

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom



SERMON SERIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER by Pastor Kay

November, 2009

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Christmas Eve is well attended by you...our members. Christmas Eve at other churches is well attended by members and first time visitors! How do we do this? Starting the 1st Sunday of advent, November 29th, we will be studying the book Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith written by Bill Hybels. This is a study guide and DVD series designed for small group study. There is also a larger textbook for anyone wanting to purchase it for a little more in-depth study or for people who do not want to attend a small group. I am asking all Sunday School classes and small groups to suspend the studies you are doing and start this 4 week study on November 29th. I will also be preaching on the subject. This book is a continuation of the study Becoming a Contagious Christian also written by Bill Hybels, so I will preach from that book for the three weeks before the 29th. By the time Christmas Eve gets here, we should all be prepared and well equipped to invited several people to our Christmas Eve service. People want to attend church at Christmas and we have many activities besides the Christmas Eve service that visitors would find enjoyable. Don't just invite your neighbors and friends, bring them!

Looking ahead...December dates to put on your calendar.

- December 4, 6:00 p.m. - Trip to Waxahachie - Bethlehem Revisited
- December 5, 9:00 a.m. - Quilting
- December 6, 4:00 p.m. - Children's program/dinner/Church party
- December 12, 9:00 a.m. - United Methodist Men's meeting
- December 13, 1:30 p.m. - Lunch for carolers, Christmas caroling, dinner for carolers
- December 19, 10:00 a.m. - Women's Christmas luncheon/party sponsored by United Methodist Women
- December 20, 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Cantata sang by the Wheatland Choir, written by Mr. Bob Brooks
- December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve worship service
- December 31, 8:00 p.m. - New Year's Eve party and worship at 11:45 p.m.

Pastor Kay's Korner

We had been adding coolant to my radiator occasionally. Tuesday when I was taking the grandson's to music lessons, I happened to look down at the dashboard while stopped at a traffic light. The little light in the lower right hand corner that says "Check Gauges" was a brilliant yellow. I started right above that little light and moved my eyes up and over and then down on the left side...the temperature gauge was in the RED! I prayed for the light to change. It changed and as we moved forward the wind on the radiator cooled it and the temperature gauge slowly inched to the left again. But whoops we were at another red light. I told the boys, we need a green light, the van is overheating, we don't want it to overheat. And it seemed that the gauge moved considerably faster to the right and to the red line than it did when it had gone down previously. One of the grandson's asked if the car was going to blow up or catch on fire. I assured him that it wouldn't do either one. I turned on the heater...I had heard once that that would help, and it did. The gauge moved to the left ever so slightly. And then we got a green light and drove the next 3 blocks to music lessons. Of course, once more moving, it cooled down.



Once at the music lessons, the boys went in and I called George to let him know what was going on. My son was due to get there in about 10 minutes anyway, so I told George we'd ask Tim to rescue me. I called Tim and asked if he would take me to a car parts store or somewhere to get some coolant. He asked what kind I needed and he proceeded to purchase it for me, along with a small funnel and brought it to me. We poured it in and I drove home without any problems. The car is presently at the repair shop waiting a diagnosis.

But as I thought about this, I thought that this is the way it is with life. If we set still, our problems catch up with us. So we just get busier and busier and go at such a fast pace that we don't have to sit and think about them. We think if we keep busy, those problems won't catch up with us. But they eventually will. If we'd just take time to sit quietly with God and let Him pour some much needed rest and aid into our spirit. If we'd just take the time to call a friend for help. There really are answers to our problems in the Bible, but we seldom take the time to really read it and digest what we've read. A problem shared with a friend gets weaker with each sharing...or at least the hold it has on you is weaker.

So take some time to really look at the problems in your life and call a friend, read the Bible. Connect with God. Along with a confession, recognition of a problem, comes a diagnosis and then healing.

See you in church,

Pastor Kay



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, November 15th, Thanksgiving food bags will be passed out at the end of the worship service. Take these bags home and fill them up to bring back the following Sunday. We have so much for which to give thanks. We have a roof over our heads, food in the pantry, and good health services. Others are missing this and we can at least help by giving them food to eat. Bring sacks of food to stack in the chancel area on November 22nd. Let's fill up the area and make it difficult for those participating in the service to move around!!! This food will be distributed to OCCEA and to the Duncanville Food Pantry. Set down at your own table on Thanksgiving knowing that you have helped someone else have a thanksgiving meal too.



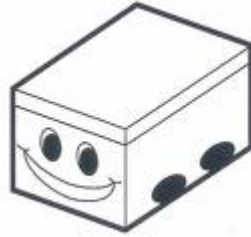
NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON AND HERO SUNDAY

November 22nd is the date of our November Fellowship luncheon. United Methodist Women have asked if they may highlight their cook book on this date. They would like for everyone to bring one or two dishes made from recipes that they submitted to the cookbook. Please let Kathy Priester know which recipe you will be making and she will fix name cards to sit by the dish. This is the month of Thanksgiving and we will be inviting the men and women from our local fire department and police station to show them our gratitude for their public service. This is a perfect time to invite your friends to attend church as your guest and then bring them to Fellowship Luncheon. There is always lots of food (however, you may want to bring a little extra if you invite an extra family). Please be sure to sign up to bring a dish for every 2 people in your family. *One dish for two adult people.* Two dishes if you have a larger family. This insures that we will have lots of food and it wouldn't be a feast if we didn't have lots of food. Join us as we celebrate God's many blessings. (There will be a bulletin insert for you to let Kathy know which recipes you will be making.)

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS



On November 28th, we will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The sanctuary is always beautiful, but even more beautiful with white lights and greenery draped over the balcony and over the communion rails. This is a big task, but it is made easiest when there are many hands helping decorate. The following Sunday, November 29th will be our 5th Sunday hymn sing. The sanctuary will be beautiful for all the guests that attend this event!



CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED by NOVEMBER 15th

The Missions Committee is encouraging everyone's participation in "Operation Christmas Child", a project by Samaritan's Purse which is ran by Franklin Graham. There will be more information in the bulletin, but here are the basic facts.

1. Pray over each item in the box that it will bring joy to the child that receives it and that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.
2. Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box lid separately, but wrapping is not required.
3. Boy or Girl? Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
4. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.
(toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights, (extra batteries).
5. Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.
6. Place a rubber band around each shoe box and bring it to the church by November 15.



ADVENT WORKSHOP

Everyone enjoyed making Chrismons last year to hang on the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. So we are going to do it again this year, only we have enhanced the event with dinner. November 28th we will gather for soup, sandwiches, and dessert at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will then make Christmas decorations for the sanctuary. All craft supplies will be provided. Watch for bulletin inserts with more details. Murial Rowell has graciously agreed to lead this event again

CH²
(CHRISTIAN HAPPY HOUR)
Food, Fun, and Fellowship
November 21st – 6:00 p.m.

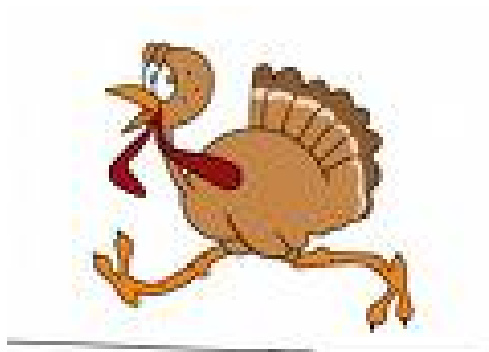


CH² – Christian Happy Hour – Game Night...whatever you call it, it is fun. Every third Saturday night, we gather to eat and play games. We enjoy each other's company as we get to know one another better. The fun starts at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The next date for game night will be November 21st.



Sunshine Fellowship

November 4th 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.



NOVEMBER 29TH – 6 p.m.



Hymn Sing

This will be such a delightful event as we can sing all the Christmas carols as well as enjoy singing some of the popular secular songs. People love to sing the Christmas songs, so invite your neighbors. Tell them about the hymn sing, offer to pick them up and bring them that evening. It may be cold...instead of ice cream, we will all bring Christmas goodies...cheese balls, chips and dip, fruit cake, fudge, divinity, peanut brittle...bring your favorite Christmas goody to share with our guests. We'll have hot spiced cider, coffee, hot chocolate, and cool punch for parched throats. Everyone come and everyone bring a friend.

WHEATLAND COOKBOOK TO GO ON SALE!!!

The cookbook will be ready for preview on November 22nd when you may order a cookbook for everyone on your Christmas list. These cook books will be delivered before Christmas! They are \$10.00 each and will be chockfull of delicious recipes. You may sample these recipes at the Fellowship Luncheon held on that day...everyone bring something made from a recipe you submitted to the cookbook!

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 **November 22nd:**

Set-Up

Kathy Priester
Edie Combs
Paul Foreman

Clean-Up

Janice Fannin
Diana West
Paul Foreman



"Thanks"

Just a simple message that brings the warmest thanks.

And I love you all. Thank you all so much for thinking about me and helping me to get over all the bad days. It really helps when you know you have so great friends that care.

May God Bless, Kornellie



*On this day I will marry my
best friend the one I laugh
with, live for, and love.
Today we become united.*

Travis Alexander Wilson

&

Amanda Marrie Fear

*Invite you to share their
celebration of marriage on,
November 14, 2009
at Two O'Clock p.m.
Located on the grounds of
Wheatland United Church
8000 S. Hampton Rd
Dallas, Texas 75232*



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Methodist Church

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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.*

We're on the Web!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Communion Sunday Property Mgmt 11:45 am Charge Conference 4:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner / Varietv Show 5:00 pm	2 John Piltingsrud's Birthday	3 Peggy Beazley's Birthday	4 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Troy Simpson & Carla Moyers Birthday	9	10 Hope Gandy's Birthday Tom & Susie Miller's Anniversary	11 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	12 OCCEA Annual Mtg. 9:30 am Fellowship Hall	13 Kimberly Gruebbel & Charlye K. Parker's Birthday	14 UMM 9:00 am Education Mtg. 10:30 am Travis Alexander Wilson & Amanda Marrie Fear Wedding 2:00 pm
15 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Missions Meeting 12:30 pm Mia Harris' Birthday	16	17	18 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	19	20	21 UMW 12:30 pm Game Night 6:00 pm Billy & Sally Smith's Anniversary
22 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Lunch to Demo Cookbook Recipes & Honor Our Firemen and Police Men 11:45 am	23 Newsletter article deadline Nancy Hord & Joe W. Parker's Birthday	24	25 Lightseekers 11:00 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Nathaniel Akin's Birthday	26 TH,  VG Nathaniel Akin's Birthday	27 Judy Davis' Birthday	28 Decorate the Sanctuary Advent Workshop 5:00 pm (soup & sandwiches)
29 First Sunday of Advent Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Hymn Sing 6:00 pm	30					