

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

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SERMON TITLES FOR FEBRUARY

February 5 TH	"Strength" -- Isaiah 40: 21-31
February 12 TH	"Be Clean!" -- Mark 1:40-45 -- Boy Scout Sunday
February 19 TH	"Love Matters Most" I Corinthians 14:1 – Transfiguration Sunday
February 26 TH	"Love is Patient, Love is Kind" -- I Corinthians 13: 4

40 DAYS OF LOVE TO KICK-OFF FEBRUARY 26TH WITH SUNDAY NIGHT HOME STUDY GROUPS

Rick Warren's popular Purpose Driven Life series has a follow-up that we will be exploring during the season of Lent. "40 Days of Love" takes a close look at I Corinthians 13. Often known as "The Love Chapter," it is read at weddings frequently. But Paul's intent in writing the chapter was to share Christ's love in all relationships, with family, friends and especially in the church.

"40 Days of Love" is a way you can grow during the Season of Lent. We will be studying it in Sunday morning worship starting February 26th. There is a Rick Warren book and a DVD that we will use in home study groups meeting at 5:00 pm Sundays at the following homes:

Paul and Laura Foreman
2401 Briarwood Cove
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104
972-293-2883

Jerry and Pat Gurson
927 Medalist Dr.
Dallas, Texas 75232
214-371-9154

Mrs. Nancy Wright
1512 Hnsboro Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75224
214-331-1312

We may be adding an additional location in Duncanville or DeSoto.

Sign-ups begin February 4th. Please take the time to come to a home study group. It's a great way to better get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ at Wheatland and to invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to take part in preparing our hearts for Easter.

PASTOR PETE'S PONDERINGS

When Jesus was asked the greatest commandment, He quickly identified the one that the people of God had known for centuries: "To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." And He reminded us of a second one that is equal in importance: "Love your neighbor as yourself." For 2,000 years, Christians have been trying to live those out. With mixed results.

Our prisons are filled with people whose families have given up on them. Yet church can sometimes be not much better. It's often said that the Army of God is the only Army in the world where we shoot our own wounded. We see families where members are not talking with each other. Author Stephen Covey once said that the love a parent shows to the most unlovable child speaks volumes to the rest of the family. Loving others is going to take a lot more than just trying harder. It takes spiritual power that is beyond our very human capabilities.

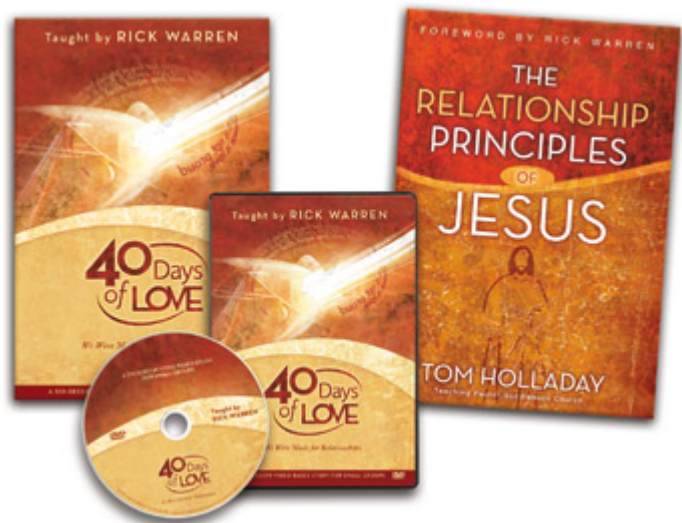
If we teach nothing else in our churches, we should teach the love of Jesus Christ, a love that spills over into every relationship.

Join me on our journey on "40 Days of Love" by Rick Warren this Lenten season, beginning Sunday, February 26th both in Sunday morning worship and in our new Sunday night Lenten home study groups.

Love truly conquers all.

I love you,

Pastor Pete





Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22nd

There will be imposition of ashes, communion, and burning our sins on little slips of paper...the smoke rising to the heavens to be turned over to God. This service starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends in silence.

PRISON PEN PAL MINISTRY



Ted Gruebbel connected with one prisoner several months ago, which grew to six prison pen pals at Wheatland over the last few months. A request for more pen pals is coming from other inmates, anxious to hear a word of encouragement from someone that cares. Won't you take a few minutes of your time to say hello? Names and addresses of these inmates will be available in church on Communion Sunday, February 5th. Pray about joining this ministry and making a difference in a life.

MERCYME CONCERT

Our Youth are going with Pastor Pete and Daria to American Airlines Center Friday, February 10th for the "Rock and Worship Road Show." Among the groups performing: MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Disciple, Hawk Nelson, Sidewalk Prophets and Rend Collective.

We will meet at the Wheatland Church parking lot at 6 pm. Tickets are \$10. Come join us.





Wheatland United Methodist Women will be meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Mary Rackowitz who is the director of Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid. She will be able to answer any questions about this food pantry that is supported by our church and Wheatland U.M.W. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend this meeting.

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results:

God is like.
BAYER ASPIRIN
He works miracles.

God is like.
AFORD
He's got a better idea..

God is like.
COKE
He's the real thing.

God is like.
HALLMARK CARDS
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like.
TIDE
He gets the stains out others leave behind. ..

God is like.
GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to life.

God is like.
WAL-MART
He has everything.

God is like.
ALKA-SELTZER
Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like.
SCOTCH TAPE
You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like..
DELTA
He's ready when you are.

God is like.
ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like.
VO-5 Hair Spray;He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like.
DIAL SOAP
Aren't you glad you have Him?
Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like .
The U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like.
Chevrolet. . . .the heart beat of America

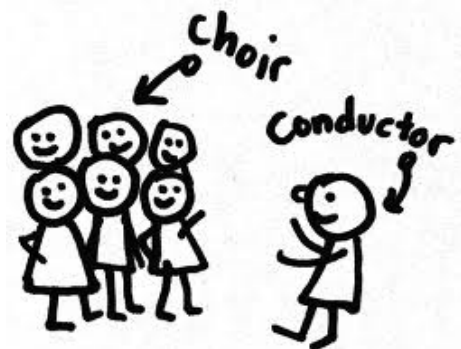
God is like
Maxwell House.
Good to the very last drop

God is like
B o u n t y
He is the quicker picker upper. . Can handle the tough jobs. ..
And He won't fall apart on you

CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED

We are very thankful to Gary Overman for his long service as the Wheatland Choir Director. We have enjoyed beautiful anthems and the Christmas Cantata was breath-taking. Gary has asked to step down to be able to spend more time with his family and give someone else a turn as choir director.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee, chaired by Gene Hudson, is requesting anyone interested in applying for the choir director position to submit a letter and/or resume.





SAVE THE DATE: SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

We are developing plans for a Spring Break Mission trip, possibly leaving Thursday, March 15th and returning Saturday, March 17th. We will have more details soon.

A big thank you to all the people who served with me in 2011. We are looking forward to 2012. Thought you all would like to know where we spent your money. We were very busy. We give all the glory to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nancy Wright, PMT Chairman

Projects Completed in 2011:

1. New pump, roof and door on the pump house. Pump froze and burst when we had the harsh below freezing weather the 1st part of 2011. With the help of Dick Mertz, we weather proofed the new pump and pipes prior to getting the new roof and door.
2. Fellowship Hall and Robe Room were broken into by vandals. Had deadbolt locks put on all doors. Repaired door on Fellowship Hall.
3. Had central heat / air installed in the building we rent to the Mennonites.
4. Replaced the A/C – furnaces in Fellowship Hall.
5. Paul got the icemaker repaired – yeah!
6. Installed ceiling fan in Pastor's office in the Cottage – Paul & Gary.
7. Four new commodes and handrail installed in ladies room and Fellowship Hall, donated free to Wheatland.
8. Vandals stole the new A/C units from the Mennonite building. We had a \$1,000 deductible and insurance paid \$4,000 for replacement of units.



A simple prayer started the **Souper Bowl of Caring** in a single South Carolina youth group 20 years ago. This national movement of God's love has donated over **\$81 million dollars** to local charities. This will be Wheatland's 12th year to participate.

The concept is simple.

February 5th, before the Super Bowl game, youth will hold large soup pots at the doors as you leave the worship service and ask for **one dollar** donations. All the money we collect goes directly to our **local food pantry: Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid**. We will be reporting our total donation so the national total can be determined. Listen for this announcement on your local news.

Pray for the success of this year's **Souper Bowl of Caring**: *“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who don't have a bowl of soup to eat.”*



Wheatland United
Methodist Church

*Wheatland United
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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www.wheatlandumc.org

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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 Luther Berry's Birthday	2	3 Shannon Hart's Birthday	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY Children's Church 9:00 am Disciple Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Worship 10:30 am	6 Mai Smith's Birthday	7 Ted Gruebbel's Birthday	8 Lightseekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Dylan Beazley & Araceli Istrada's Birthday	9 Bill Ross' Birthday	10	11
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