

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom



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Jesus spoke in parables and he gave examples that the people in his day would have understood. He talked about separating the wheat and the chaff, he talked about the leaven in bread, and about oil in lamps. Today, we aren't farmers and we seldom bake our own bread and we turn on light switches. But as the fall season starts, we do know about football. In this new series of sermons, we will study how the game of football is played can relate to how we live our lives in the church. Join us on Sunday mornings as we study the big play book.



September 20th-----The Football Team and the Church

September 27th----- Footballs and Mountaintops

October 4th ----- Building a Team

October 11th-----Football Thanksgiving

October 11, 2009 at 4 p.m.

Ovilla UMC

In honor of Dennis Hudson's 60th birthday.



Small sandwiches and deserts will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the singing and any free will offering given for the food will go toward Ovilla's Lord's Acre.

Hymn Sing

Pastor Kay's Korner

Last week I attended a conference in Branson Missouri. Yes, I saw a show. It was "Noah, the Musical". After the first half, I felt that I was not getting my monies worth, but when the curtains opened after intermission, I felt differently. It was as though the audience was inside the ark. To



each side of us and in front of us there were 3 stories of animals...some real, some electronic. It was truly amazing. At the first of the show they introduced the show as being a fictional musical of the story of Noah's Ark. It did stick pretty close to what we read in our Bible, but they filled in some of the blank spots and dramatized others. It was a good show and I will remember those animals for quite some time to come. I haven't figured out if the cow was real or not. If it was real, it looked kind of thin and frail, but its movements certainly were life like!

I suppose that means that I jumped too quickly to an incorrect conclusion that the show was not really that good. How many times do we do that in life...jump to incorrect conclusions. We judge a book by its cover, or we judge a person by our first impression which is not always correct. We judge a new church program negatively without even giving it a chance.

That's what this conference was all about...programming for senior adults. They didn't like that term but they didn't come up with anything any better, although they liked S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Ministry better because it stood for something....Spirituality, Enrichment, Nutrition/Fitness, Intergenerational, Outreach/Evangelism, Recreational, and Service. They listed about 64 ideas for programming. One of them was to start a kitchen band. Does anyone know how to play the stew pot?

I think we do pretty good at Wheatland, although room for improvement. I think I will start out by appointing a team to work on Older Adult programming. Would you like to be on that team?

Psalm 92:12-14..."*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.*"

Gene Hudson is looking forward to his 90th birthday in January. He still bears fruit in old age, but I'm not sure he would call it old age. He is active and still works one morning a week at OCCEA bagging groceries for people who have nothing to eat.

God has a job for each and every one of us, and we don't have to be in those later years for God to use us, but if we are in those later years, he will still use you. If all you can do is smile, then brighten someone's day with your smile. Let God's love shine through you.

See you Sunday in worship,

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The 3rd quarter Administrative Council Meeting will be held on October 18 at 12:30 p.m. We will approve the 2010 budget and check out the nominations proposal. These items have to be sent to the district office on October 19th.

All team leaders are to hand in a written report at this meeting that can be given to the District Superintendent at charge conference.

There will be a "build your own sandwich" table before this meeting.

LAITY SUNDAY

October 18th is laity Sunday. This is kind of like "take your child to work with you day". It is your chance to see what it feels like to be behind the pulpit on a Sunday morning...and the pastor's chance to sit in the pews and enjoy a service from that perspective. We will need readers, song leaders, speakers, people who will pray, etc. The pastor has requested that people who regularly volunteer their gifts in the worship service, will be able to sit in the pew with her and others will lead the worship service. Our lay speakers will be organizing this service. Please say "yes", when one of them calls.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference will be November 1st at 4:00 p.m. District Superintendent Milton Gutierrez will preside and will open the meeting with a devotional. Wheatland's charge conferences are always fun and entertaining as well as getting a few business items voted on. Details have not been finalized, but we will have a dinner, entertainment, and awards. Our newest members will be honored and introduced to our DS. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details to follow.



CH²
(CHRISTIAN HAPPY HOUR)
Food, Fun, and Fellowship

October 17th – 6:00 pm



CH² – Christian Happy Hour – Game Night...Bring a dish to share, enjoy a game of chicken foot cominos or bring a game and teach others how to play it. Invite your friends to this evening of good company, good food, and good fun.



SUNSHINE FELLOWSHIP

October 7 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.



AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

Wheatland United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 1st

Awards Ceremony 4:00 p.m.

Dinner and Variety Show 5:00 p.m.

While enjoying a delicious meal, help the choir earn money to support the music ministry. Cost of the meal is \$5, but additional money will be accepted as offered! (Children' meals are \$3)

Invite your friends out to dinner and to an evening of delightful entertainment. Of course, both will be priceless!

Dust off your tap shoes, shine the harmonica, write a poem, tell a story, strengthen your vocal cords...we need you! All performers, please inform Jan Cavender of your act so that you may be placed on the program.



INTERESTED IN WELCOMING PEOPLE?

There will be a seminar at Kessler Park on Saturday, October 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This will be very informative. The district information about this meeting states "Information will be presented that would be worthwhile for the pastor, trustees, lay leaders, administrative chair, finance and anyone dealing with hospitality in the church." The pastor is happily performing a marriage ceremony that morning and cannot be at two places at one time so is encouraging anyone else interested to attend and bring back information to the administrative council the following Sunday. Please consider attending this meeting. Call the pastor at 972-533-8919 if you can attend.

**We catch'm
We cook'm
You eat'm**



The October Fellowship Luncheon (October 25th) will be an all you can eat fried catfish and potato dinner. This is sponsored by United Methodist Men. Bring your family and invite your friends. This is a fund raiser event and there will be a donation jar on the table. Proceeds will go to fund their mission projects.

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 **October 25th**:

Set-Up

Jan Cavender
Edie Combs
Carolyn Spillers

Clean-Up

Cathie Green
Gene Hudson
Mai Smith
Peggy Beazley

Blessing of Pets



Sunday, October 18, 2009

4:00 p.m.

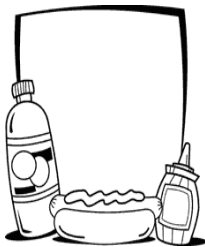
Wheatland United Methodist
Church



All are
invited!

Stay for dinner....
Hot dogs, chips
and brownies,
plus treats for
your pet.

Pastor Kay will bestow a heartfelt blessing on each
and every pet and their owner.



United Methodist Women will meet on October 17th in
the Cottage at 12:30 p.m. Join this group for inspiration,
fellowship, and mission education. We will also
rehearse our act for the variety show at this meeting. All
members are encouraged to attend.

To Our Friends at Wheatland:

Thank you so much for the prayers and all the beautiful cards and e-mails.

Troy came home Friday. He is doing good, not eating that much, is walking with a walker and sleeps a lot. He has an appointment Friday with our family doctor so he'll tell us what to do.

I am doing well but it has been a rough month. Having a cleaning lady and the meals on wheels really helps.

The Lord is watching over us and I know whatever happens, He is there to see us through. We love each one of you. New friends are nice but old friends are the best. Keep us in your prayers.



We love you,

Troy and Wilma



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DENNY!

THE *LORD'S PRAYER* - Rather cleverly done. This is in two parts, the prayer (in blue type) and GOD (in red type)-in response.

"Our Father Who Art In Heaven.
Yes?
Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.
But -- you called ME!
Called you?
No, I didn't call you.
I'm praying.
Our Father who art in Heaven.
There -- you did it again!
Did what?
Called ME.
You said,
"Our Father who art in Heaven"
Well, here I am..
What's on your mind?
But I didn't mean anything by it.
I was, you know, just saying my
prayers for the day.
I always say the Lord's Prayer.
It makes me feel good,
kind of like fulfilling a duty.
Well, all right.
Go on.
Okay, Hallowed be thy name .
Hold it right there.
What do you mean by that?
By what?
By "Hallowed be thy name"?
It means, it means ... good grief,
I don't know what it means.
How in the world should I know?
It's just a part of the prayer.
By the way, what does it mean?
It means honored, holy, wonderful.
Hey, that makes sense..
I never thought about what 'hallowed'
meant before.
Thanks.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Do you really mean that?
Sure, why not?
What are you doing about it?
Doing? Why, nothing, I guess.
I just think it would be kind of neat if
you got control, of everything down
here like you have up there. We're
kinda in a mess down here you know.
Yes, I know;
but, have I got control of you?
Well, I go to church..
That isn't what I asked you.
What about your bad temper?
You've really got a problem there, you
know.
And then there's the way you spend
your money -- all on yourself.
And what about the kind of books you
read ?
Now hold on just a minute!
Stop picking on me!
I'm just as good as some of the rest of
those People at church!

Excuse ME..
I thought you were praying
for my will to be done..
If that is to happen,
it will have to start with the ones
who are praying for it.
Like you -- for example ..
Oh, all right. I guess I do have some
hang-ups.
Now that you mention it,
I could probably name some others.
So could I.
I haven't thought about it very much
until now,
but I really would like to cut out
some of those things.
I would like to, you know, be really
free.
Good.
Now we're getting somewhere.
We'll work together -- You and ME.
I'm proud of You.
Look, Lord, if you don't mind,
I need to finish up here.
This is taking a lot longer than it
usually does.
Give us this day, our daily bread.
You need to cut out the bread..
You're overweight as it is.
Hey, wait a minute! What is this?
Here I was doing my religious duty,
and all of a sudden you break in
and remind me of all my hang-ups.
Praying is a dangerous thing.
You just might get what you ask for.
Remember, you called ME -- and
here I am.
It's too late to stop now.
Keep praying. (pause ..)
Well, go on.
I'm scared too.
Scared? Of what?
I know what you'll say.
Try ME.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against
us.
What about Ann?
See? I knew it!
I knew you would bring her up!
Why, Lord, she's told lies about me,
spread stories.
She never paid back the money she
owes me.
I've sworn to get even with her!
But -- your prayer --
What about your prayer?
I didn't -- mean it..
Well, at least you're honest.
But, it's quite a load
carrying around all that
bitterness and resentment isn't it?
Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I
get even with her.
Boy, have I got some plans for her.
She'll wish she had never been
born.

No, you won't feel any better.
You'll feel worse.
Revenge isn't sweet.
You know how unhappy you are --
Well, I can change that.
You can? How?
Forgive Ann.
Then, I'll forgive you;
And the hate and the sin,
will be Ann's problem -- not yours.
You will have settled the problem
as far as you are concerned.
Oh, you know, you're right.
You always are.
And more than I want revenge,
I want to be right with You . . (sigh).
All right, all right . .
I forgive her.
There now!
Wonderful!
How do you feel?
Hmmmm. Well, not bad.
Not bad at all!
In fact, I feel pretty great!
You know, I don't think I'll go to bed
uptight tonight.
I haven't been getting much rest,
you know.
Yeah, I know.
But, you're not through with your
prayer,
are you?
Go on.
Oh, all right.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Good! Good! I'll do that.
Just don't put yourself in a place
where you can be tempted.
What do you mean by that?
You know what I mean.
Yeah. I know.
Okay.
Go ahead. Finish your prayer.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.
Do you know what would bring me
glory?
What would really make me
happy?
No, but I'd like to know.
I want to please you now.
I've really made a mess of things.
I want to truly follow you..
I can see now how great that would
be.
So, tell me . . .
How do I make you happy?
YOU just did".

Now Please pass this on!!! - I
did.....

OCTOBER 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>EVERY SUNDAY</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am</p>				<p>1 Prince Gbenjen's Birthday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Quilting 9:00 am</p>
<p>4 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am World Communion Sunday Property Mgmt 11:45 am</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Janice Fannin's Birthday</p>	<p>8 Dick & Joyce Merz's Anniversary</p>	<p>9 Evelyn Coats' & Esther Baker's Birthday</p>	<p>10 UMM 9:00 am</p>
<p>11 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 Anna Albert's Birthday</p>	<p>16 Mary Rerat's Birthday</p>	<p>17 UMW 12:30 pm Game Night 6:00 pm</p>
<p>18 LAITY SUNDAY Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Admin Council 12:30 pm Pet Blessing & Hot Dog Dinner 4:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Edie Combs' Birthday</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Passion Play in Glen Rose</p>
<p>25 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Lunch 11:45 am</p>	<p>26 Newsletter article deadline</p>	<p>27 Kenneth Priester's Birthday</p>	<p>28 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Billy Rowell's Birthday</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Halloween Trunk or Treat 5:00 – 6:00 pm Brenda LaGard's Birthday</p>

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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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