

# Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

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## SERMON SERIES

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, is our history. We have much to learn from the stories of old. How did God treat these people that He created, how did they respond to Him? As we study these stories, we will learn how to react to the world that we live in. This would be a good time for you to read Genesis again.

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Noah – God's judgment
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	The rainbow – believing in God's promises
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Praise God (this is a celebration of VBS)
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Genesis 11: 1-9 Tower of Babel
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 12:1-9 Abraham – the Call
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 15:1-15 The Eliezer Alternative (disappointment)
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 16:1-16 The Ishmael Idea (standing up for what we believe)
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 18:6-33 Abraham – it is important for us to know God well - prayer
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 20:1-18 The Abimelech Solution (How can Abraham be such a great model of faith when he acted out of fear?)

## FIFTH SUNDAY HYMN SING

August 29<sup>th</sup> we will gather to praise God in song. Be thinking about your favorite hymns. We'll pass out the Cokesbury hymnals and sing all your old favorites. After we have sung until our throats are parched, we will go to Fellowship Hall for ice cream. Please bring your favorite ice cream to share or some cookies to eat with the ice cream. Invite your friends and neighbors. August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Usually summer time is a slow time for churches...but not for Wheatland! Attendance has remained high (thank you very much!) and the activities just keep on being planned and enjoyable. The picnic in June was so much fun! Wheatlanders and the Mennonites had a great time playing horseshoes, kick ball, and dominoes! And the hotdogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill were delicious.

And then in July we had the first of the Summer Game Nights. Over 22 people came to that and got to know each other better for having time to spend relaxing and playing together. One great benefit was that two of our guest children came back on Sunday to join the children's choir and they sang and played the chimes as a prelude to the church service. It is such a joy to see children enjoying themselves in church. Another Summer Game Night is planned for August 21<sup>st</sup>. This promises to be even a larger group as the word travels of how much fun everyone had.

Now, in August we are in the midst of planning a great exciting Vacation Bible School called "Praise Party". We will praise God with heart, hands, feet, head and soul. We are going to walk the neighborhood on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, inviting children to attend. What a thrill to know that we are following God's command to bring the children to him, to let the children know that God loves them and Wheatland loves them. As the title of the program says, it will be a party. There will be an opening worship time, which starts the party atmosphere rolling. They will sing praise songs and then go to story time. During story time they will get sack lunches as many parents will not have time to feed their children before they come to VBS. Then there are crafts. Crafts are designed to emphasize the theme of the day and it will be a take home reminder of that theme. Your leaders are excited and working hard to make this VBS the most fun yet. VBS will be Thursday and Friday evenings...August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.: Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon, and then on Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon.

What we need from YOU for VBS. First we need helpers. You saw the list of leaders listed somewhere else in this newsletter. You can volunteer to specifically help one of them. Sometimes craft items need to be cut out ahead of time or perhaps put in packages so that we can just give each student a package of items needed for their craft. The food volunteers will be preparing the sack dinners. And then the days of VBS we need helpers to go from activity center to activity center with the children, helping the little ones to remain focused but still have fun. Helping all with the singing. The more we sing these new songs the easier it is for the children to learn their songs and they are going to perform during worship on Sunday morning.

What we really need each and every person in the church to do is to pray for VBS. Pray that we will have children to teach. Pray that the neighborhoods we visit will be receptive to invitations to VBS. Pray that the leaders and children will all leave Wheatland each day of VBS with joy in their heart and a spring in their step. Prayer works. We've witnessed that many times at Wheatland.

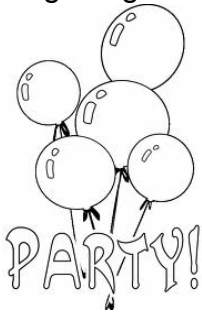
Summer at Wheatland is very busy, but it is also very rewarding. Summer has been great so far, and I am looking forward to August even more.

See you in worship,

Pastor Kay

## IT'S PARTY TIME!!!

Vacation Bible School is entitled "Praise Party". As we learn about God, we will dance, clap, stomp, sing and raise our hands in praise to the Lord. There are fun crafts, drama, and games. We will open VBS on Thursday and Friday evenings (August 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>) at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. We'll sing songs and get excited for the Lord. Then we'll go to Fellowship Hall and eat a sack dinner while we listen to our Bible Story. Then it is on to crafts, singing, games and a closing time in the sanctuary again (it should be over at around 8 p.m.). We'll meet on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., once again in the sanctuary for opening worship. Then we'll go to Fellowship Hall for story time, crafts, singing, and games and a healthy but delicious snack. Sunday we'll have crafts during the Sunday School hour and then perform during the worship service. This is going to be a fun time. Invite you grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and neighbors. Wheatland will be the place to be! We'll have a hot dog lunch Sunday after worship so the congregation can see the crafts we made during the week and so we can fellowship with our guests.



## HOT DOG LUNCH ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>



In celebration of Vacation Bible School and to welcome guests that come to watch their children perform during worship, we will have a hot dog lunch after worship on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs with all the fixin's, chips and brownies will be the menu.

## SUNSHINE FELLOWSHIP

August 4<sup>th</sup> will be our next day for playing chicken foot dominoes. I'm surprised that some of us don't cluck? There are a few roosters in the group, so don't think it is just a group for hens and chicks. Whatever they are, they sure do have a lot of fun with a lot of crowing and clucking going on! Bring a dish to share (fried chicken?) at noon. You know some of us have those days where we just don't feel like getting out. No real aches and pains, just seems like too much effort to get ready to go out. Come to Sunshine Fellowship, you'll feel better, you'll feel good! You'll leave with a smile on your face and joy in your heart. August 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



## SUMMER GAME NIGHT

There were over 20 people at the July game night! What fun they had even though the A/C didn't seem to be working properly. The A/C has been fixed and the August game night promises to be great. Please RSVP so that we know how much food to purchase. Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



**Come, be entertained**

**Mark Your Calendar**

Mark your calendar for another church wide picnic, but this time instead of- or in addition to games, we will be entertained by a gospel singing group. The date is September 25<sup>th</sup>. The menu is fried chicken. This promises to be a great day. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

## THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING

VBS leaders....

Director...Laura Fannin

Worship Leader...Gary Overman

Story Tellers...Kay Hord and Joyce Merz

Praise Leader...Shaylee Durham

Craft Leader...Cathie Green

Food Coordinator...Ann Powell and Janice Fannin and Mai Smith

Recreation...Kathy Priester

Helpers...Victorene Green, Laura Foreman, Mary Morgan, and YOU?

As you can see, we need more helpers. Helpers do not have any homework to do, they just come and assist the younger children with their activities. This VBS curriculum promises to be fun for everyone. I hope you will come to help and enjoy your time spent with the children.



### OUR SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to Jan Cavender and her family. Jan's brother, Richard Oxford, died July 18<sup>th</sup>. The graveside service will be held at Restland Cemetery in Richardson on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:30 in the morning.

There will be a luncheon served for the family and close friends in Fellowship Hall following the service.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



By the title you would think this is only for school age kids. Actually the youth of our church is having an outreach project but we need **EVERYONE** at Wheatland to participate. On **Saturday, August 28th, from 11:00 am till 1:00 pm** we will have a waterslide, free sodas, popcorn, candy, face painting and door prizes for all the neighborhood kids in our area. We will be passing out fliers to the neighbors as an invitation. We'll need help passing out the fliers on Saturday, August 22nd at 8:00 am. Not only are we looking to 'recruit' some young people with this project, but we need to show God's love to those around us and let them know how much Wheatland is a caring and loving church. Below is a list of things we need for that day. If you have any of these items or know someone that might let us borrow something on the list, please let Cathie Green or Donna West know.

- **Awnings, to keep the sun off the table while signing in**
- **Hoses**
- **PA system (some kind of sound system so we can play music and be able to use a microphone)**
- **Cases of water and soda**

We'll also be giving away school supplies so if you see a sale please purchase a few things and bring them to church and place in the box in the foyer.



Anything you can help with will be greatly appreciated. We will need volunteers to help fill out forms of the visitors. **More than anything we need your prayers.** These young people need to feel the love of Jesus and for us in the "over 20 year old gang", we need to show them God's love and help these families get started back to school on the right foot!

### **Administrative Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July 11, 2010 Highlights:**

The Worship Team has had a busy quarter. They have assisted in Acolyte training and recognition, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Pentecost Sunday and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The Fellowship Team is bringing back Game night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. This month pizza will be served. Next month it will be hot dogs. Edie encourage all to come and bring friends to enjoy food, games and fellowship.

The Discipleship Team is concerned about low Sunday School attendance. She encouraged all to come and bring guests.

The Ministry Team reported the picnic on the grounds with the Mennonite Church was a great success and a good time was had by all in attendance. We extend many thanks to the gentlemen that did all the cooking. We will have another picnic on the grounds on September 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a good ole' gospel band to play for us in the gazebo. We will have fried chicken and all are to bring a side dish to enjoy with it.

Missions Team is still looking for volunteers to work at OCCEA. The demand is great and the volunteers few. Wheatland is a very giving church. Give a few hours once a week to this needy mission project. Contact Marie Libby with any questions.

VBS is coming up soon. It is titled "Praise Party" and will teach our VBS kids all about praising with songs.

The Finance Team passed out the finance report for review.

SPR is still looking for a youth pastor.

Property Management Team has hired a lawn care company to keep up with the mowing. This gentleman is just starting in business and would like to give anyone in the congregation a quote for lawn care. If interested, contact Jan Cavender, 214-244-9314, and she will give you the number. PMT is still working on solutions for the empty school building since all things have changed with the Conference re-districting. The broken windows in the cafeteria have been replaced with new glass thanks a member who did the actual work. This testifies that a regular member can help out in all kinds of circumstances. Maintenance is an ongoing project. Let one of the PMT members know what you can help them with.

The Permanent Endowment Team is working on planned giving and stewardship.

The United Methodist Women have changed their meeting date to the same as the UMM. The men will meet in Fellowship Hall and the ladies in the cottage. The UMW will have a speaker in September from the Edna Gladny Adoption Service. In October they will make the UMM meet in the cottage so they can have Fellowship Hall for their scrap-booking workshop. A creative time will be had by all that attend!

The United Methodist Men are trying to redefine themselves. They really need better attendance to be affective.

Our church historians reported the web site is still up and running and pictures of events are usually posted the same day as the event. Check it out! A box of church stuff from 1999 was discovered and will be gone through for pertinent historical artifacts.

Our Lay Leader has attended the Dallas South Conference and the North Texas Annual Conference.

Pastor Kay said things are going well. She is looking forward to the fall, and Christmas season. It is time to start planning for it. She would also like to see more mission projects active in our congregation. The "Imagine No Malaria" project is a pilot program pushed by the North Texas Conference. This would be a good start.

There were 20 members in attendance.  
Jan Cavender, Secretary

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Methodist Church – the  
country church in the city  
– strives to be a  
welcoming congregation  
worshipping God  
together; increasing in  
faith and discipleship  
through prayer, Bible  
study and fellowship;  
caring for one another;  
and reaching out to the  
community and the  
world.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Property Mgmt 11:45 am	2	3	4 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Carlos Rerat's Birthday	5	6	7 Quilting 9:00 am
8 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am	9 Kathy Priester's Birthday	10	11 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	12 Kacie Beazley's Birthday  VBS 6:00 pm	13 Diana West & Ona Clavo's Birthday  VBS 6:00 pm	14 No UMM Judi Lanious' Birthday  VBS 9:00 am
15 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Hut Dog Lunch 11:45 am	16	17	18 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	19	20	21 No UMW  Game Night 6:00 pm
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