

# Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

## **SERMON SERIES on The Book of Jonah**

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The book of Jonah is a very small book in the Bible. It can be read in about 30 minutes. Each Sunday we will be studying one of the 4 chapters in the Book of Jonah. As with all the characters in the Bible, we can learn much that is beneficial to us today as we study about Jonah. Jonah is not just a fish story, it is about a man of God who chose not to do as God wanted and then finally giving in, did so reluctantly. It is a story about God's grace and how God can use people even when they don't want to be used.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Runaway Prophet

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Praying in the Belly of a Fish

September 6<sup>th</sup> – The Nature of repentance

September 13<sup>th</sup> – God's Great Concern and Our Petty Concerns

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DALLAS SOUTH DISTRICT MEETING**

Mark your calendars for the Dallas South UMW District meeting to be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Community UMC. The speaker will be Dr. Carolyn E. Johnson, former Women's Division president.

The UMW Annual meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at FUMC, Wichita Falls. This District meeting is the same day as our usual monthly Wheatland UMW meeting. Watch the bulletin for announcements about this meeting. The women will probably gather at the church at about 8 a.m. to go to the district meeting together and then not have their usual afternoon meeting.

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The UMM group will have their regular meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. This group meets for a delicious breakfast, fellowship and inspiration. All men are invited to attend.

# Pastor Kay's Korner

Thank you so much for allowing me to have three weeks off last month. It was restful even though I was busy. I knew that Ted and Laura would deliver great messages and that the church was in good hands. I didn't worry about what was going on at Wheatland while I was away. I missed you and thought about you, but I didn't worry. Thanks to all of you that kept things running smoothly while I was gone.



I helped my daughter Missy paint the interior walls in her home. The most difficult area was the stair well which really needed painted as they had removed the wallpaper but had not painted it. Missy has moved to Maine and since she will be there for 5 years while she attends the University of Maine, she decided to purchase an older home (built in 1920). She has two roommates, I was fortunate to meet one of them during my stay there. She was quite nice.

I had never been to Maine and found it to be a beautiful cool place to live. God has really done a marvelous job of making his creation so beautiful and diverse. The neighbors were friendly. The people in the stores were friendly. I marveled at how many clerks they have at Home Depot and Lowes. There were always people wanting to help us and willing to talk to us and answer our questions about the area as well as our home repair problems.

Unfortunately, the one place we didn't feel was friendly was either of the two churches we attended. They were both United Methodist Churches. The ministers had good messages. Both churches had special music which was terrific. The male minister at the first church played the trumpet during all the hymns...he was excellent and I enjoyed listening to him play. Both churches had nice organs. However, even though they sang hymns out of the same hymnal that we use, I didn't know the songs and I missed a song leader leading me in those unfamiliar hymns. At the first church the minister didn't even speak to us. At the second church, the minister was quite friendly as we left the church and invited Missy back for some special things they do for the students at the university. However, no one else spoke to us.

There really is no place like home! Thank you for being so friendly to our guests. It really does make a difference to have someone speak to you...to have someone care about you. We are to reach out to our guests as though our guest is Jesus Christ visiting. We are to let God's love shine through us to our guests. I feel that you do that very well and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



I loved Maine. I loved being with my daughter. But I love being home and back at Wheatland. I missed you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Kay

## What is your God given purpose on earth?

The Nominations and Personnel Team will be meeting during the months of September and October to nominate members and visitors to be on specific teams. There will be signup sheets in fellowship hall for you to volunteer to be on one or more of these teams. The team descriptions will be on the top of each team signup sheet. Those same descriptions are listed below. Please read them over carefully and then prayerfully consider where you might be able to serve your church, your God. What purpose has God put you here on earth for? What are you passionate about? If you have questions about any of these team responsibilities, please contact the pastor at 972-533-8919. Usually team meetings are held after church on a Sunday.

**THE WORSHIP 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.

**THE FELLOWSHIP 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 do this by providing resources and ideas to the small groups).

**THE DISCIPLESHIP 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.

**THE MINISTRY TEAM** (Nominations) 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.

**THE OUTREACH TEAMS** These two 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

### CHURCH GROWTH TEAM

### THE SUPPORT TEAMS

**FINANCE TEAM** oversees the money of the church, both incoming and outgoing. We are to use God's money in the most efficient and effective way that we can.

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM** oversees the employees of the church.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM** (Building & Grounds) cares for our property to keep it in good condition for the years ahead. They are especially aware of any safety issues. They know that the building and grounds is the first impression guests have of Wheatland Church.

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT TEAM** focuses on educating the congregation on the opportunities available for them to invest their money in God's kingdom...the church.

**LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE** represent Wheatland Church at annual conference to be held in Wichita Falls in June of 2010.

**CHURCH HISTORIANS** maintain and preserve the church history both current and past.



**Sunshine Fellowship**

September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the date of our next game day. Join your pew mates and friends for a friendly game of chicken foot dominoes. Bring a guest. Bring a dish to share at lunch. The fun starts at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Games are usually over at about 2 p.m.



**CH<sup>2</sup>**  
**(CHRISTIAN HAPPY HOUR)**  
**Food, Fun, and Fellowship**



**September 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.**

CH<sup>2</sup> – Christian Happy Hour – Game Night...whatever you call it, it is fun. Every third Saturday night, we gather to eat and play games. We enjoy each other's company as we get to know one another better. The fun starts at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The next date for game night will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Variety Show, Spaghetti Dinner**



October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the variety show. This is only 3 days into October, so don't let it sneak up on you! Start thinking about what you can do to entertain those present at the show! Comedy, drama, singing, dancing, or playing a musical instrument...the ideas are limitless. Get a few friends together and put your heads together to see what you can do for the show. The variety show is the highlight of the year. You may play the piano or the washboard. You may sing or you may yodel. You may dance or you may recite poetry. The opportunities are unlimited. Go for it!

**Church Luncheon**

Thank you to everyone who signed up and helped with last month's lunch. Everyone's efforts are appreciated.

**Reminder:** The following people have signed up to help at this month's lunch on **September 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**Set-Up**

Diana West  
 Mae Hazzard  
 Linda Sharp  
 Cathy Gruebbel

**Clean-Up**

Cathie Green  
 Diana West  
 Gene Hudson  
 Cathy Gruebbel

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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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**SEPTEMBER, 2009**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>EVERY SUNDAY</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am</p>		1	2 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Marcos Estrada & Nancy Wright's Birthday	3	4	5 Quilting 9:00 am
6 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Communion Sunday Property Mgmt 11:45 am	7 LABOR DAY Sara Gaston's Birthday	8	9 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	10 Nickolas Estrada's Birthday	11	12 UMM 9:00 am Karen Monk's Birthday
13 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am	14	15 Carolyn Spillers & Nicholas Merz's Birthday	16 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm  Sylvia Pruitt's Birthday	17	18	19 UMW 12:30 pm Game Night 6:00 pm
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