

[Financial Peace University](#)

Approximately 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of their income. "Broke" has become the new normal in our nation, but this doesn't have to be true for you. Taking control of your money starts with a plan, and *Financial Peace University* is that plan! *Financial Peace University* is financial expert Dave Ramsey's nine-week money class. You'll learn practical ways to pay off debt, overcome your fear of budgeting, and create a savings plan to replace retirement worries with financial peace. The class starts **January 15, 2017** at 5:30 (will last 1.5-2 hours) and is a nine-week course. The cost is \$93 per individual or couple for the materials. We can order as a group or you can get the materials directly from daveramsey.com. There is childcare available. Please email Michael Turner at MBTurnerDC@aol.com to sign up or ask any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there in January!!!

[Discovering Northwood](#)

Discovering Northwood is a one-time class for those interested in membership and/or learning more about us. The class, held every other month, aims to inform visitors about the life, ministry, and mission of Northwood. Classes focus on what we as Christians & Presbyterians believe as well as different ministries in the life of the church. We'll talk about ways to get involved, share your gifts, grow in your faith and serve the church and community. We hope you'll consider joining us for one of these classes. The next Discovering Northwood Class is **Sunday, January 22, 2017** 10:45am-12:00pm, Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

[Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch](#)

January 29th at Noon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29th. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting and Church-wide Potluck. The meeting starts at 12:00 pm and the potluck lunch will follow. At the meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings it's nominations. Look for luncheon sign-up in upcoming bulletins & on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.



[ANNOUNCEMENTS- January 8, 2017](#)

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Each week's sermon is available for you in a printed booklet in the narthex as well as a video on our website at www.northwoodpc.org.

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Cedarkirk Women's Retreat - January 20-22](#)

The Fresh Brewed Women's Bible Study group has generously donated a portion of the fee for the Women's Retreat! This scholarship is open to all those who have **not** previously attended. One lucky winner will be randomly chosen, and will be able to attend for an additional cost of only \$39. If you are interested, please call Sharon at 727-286-7109 by the deadline of 8 p.m. TODAY. Call now and join the women of Northwood for an awesome weekend!!!

[FUN! FRIENDS! FRIDAY!](#)

Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on January 13 at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. Linda Howard will present a program entitled "Enjoying Nature, State Parks and Hidden Gems in the Sunshine State." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at the Sunset Grill Restaurant. Come join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

[Annual Report Deadline](#)

To the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff: Please note that the deadline to submit your Annual Report is tomorrow, **Monday, January 9th** by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to Tracy Donovan (communications@northwoodpc.org). If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

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

Youth Ministry

- Sun, Jan. 8:** Youth Group Family Dinner Kick-Off
5:00-6:30 P.M.
- Wed, Jan. 11:** High School Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.
- Fri, Jan. 13:** Off-Campus Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
- Sat, Jan. 14:** Winter Jam 3:30 P.M.
- Sun, Jan. 15:** Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.
- Wed, Jan. 18:** Bible Study 6:15- 7:15 P.M.
- Fri, Jan. 20:** Game Night 7:00- 10:00 P.M.
- Sun, Jan. 22:** Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.
- Wed, Jan. 25:** Bible Study 6:15- 7:15 P.M.
- Fri, Jan. 27:** Game Night 7:00- 10:00 P.M.
- Sun, Jan. 29:** Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org (813) 624-2593

Children's Ministry

King's Kids

King's Kids is on a break for the holidays until Wednesday, Jan 25th.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Monday, January 23 and continuing through Monday, February 27, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to death, a life-threatening illness or other traumatic life circumstances. The time of the seminar is from 1:30 to 3:30. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$15. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Isaiah's Inn Angel Tree Thank You

Isaiah's Inn received 55 presents from Northwood this year, for an estimated amount of \$1237.50 donated. Thank you to all who contributed!

Annual Garage Sale- January 13 & 14

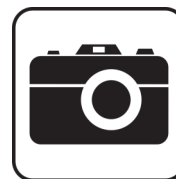
It's here! The annual Garage Sale to benefit the Music Ministry will take place Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14 from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Invite everyone you know.



You still have time to bring in your donations or have them picked up. We will be collecting through Thursday. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 if you have questions or need items picked up.

Garage Sale Drop-off times:

- **Sunday, January 8,** 8:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.
- **Monday, January 9 - Thursday, January 12,** 10:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.



Northwood Photo Group

Please join us for our regular monthly meeting of Northwood Photo Group, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, in rooms 13 & 15, here at Northwood Presbyterian Church. If you're interested in photography, you're invited, whether you're a beginner or expert! Questions? Contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.

Home Communion Training

Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session on Sunday, January 22 from 12:15 to 12:45 in room 8 - This is an excellent opportunity for Elders and Deacons to learn more and become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. We need officers to serve on home teams or who would be willing to serve as a substitute. This training is needed to serve communion in the home, beyond any information received for serving communion during worship on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.