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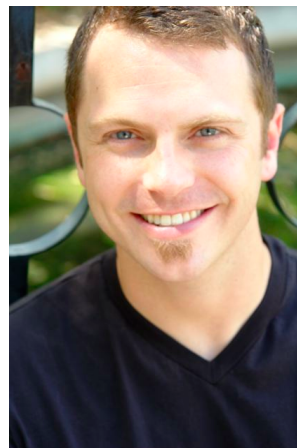
The Sequel

*After the death of Moses the servant of the
God of Israel, God spoke to Joshua son of Nun,
Moses' assistant...*

--Joshua 1:1

Dear Friends,

I am very happy to let you know that we will have a special guest preacher with us this Sunday, Joshua Love. Joshua is the HIV/AIDS Program Specialist for our denomination, and a person of great faith and courage. He is arriving in Wichita Falls tomorrow to lead the Men's Retreat and worship with us on Sunday. I ask you to join me in praying for Joshua and the men of our community over the next few days as they journey together "From Isolation to Inspiration!" which is the theme of the retreat (see below for complete details).



The message below is from Joshua about his sermon this Sunday:

"When a story is so big, so intense, and so complex that it simply cannot be told in one easy installment, you better get ready for - The Sequel.

Each summer our cinematic journeys are filled with the next installment of stories that have gripped our hearts and defined our memories. Some are simple forward motions in a story that requires a lot of detail. Other sequels move us years into the future and only vaguely return to the original story. Still others illuminate whole new plotlines with new central characters that can leave us wondering, 'Whose story is this, anyway?'

The book of Joshua picks up at the end of a very significant series of events. We have had the early life of Moses. We have experienced Moses' commission by God and the following Exodus of the people from Egypt. We have even followed the people of Israel around in the wilderness while they tried to come to terms with their own identity and the providence of God. Now we arrive at the very edge of the

Promised Land and in the finest tradition of the great stories of history, a great curveball comes our way. Moses is not going to be leading the people into the new land. His second in command, Joshua, will be taking over.

The story holds the entire fate of the people of Israel in the balance. Will Joshua be able to lead them? Will God keep the promise? What happens when in our lives when we finally get to edge of our dreams? How do we fit into God's ongoing stories when we did start them and we may not be the ones to finish them?"

I know we are going to have a great weekend with Joshua, and a powerful time of worship on Sunday! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Many blessings,

Lea

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1. Summer Cinema Sermon Series Continues

As we look ahead to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender film series the church will be hosting in August for Pride Week, we will also be exploring a different kind of "cinema" in sermons throughout the summer. What kind of movies do you like best during the summer? Romances? Superhero flicks? Blockbusters? Did you know you can find all three in the Bible?



From May 27 - August 26 the sermons on Sunday mornings will highlight some of the great romances and superheroes of the Bible, plus that great biblical blockbuster, the Book of Revelation. This Sunday Joshua Love will present "The Sequel" (see above for full details). After our Pride celebration on August 19th, we will conclude our Summer Cinema Sermon Series with the final chapter of a three-part sermon on the book of Revelation.

We Need Mowers!



Because of the huge amount of rain we have had

2. Upcoming Men's Retreat: "From Isolation to Inspiration!"

On Friday and Saturday, August 10 - 11, MCC Program Coordinator Joshua Love will be leading a retreat for all those who identify as men at WFMCC. This will be a great time for



██████████ this year,
we are
having a difficult time
keeping up with all the
mowing that needs to be
done at the church. The
folks who have been doing
the mowing week after week
could really use some help.

We have all the equipment
you will need - we just need
your time and energy for
about two hours once a
month. (It goes a lot faster
if you have a team of two or
more!)

If you would be willing to
help with this important
ministry, please contact Lea
at (940) 322-4100 as soon
as possible, or by email at
lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org.

Remember - our building
and grounds are our calling
card to our community!
Please consider helping us
to continue looking our best.

the men of our church to get to know one another and talk
about the issues and challenges of being gay and bisexual
men in Wichita Falls. Topics will include community,
isolation, sexuality and spirituality, and sexual health and wellness. A flyer
is available at church with complete details.



There is no charge to attend; food will be provided Friday night and
Saturday morning, with the group going out for lunch together on Saturday.
If you aren't able to attend the entire retreat, you are welcome to participate
as much as you can. So far we have 16 men signed up to participate, and
there is still room for more. Please RSVP to Lea at
lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org or (940) 322-4100 by 5 p.m. on **Thursday,
August 9th** so we know how much food to order. See you there!

3. GLBT Pride Goes to the Movies!

Celebrate Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender
Pride Week, August 13 - 19 with some great
movies that tell our stories, honor our lives, and
camp it up! **Admission to all movies is free**
(donations gladly accepted) and everyone is welcome. We'll be showing
movies like...



Thursday, August 16th

Victor/Victoria: Julie Andrews as Victoria Grant, who pretends to be a
male female impersonator. Also starring James Garner and Robert
Preston. Rated PG. Starts at 6 p.m.

Ed Wood: Johnny Depp plays Ed Wood, who directed some of the most
notoriously bad films in Hollywood while wearing women's undergarments.
Also starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Bill Murray. Rated R. Starts at
8:30 p.m.

Friday, August 17th

Brokeback Mountain: Two shepherders, Jack Twist and Ennis Del Mar,
fall in love in 1963 Wyoming. Starring Jake Gyllenhaall and Heath Ledger.
Rated R. Starts at 6 p.m.

In & Out: Kevin Kline, Matt Dillon, and Joan Cusack star in this hilarious

comedy about coming out. Rated PG-13. Starts at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 18th

The Wizard of Oz: Join Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, and the little dog Toto too for this gay classic adventure! Rated G. Starts at 1 p.m.

All About Eve: What's a Pride film festival without Bette Davis as an aging Broadway diva, and Anne Baxter as the conniving upstart without morals? This picture won six Academy Awards in 1950, including Best Picture. Unrated. Starts at 3 p.m.

Boys on the Side: Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker, and Drew Barrymore on a road trip from NYC to LA that involves adventure, AIDS, and love. Rated R. Starts at 6 p.m.

Kissing Jessica Stein: What happens when a straight woman answers a personal ad...from another woman? Find out with Jennifer Westfeldt and Heather Juergensen as Jessica and Helen in the Big Apple. Rated R. Starts at 8:30 p.m.

All movies will be shown at Wichita Falls MCC, 1401 Travis Street.

4. Celebrate GLBT Pride on Sunday, August 19th

On Sunday, August 19th we have a very special worship service planned in celebration of GLBT Pride, featuring:



- Karen and our VIP choir performing a beautiful arrangement of *We Shall Overcome*
- Our Liturgical Dance Team will share with us their powerful interpretation of *Man in the Mirror*
- The sermon will be provided by Heather and Nicole, Lois, and Raudel from the congregation as they share with us what "coming out" has meant to them spiritually in their lives
- Our Worship and Praise Band will be there to rock the house!

After the service there will also be a gathering at Odds with great food and

good times for everyone starting at 2 p.m. at \$2 per person. The folks from WFMCC will be providing desserts for the event. Bring your friends and don't miss this great chance to truly celebrate *all* of who God created us to be!

5. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Thanksgivings for Samantha and seven great years...for our music ministry...for children and God's grace...**Prayer requests** for our upcoming Men's Retreat...for Heather and her boys for a safe journey home...for Laretta at her new job...for Debbie and Karen, while Debbie is still struggling with health problems...for Cheryl following the death of her grandmother...for healing for Linda.

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