

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

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NEW SERMON SERIES The Lord's Prayer Path to Inner Peace

All of us would like to feel at peace with ourselves on the inside. We often go to great lengths to try to find what will calm us down, what will de-stress us, what will give us that inner peace. The Bible says the key to inner peace is prayer. The Lord's Prayer is eight different phrases; and each phrase brings peace in your life. Starting in January we're going to take a detailed look at each individual phrase and what it means to your life. I hope you'll not only learn to pray the Lord's Prayer but you'll learn to live it.

January 4 th	The Prayer of Connection
January 11 th	The Prayer of Recognition
January 18 th	The Prayer of Surrender
January 25 th	The Prayer of Dependence
February 1 st	The Prayer of Cleansing
February 8 th	The Prayer of Release
February 15 th	The Prayer of Protection
February 22 nd	The Prayer of Blessing

PLANNED GIFTS FOR FUTURE MINISTRIES----- Do you have a dream for our church?

Many of us have dreams for our church. Some have visions for youth programs or local outreach ministries. For others, the dream might include provisions for church building maintenance or an expansion of the church's music program.

In most churches, the interest is there, but funds are limited. Planned gifts can help make these dreams a reality by providing the necessary financial resources.

This is not a new, untried approach. For years now, people have helped make their dreams come true for their churches through sound financial planning, including planned gifts.

What is a planned gift? A planned gift is any gift, large or small, given with forethought. A planned gift to our church is a financial gift structured to serve the needs of the church as well as the giver. A planned gift may take the form of an outright gift during your lifetime, a bequest through your will or other estate plan, a trust, or a life income gift.

Do you have a dream for our church? More information about planned giving will be coming soon!

Pastor Kay's Korner

Well, it is that time of year again! Time to think about the past, learn from my mistakes and grow from those experiences. Time to look to the future and put any plans and projects on the calendar that I have for the New Year. I hate to think in terms of resolutions because that just promotes failure with me. I can't think of a single resolution that I have ever kept. Perhaps I should make resolutions that I would enjoy, things that I know I can keep.

When making resolutions, you should always think about your health. I have heard that a person needs to play, relax, have a hobby they enjoy. So, I think I will resolve that I will take one morning a week to sew on my beloved projects...quilts. Perhaps instead of resolving to actually finish some of my projects, I will just resolve to sew for 4 hours a week. I can look forward to that!



I also think that instead of resolving to clean out all the closets in the house, I will just resolve to work on closets for 3 hours a week. ..perhaps that can be the afternoon project for the sewing morning. Maybe if I tackle it in little spurts, I will actually get them cleaned out this year. I count clean closets as a health issue, it would reduce the stress of knowing it needs to be done!

And then everyone needs to make a resolution about their faith...so, I resolve to deepen my faith by continuing to attend my weekly small groups. I am a member of two...Lightseekers and Wheatlandettes. Both are wonderful groups and I know I can keep that resolution...that is almost like saying I'm going to resolve to eat more chocolate!

I think it might be cheating for me to say that I resolve to attend worship 100% of my Sunday's this year. I try to attend worship when we are on vacation...I count it as research and enjoy seeing how other pastors lead worship...but sometimes it is difficult or I just get lazy on vacation...so this year I will resolve to attend worship every Sunday in 2009.

Perhaps, I can keep these resolutions. But one thing I resolve to do is not to get hung up on resolutions. I will live life one day at a time, starting the day with God's word, both written and spoken to me through thoughts and prayers...and maybe God will tell me to heck with these resolutions, He might have bigger and better plans for me. I resolve to be open and flexible to God's plans for me. One of my favorite Bible verses is...

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

God has plans for you too! My wish for you in the New Year is that you will hear God and you will prosper and have hope for the future because God is in your life.

See you in worship!

Pastor Kay

CALLING ALL 2009 CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

We will have a calendaring session on January 24th at 10 a.m. This gives you 20 days to plan and have a meeting with your team members. There are two Saturdays and two Sundays on which you can have those meetings.

Saturdays... Methodist Men will meet on the 10th, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. You have the whole rest of the day to schedule a meeting. Methodist Women meet on January 17th from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. You can schedule your meeting before UMW or you can schedule it in the afternoon before game night which is 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Of course, you can have a late meeting after game night.

And then there are the Sundays. The choir will be practicing immediately after church on the 11th and 18th, but after that, the day is wide open for meetings. I would be happy to stay the day and meet with all your teams.

And then there are all those week day evenings. Feel free to schedule a meeting Monday through Friday excluding Wednesday nights as that is the small group meeting night. Hopefully out of all those opportunities, you can find a time to meet.

Why do you need to meet? I'd like dates on the calendar for outings, for VBS, for movie nights, for musicals, and for church wide clean up days. Let's think about having musicians in to entertain us. Let's think about educational events that our congregation would be interested in...like preparing wills or making advent wreathes to hang in our church during Christmas. When is the pet blessing? Do we want to have Advent mid-week worship? The schedule is yours, the calendar is blank. Let's make 2009 the best year yet.

CALENDARING

What would you like to see the church do in 2009? A new thing that we did this past year was that we made Chrismons...and those involved suggested that we might want to make this craft night an annual event. It was fun.

Your ideas do count. Please think about what programs would be good for the members at Wheatland. Especially think about ideas that will reach other people to bring them into the church. These ideas could be mission ideas, worship ideas, small group programs, entertainment, etc.

We will be having a calendaring session on Saturday, January 24th at 10 a.m. We will brainstorm a few minutes and then go to our calendars. We'll break at noon for sandwiches and soup and then finish any calendaring that we didn't get finished that morning. If you come prepared with ideas for events and possible dates, the morning will go much quicker and be more productive.

It is important for the team leaders to meet with their teams to plan events before this meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, but team leaders are expected at the meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend, please let the pastor know the events you would like to put on the calendar.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new Wheatland Church Directory is hot off the press. Thanks to Marie Libby for gathering the information and getting it all typed up. And thanks to Jan Cavender for getting it printed and stapled for us. It looks great! These are given out at church. If you have not received yours, please ask Marie for a copy next time you see her. Also, remember that there are some members of the church that are in our on-line directory.

CHRISTMAS PICTURES www.wheatlandumc.org

If your child sat on Santa's lap at Wheatland, then your child is probably on the web-site. Click on the picture and save it to your computer and you can make a copy of it for your own photo album.

The web-site is awesome with pictures of all the Christmas activities. Check it out routinely for what is happening at the church.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The annual officer (team leader) training event will be on Saturday, January 31st from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Kessler Park United Methodist Church, 1215 Turner Ave., Dallas. All team leaders and interested people are encouraged to attend this event. Even though you have held this particular church office before, you may be inspired to try something different. It is a time where leaders from the churches in the Dallas South District gather and share ideas. It is time well spent.

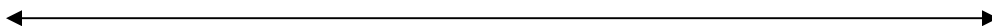
The Schedule...

8:30 a.m.	Sign-in, gathering (coffee and pastries)
9 a.m.	Welcome
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Training

The Speakers...

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Jim Pledger, First Sherman
ADMINISTRATION	Milton Gutierrez
FAITH AND FAMILY FUNDS	Gary Kindley
STEWARDSHIP	Richard Caperton, Texas Methodist Foundation

There will be a Cokesbury display where you can pick up literature for your area of ministry.

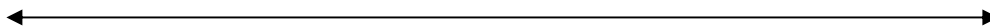


GAME NIGHT SURPRISE!!!

The best attended game night of 2008 was when the girl scouts served us a delicious dinner of chicken tetrazzini . We have a treat in store for us for the first game night of 2009. Someone has volunteered to cook for us! So start off 2009 joining others in eating fantastic food, and having fun and fellowship throughout the evening. This meal will be equally as delicious although it won't be the formal dinner that the girls so graciously served us. There will be plenty of food so invite your friends. Perhaps they can make this a monthly event on their calendar too!

Watch your bulletin for the menu and reservation form. And if unfortunately you miss church right before game night, check our web site; inserts and announcements are on the web! We will need a tentative head count.

Game night will be January 17th at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Dugald Satterfield acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

We received a very pretty thank you card with a personal note attached from the House of Healing Mennonite Church...

I want to thank all of the Church members for your cards, prayers and the lovely flowers sent to us during this difficult time...Lovingly, Mary Satterfield

Pastor Kay, thank you and your congregation for the hospitality and all the ways you have made us feel welcomed.

I am again pleased to report that for the 7th year in a row, (since we began our OCCEA Outreach Mission); we have set another yearly record (as soon as I drive over and give them the food in my car and a check for \$369.00). This brings our total for 2008 to: **\$5,204.00 !!!!!** The total for 2007 was: \$4,971.00....

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Dick

2009 Proposed Leadership of Wheatland United Methodist Church

Based on our Five Purposes

THE WORSHIP TEAM – This team is assigned the purpose of worship. Their job is to plan and oversee our Sunday services, special worship emphasis and events, and to provide music and worship resources to the rest of the church.

Ted Gruebbel, Worship Team Leader
Ted GruebbelAccompanist
Ann Powell Communion Preparation
Paul Foreman Communion Bread
Laura Foreman Song Leader
Patsy Brooks Choir Director
Verda Wright
Jan Cavender
Ona Calvo

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM – This team is assigned the purpose of fellowship. It is their business to care for the flock (sending cards for illness, deaths, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.). They oversee weddings, funerals, pastoral care, hospital visitation, and benevolence within the congregation. Finally, this team is responsible for all major fellowship events within our church family and for encouraging each small group to have fellowship events (they can do this by providing resources and ideas to the small groups).

Janice Fannin, Fellowship Team Leader
Edie Combs Sick/Funeral Coordinator
Eleanor Wooley Sick/Funeral Caller
Diana West Sunshine Coordinator
Nancy Hord Assistant Sunshine Coordinator
Ellen Berry Wedding Coordinator
Adlonious Wilson Bulletin Board
Kathy Priester Bulletin Board Assistant
Gene Hudson Sunday Donuts
Muriel Rowell Cards to MIA
Mae Hazzard Mai Smith
Lou Scott Laura Fannin
Kornellie Marek James Marek

THE DISCIPLESHIP TEAM – This team is assigned the purpose of leading our members to a deeper spiritual commitment to help them to develop spiritual maturity. It is responsible for all Bible studies, Sunday School classes, confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and special church wide spiritual growth campaigns. They produce family devotional guides, a list of Bible Study curriculums and other resources to help believers grow.

Laura Foreman, Discipleship Team Leader
Cathy Gruebbel Adult Ministry Coordinator
Cathie Green Youth Ministry Coordinator
Paul Foreman Children Ministry Coordinator
Michelle Durham Nursery Ministry Coordinator
Cathie Green Spiritual Director
All Sunday School and Small Group Leaders

THE MINISTRY TEAM (Nominations) – This team is assigned the purpose of ministry. Their job is to turn members into ministers by helping discover their SHAPE for ministry and guiding them to find either an existing place for ministry or a new ministry. The goal of this team is to help every member of the church find a meaningful place of service that best expresses his or her gifts and abilities.

Ted and Cathy Gruebbel, Ministry Team Leaders
Pastor Kay Hord, ex-officio Jan Cavender, 09
Donna West, 09 Kathy Priester, 10
Paul Foreman, 10 Diana West, 11

THE OUTREACH TEAMS – These teams are assigned the purpose of missions and church growth (evangelism). Their job is to plan, promote, and oversee all mission projects and the church's evangelistic activities and programs. They are to organize whatever it takes to reach our community and our world for Christ.

MISSIONS TEAM
Kathy Estrada, Missions Team Leader
Dick Merz Victorene Green
Adlonious Wilson Edwin Wilson

CHURCH GROWTH TEAM
Donna West, Church Growth Team Leader
Ted Gruebbel Visitor card contact
Paul Foreman Webmaster and News Releases
VISITOR OUTREACH "MUGGERS":
Peggy Beazley and Mai Smith Desoto
Linda Sharp and Mae Hazzard Duncanville
Paul and Laura Foreman Grand Prairie
Donna West and Joshua East Oak Cliff
Joyce Merz and Ann Powell South Oak Cliff
Beckie Wilson West Oak Cliff

THE SUPPORT TEAMS
FINANCE TEAM
George Hord, Finance Team Leader
Kathy Priester Bookkeeper
Ted Gruebbel Financial Secretary
Edwin Wilson Financial Secretary
Dot Casey Check Signer
Gene Hudson Check Signer
Nancy Hord Offering

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM
Gene Hudson, Staff Parish Relations Team Leader
Laura Fannin, 09 Jan Cavender, 09
Ted Gruebbel, 10 Victorene Green, 10
Paul Foreman, 11 Marie Libby, 11

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM (Building & Grounds)
Team Leader to be elected by team
Gene Hudson, 09 Paul Foreman, 09
Pablo Estrada, 09 Peggy Beazley, 10
Janice Fannin, 10 George Hord, 10
Jan Cavender, 11 Dot Casey, 11
Dick Merz, 11

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT TEAM
Diana West, Permanent Endowment Team Leader
Dot Casey, 09 Gene Hudson, 09
Cathy Gruebbel, 09 Mai Smith, 10
Jan Cavender, 10 John Snipes, 11
Mary Rerat, 11 Marie Libby, 11

Diana West Administrative Council Chair
Donna West Lay Leader
Laura Foreman Lay Member to Annual Conf.
Joyce Merz Alternate to Annual Conference
Jan Cavender Recording Secretary
Paul Foreman Church Historian
Marie Libby Church Historian

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.*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.wheatlandumc.org

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January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>EVERY SUNDAY</p> <p>Worship 10:30 am</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Kelly Schuler's Birthday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Jerad Akin's Birthday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>No Quilting</p> <p>Mae Hazzard's Birthday</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Property Mgmt. Team</p> <p>11:45 am</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sunshine Fellowship:</p> <p>10:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes:</p> <p>6:45 pm</p> <p>Route 66:</p> <p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>UMM – 9:00 am</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Choir 11:45 am</p> <p>Laura Marceleno Foreman & Gene Hudson's Birthday</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Zelma Huffstutler & Fred Calvo's Birthday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Dugald & Mary Satterfield's Anniversary</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Lightseekers:</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes:</p> <p>6:45 pm</p> <p>Route 66:</p> <p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>UMW</p> <p>12:30 pm</p> <p>Game Night</p> <p>6:00 pm</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Choir 11:45 am</p> <p>Victorene Green's Birthday</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Marie Libby's Birthday</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Lightseekers:</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes:</p> <p>6:45 pm</p> <p>Route 66:</p> <p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>All Church Calendaring Event</p> <p>10:00 am</p> <p>Olga Olson, Linda Sharp & Ann Powell's Birthday</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Fellowship Luncheon</p> <p>11:45 am</p> <p>Administrative Council</p> <p>1:15 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Donna West's Birthday</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lightseekers:</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes:</p> <p>6:45 pm</p> <p>Route 66:</p> <p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>District Leadership Training</p> <p>8:30 – Noon</p> <p>Kessler Park United Methodist Church</p>