learn the basic skills. They do a “mini performance” for parents in May.

Seraph Choir

The Seraph Choir, meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00. This group does fun vocal warm-ups and learns basic choral techniques. They work on learning an anthem to sing in the sanctuary and often play Orff instruments, such as xylophones, glockenspiels and percussion instruments.

Summer Music Camp

Northwood provides a Summer Music Camp during the last week in July for children who have just completed 2nd grade through those who have just completed 5th grade. The children learn a full-length musical with choreography and drama during the week and perform it for the public on Friday evening. It’s an exciting week of singing, musical games, drama and fun! Registration begins in June during Vacation Bible School and space is limited.

Christian Education for Youth (Grades 6 through 12)

Bible Study Groups

Confirmation Class

This class prepares young people for a personal profession of faith and membership in the church. A weekend retreat is included, and the class ends with a banquet in the Spring.

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study

This group studies the books of the Bible, Theology, Polity and Contemporary Ethics, with Middle School and High School students participating.

Sunday School Classes

Youth Sunday School

Weekly lessons explore scripture and help youth apply God's word in relevance to their lives. These students meet to study the Bible, experience youth led worship, Christian fellowship, as well as planning for future events.

The middle and high school students study and fellowship together in these dynamic groups.

- 6th - 8th Grades (9:45)
- 9th - 12th Grades (9:45)
- 6th - 12th Grades (11:00)

Fellowship for Youth

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts is for boys ages 11 through 17, and achieves the Boy Scout of America's objectives of character, citizenship, and personal fitness through a vigorous program of outdoor activities. The program helps young men reach new levels of confidence and capability. Boys take what they have learned and make a difference in their communities. Scouting prepares boys to make the decisions that determine the direction of their lives. Troop 413 participates in multiple community service programs, takes monthly weekend camping trips throughout the state of Florida, as well as an annual trip for a full week to an out of state destination.

N.P.C.C.I.A.

(Northwood Presbyterian Christian Computing in Action)

Would you like to learn how to use your computer? There is no better way than to stop in the Youth Room. In conjunction with adult volunteers, the youth are not only learning about computers in a Christian atmosphere, they are offering a class promoting knowledge of computers and their use to adults who wish to gain these skills. In addition, these kids even have time to do their homework. Ages 12 and over are invited to fellowship, learn about computers, fix computers, and spread the word of God electronically.

Saturday Night At the Movies

Saturday night will never be the same! Come one come all...as long as a parent is present for PG13 movies! What a great excuse to take the evening off, eat popcorn, and watch movies in a loving, caring Christian atmosphere.

Sunday Night Middle and High School Youth

Middle schoolers meet at 4:00 PM every Sunday. The first hour has many varied activities including softball, basketball, capture the flag, fear factor, jello wars, swimming, beach outings and outings hosted by middle school parents.

From 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM the middle and high school Youth Groups combine for their worship service with the praise band "Pierced" playing. Pastor RJ has a message for the kids.

High School "Afterglow", from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM is where the high school youth spend time talking about current issues in their lives. Christian values are highlighted as the kids help each other through their daily lives with Jesus as their guiding force. Our college-aged students get together for their own version of "Afterglow" from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Occasionally the High School and College times are combined into one, depending on what is happening - a video to watch or a guest speaker. Several times during the year all of the youth go to the movies, participate in some other event, or do community service project.

Mission and Outreach for Youth

Mission Projects

For 6th through 12th graders, this ministry provides a way to work with other Christian youth doing the Lord's work by helping others. The youth bring their time and talents to the group, working with adult volunteers on up to six mission projects a year. Projects address needs both inside and outside of our church, with activities such as sorting food at local food pantries.

Mission Trips

Teaching young people how to reach out in the Lord's name, this annual summer project welcomes youth 14-21 years of age. US destinations are announced each year. Previous trips have included assisting in the rebuilding of homes in poverty-stricken areas in Louisiana, Georgia and Alaska.

Youth/Young Adult Ministry Team

This Ministry Team oversees and directs the Youth/Young Adult programs and resources in order to best serve the needs of the church. These programs include all of those in which the youth and young adults participate.

Music and Fine Arts for Youth

Choir and Handbell Group – Grade 6 to College

This group meets on Wednesday afternoon in the sanctuary for choir practice, and in the choir room for handbell practice. The schedule is as follows: 5:00-5:25 is musical rehearsal; 5:25-5:50 is choir rehearsal; and 5:50-6:30 is handbell rehearsal. If you want to be in the musical, you must also participate in choir. Handbells may be joined without participation in the choirs. They perform in church every 4-6 weeks.

H.I.M. (Hands In Motion)

H.I.M. Ministry is a puppet and creative movement ministry. There is a performance for the children's sermon each month as well as creative movement one Sunday of each month. H.I.M. is divided into the Defenders and the Crusaders.

Instrumentalists

We are seeking fairly experienced players to share their skills in all three services. We often need instruments to accompany anthems and for offertory, communion and preludes. We have full orchestrations for many praise songs for the 9:30 service and would like to form ensembles for both traditional and contemporary worship. Children and youth are invited to play Christmas songs on their instruments prior to the Family Christmas Eve Service.

Pierced

This is the youth praise band for grades 6 - college. They are dedicated and talented young men and women committed to Christian Ministry through praise and worship music.

The group has a full rhythm section and singers who learn current worship songs. They write originals as well and are always seeking new members.

Visual and Sound Ministry

This amazing "behind the scenes" ministry consists of dedicated persons ranging from middle Schoolers to adults. The group learns and works with PowerPoint and Easy Worship Software for the visual aspects of worship at the Contemporary Service and manages the soundboard for all three services.

Working closely with the "Voices in Praise" group, members meet in the Sanctuary weekly.

Retreats, Special Events and Trips

Youth Retreats

Middle through High School youth have the opportunity to visit places like Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, Universal Studios, Montreat, North Carolina and Duck Town, Tennessee.