

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

SERMON SERIES

SEPTEMBER, 2010

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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.

- Sept. 5th Genesis 12:1-9 Abraham – the Call – can you hear God calling you?
Sept. 12th Genesis 15:1-15 The Eliezer Alternative (disappointment)
Sept. 19th Genesis 16:1-16 The Ishmael Idea (standing up for what we believe)
Sept. 26th Genesis 18:6-33 Abraham – it is important for us to know God well - prayer
Oct. 3rd Genesis 20:1-18 The Abimelech Solution (How can Abraham be such a great model of faith when he acted out of fear?)



September 18th
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

the Mennonite Church of Healing is hosting a Community Health Fair on the Wheatland grounds. This is a huge outreach to our community. The Carter Blood Care bus will be here, along with the Mobile mammogram clinic, a dental office and other health clinic offers. The Dallas Police, the Dallas Fire Station and the Constable's office will all be represented. This is a huge event! There will be a registration, to get general info, door prizes and raffles. This is also a fund raiser for the Mennonites. They are trying to buy a van for transporting all the youth they have. Isn't that a great problem to have! In addition to the raffles, they will be selling festival foods. A live band will also be playing. This will also make Wheatland more visible. We need volunteers to help set up, take down, sell tickets and work the registration. Please contact Kay Hord or Jan Cavender if you would like to be a part of this great event.

September 25th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Picnic on the grounds.

Kevin and his Half Moon band will be playing in the Gazebo. This is a wonderful gospel band that plays all the good ol' songs we love to sing like "I'll Fly Away". The church will furnish the fried chicken, others are to bring a side dish or dessert and a few friends. Come join your fellow members for a great time of fun, food and fellowship, and good old fashion gospel music! We will be taking up a Love Offering for Kevin and his Half Moon band.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We are in Maine. Our daughter, Missy, came home for the 4th of July so it has not been that long since we've seen her, but it has been a year since we have been to her home in Maine and as it is her first year in the house, she has been busy making changes.



Two new additions have been a cat and a puppy. The cat she got around Christmas so it is no longer a kitten but a very pretty calico cat. Like most cats it is curious but rather independent, likes to check us out but then totally ignores us and goes to her special hiding places to sleep. The puppy on the other hand has only been with Missy for about a month and he is still a puppy, full of energy and wants to be right in the middle of things. He reminds me of a stuffed animal my grandson Josh has and I want to call this little black and white bit of fluff, rags, short for rag-a-muffin. But his name is Harley. I have no idea where that name came from, but he is a sweet dog...hopefully, he will stay that way and I'm glad Missy has animals as she loves them so much.



She has done a few things around the house but the main change she has made is that she now has two new roommates and with them came furniture, so the looks on the inside have changed some with the addition of more furniture. They have made a home of it.

But it isn't the things that make it a home. It is the love that is felt there. As we left tonight, friends were coming in for their usual Monday evening television show that they like to watch together. They all greeted the dog as they came in, the cat was nowhere to be seen!

The group started coming in for a certain show last season, that show no longer is on, but they keep coming on Monday nights because they have such a good time together. That is like Bible Study and game night and Sunday School Class and UMW and UMM and church and quilting...sometimes the study might not be the best. Sometimes nothing goes right for a program or worship service. But we keep coming back because the main thing is that we feel loved in that setting. We have made friends and we know that we need friends. And we know that God loves us and we come to the church in all those different settings because we find God in the midst of our friends.

Start the school year off by joining one of the many groups at the church. They are all loving groups and would enjoy having more members.

See you in worship next Sunday,

PASTOR KAY



We are starting a new area of ministry in the music department. Every second and fourth Saturday at 7:00 p.m., we will practice the chimes. The first two rehearsals will be September 11th and 25th.

This new ministry offers everyone a chance to participate. You need no experience, you do not have to read music. You need to be able to count to four, keep a beat, and swing your arm....

Our first two goals are to learn Christmas Carols so we can play during our annual Christmas Caroling (and I have also heard a few rumors of maybe taking part in the Duncanville Christmas Parade) and to provide music at least every other month for the church service. As we progress as a group, I hope we can start playing monthly.

Please let me know if you will be participating. You can catch me at church, or email me at gary.overman@sbcglobal.net.

See you at church!



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, August 30th, we are kicking off our new Christmas Cantata, entitled A Night to Remember. We are starting early to be able to work on it and our monthly pieces at the same time. We will work on a song from the cantata and an anthem at each rehearsal.

The cantata has a lot of our favorite Christmas carols, such as O Come, All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, Joy to the World, and many more. It also includes parts of more classical pieces such as Hallelujah Chorus. And of course, there are new songs as well.

As part of the cantata, we need a soloist. It could be either a male or a female. If you would be interested in singing the solo, let me know. I would like to have several people "try out" by Thanksgiving.

Come join us, even if you missed the kick off! Choir practices the second and third Sunday after church. We sing on the fourth Sunday of each month.

SUNSINE FELLOWSHIP



Wednesday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m., the fun starts. Join church friends for a game of chicken foot dominoes. Laughing is good for the soul. Bring a dish to share at lunch. Come at 10:00 or noon, stay the whole time, or just as long as you are able...we are usually finished by 2:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS



Tim & Lesa Brecht



Larry & Ashley Dantic



Ed & Judi Lanious



United Methodist Women Change Date, Time and Place of Meetings

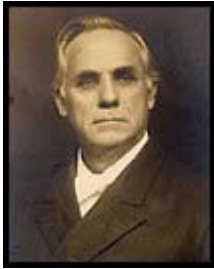
All women are invited to the next meeting of the UMW:

Mark your Calendars with the New Date, Time and Place:

2nd Saturday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 am with Breakfast in the Cottage
Program will be "Open Adoption" featuring the Gladney Center for Adoption

Gladney Center for Adoption has Methodist Heritage

The year was 1887, and the country's expansion westward continued at a feverish pace as land speculators rushed to stake their claim. Railroads forged track through the untamed prairies, leaving new cities in their wake. Train after train brought passengers to populate the bustling frontier towns. One train brought some very special cargo to such a community. Abandoned children from the northeastern part of the United States came to Fort Worth as part of the orphan train movement. Those who made it this far west were the "leftovers," the stronger having already been plucked from the trains to work in farms or factories. Methodist missionary minister I.Z.T. Morris (photo at left) took in these children, and working with local residents and the railroad, helped them find homes. Thus began The Children's Home Society, which was chartered in 1904 as The Texas Children's Home and Aid Society. Renamed The Edna Gladney Home in 1950, the non-sectarian, state licensed adoption agency is today known as the Gladney Center for Adoption. Consider that in 1929, when the orphan trains stopped, some 150,000 children had found new homes in what was called "one of the largest social experiments in American history." Orphaned, "illegitimate" children of this era at least had a chance to be cared for and loved. The young, unwed mother-to-be typically had almost no chance.



History of Leadership: Thanks to one tenacious woman, that all began to change. For 33 years Edna Gladney (photo at right) served as Superintendent of The Texas Children's Home and Aid Society. The tradition of reform and driving mission to serve the best interest of children continued in Edna Gladney as demonstrated in the way she championed breakthrough legislation, leading two fights for major change in adoption practices. First, in 1936 when, thanks to her efforts, a bill passed that made Texas the first state in the southwest to legally remove the stigma of illegitimacy from birth records. The second battle resulted in a bill being passed in 1951 that gave adopted children the same inheritance rights as biological children and recognized that they should be legally adopted rather than placed in long-term guardianship. Also during Mrs. Gladney's tenure, services were expanded to birth mothers when a small hospital was purchased in 1949 so the women could have a place to receive good medical care during their pregnancy. In addition to the hospital, the agency operated a Baby Home, where infants received care until their adoption.



Openness and Flexibility: It's hard to believe that as recently as 20 years ago birth mothers assumed fictitious names. Adoption today gives pregnant women the opportunity to create their own unique adoption plan. As part of this plan the birth mother can select the adoptive family and may choose to talk with the family before placement and correspond with them after placement through letters and pictures. This openness means that adoptive parents now have the opportunity to learn much more about the young woman who is about to give birth to their child. "Because adoptive parents have information about the biological parents, we believe children will be able to resolve questions they have about who they are and will have a strong sense of belonging," says Garrott. We believe that each adoption, like each family, is unique. That's why choices about the degree of openness are important; what is right for one situation is not right for all. So whether for adoptive families or birth parents, our goal is the same, to get to know and understand each unique situation so that, together, we can develop a customized adoption plan.

Planning for the Next 100 Years: Throughout its history, Gladney has recognized and embraced the changing needs of society and the shifting landscape of adoption. As a result, Gladney is an agency with global reach and impact. Since 1992, Gladney has been Creative Bright Futures Around the World through its Intercountry Adoption. Programs, placing thousands of babies and young children in homes throughout the United States. As a leader in intercountry adoption, the Gladney Center became among the first accredited in the U.S. as a Hague-compliant adoption agency. The Hague Convention protects children and their families against the risk of unregulated adoption abroad and ensures that intercountry adoptions are made in the best interest of children.

Gladney's Domestic Adoption Programs provide loving homes for infants and children of all races and backgrounds. In the New Beginnings program Gladney works with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in recruiting families for children waiting in the state foster care system. "It's really remarkable that Gladney has celebrated over 120 years of service, and that we're still continuing to evolve and grow," says President and CEO Frank Garrott.

At the core of Gladney's commitment to families is a philosophy: Family for Life. Every adoption is a lifelong journey. Gladney's Family Services department brings together parent education, home study services, counseling and resources to enhance the lives of all members of the Gladney family at all stages of that journey. Gladney is also supported by 17 Gladney Family Associations, which provide support to those waiting to adopt and those parenting adopted children. "We are trying to anticipate rather than react to trends in adoption," says Garrott. "We recognize our clients -- birth mothers, adoptive parents and especially children -- have different needs. Balancing those needs is important because we plan to be around for another 100 years."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	2 Nancy Wright & Marco Estrada's Birthday	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	6 Labor Day	7 Sarah Gaston & Garrett & Ellie Overman's Birthday	8 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	9	10 Nickolas Estrada's Birthday	11 UMM 9:00 am (Fellowship Hall) UMW 9:30 am (Cottage)
12 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am	13	14	15 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Carolyn Spillers & Nicholas Merz's Birthday	16 Synia Pruitt's Birthday	17	18 Community Health Fair 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
19 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Paul Dujka Jr. & April Melton's Birthday	20	21	22 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	23 Daniel Oldfield's Birthday	24	25 Picnic & Kevin and His Half Moon Band Performance 6:00 pm
26 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Lunch 11:45 am	27 Newsletter Deadline Dot Casey's Birthday	28 Roger Chandler's Birthday	29 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	30		