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WFMCC Weekly

The Big Blockbuster of the Bible



*The revelation of Jesus Christ...
Blessed is the one who reads the words
of this prophecy, and blessed are those
who hear it and take to heart what is
written in it, because the time is near.*

--Revelation 1:1-3



Dear Friends,

Now that we have traveled together through some of the best romances and superhero stories in both the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament, it is time to move onto the biggest blockbuster of them all in the Bible: the book of Revelation.

There is probably no other part of the Bible that is so misunderstood and misused. In some Christian traditions people are utterly obsessed with it, and in others, it is ignored altogether. What is it about this portion of scripture that simultaneously mystifies, intrigues and terrifies us? Was it written to predict the events of the end times and the end of the world as some say, or is it a passionate account of God's love for justice and peace? Was it written to several specific congregations that existed 2,000 years ago, or was it written for you and I?

These are just a few of the questions we will explore with this first of three sermons about the revelation of John. I guarantee you it will be a sermon like no other in Wichita Falls this Sunday!

Many blessings,

Lea

P.S. Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items and clothing to church this Sunday for those recovering from our recent floods.

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This Sunday is a Break the Barrier Sunday

We will receive our monthly "Break the Barrier" offering this Sunday. Funds collected will go toward our goal of hiring a full-time director of music in the near future.

Current "Break the Barrier" total: \$2,233.
Amount needed: \$36,000.

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 week we will hear the first of three sermons on Revelation.

2. Upcoming WMFCC Men's Retreat

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 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.

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. For more information, please contact Lea at lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org or (940) 322-4100.

3. Check Out Our New Website

Be sure and stop by www.wichitafallsmcc.org and take a look at our new website! Our site features complete details about our church, as well as a calendar of upcoming events, helpful links, and a WFMCC Weekly archive.

Many thanks to Dan Leifker, our good friend in San Francisco and website engineer extraordinaire, who maintains our website as a gift to our church.

4. TruBluU Pool Party



TruBluU, our youth program for young people under 25, will be hosting a pool party this Friday, July 13th. Hot dogs, soft drinks and dessert will be provided. The event will be held at 1580 Singleton Avenue, from 7 to 10 p.m. Please help us spread the word to the young people in our community.



5. No Day But Today! Meeting Tonight

No Day But Today! will meet this evening at the church at 6:30 p.m. This gathering is for those who are HIV+. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m.; anyone whose life has been touched by HIV/AIDS is welcome to attend.

6. Save the Date for Pride!

Wichita Falls Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Weeks is coming up August 13th - 19th. We are making plans now to host a series of GLBT-themed films August 16th - 18th at the church, followed by a fabulous Pride worship service on Sunday and a celebration at Odds in the afternoon. A flyer with all the information will be available at our worship service on July 15th.



7. July Board of Trustees Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

8. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Thanksgivings for relief from all the rain...for safe travels home from General Conference...for the safe arrival of Pam and Juli's granddaughter Brynlee...for a wonderful pastor who challenges me...**Prayer requests** for healing for Cheryl...for good test results and the knowledge to know what to do with them...for healing for Debbie...for Cathi Winstead and Deb Luhr...for Shay following the death of her father...for continued healing for Glenn's mother...for strength for Karen.

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