

July 19, 2007

## WFMCC Weekly

### The Blockbuster Life of King David



*God said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel?...So Samuel took up the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the spirit of God came upon David in power.*

*--1 Samuel 16:1,13*

(Please note: the message below is from Rev. Dr. David Sabine, who will be preaching this Sunday while our pastor Rev. Lea Brown is on vacation.)

Dear Friends,

The "Epic" has been a common form of the Summer Blockbuster. Movies like "The Ten Commandments" and "Ben Hur" are hallmark epics of Hollywood's Golden Era. In the Bible, the lives of only a few characters seem to evok the sweep and scope of the epic. Joseph, Moses, and Abraham come to mind.

Certainly King David stands as an example of this sort of legendary hero. And like all great heros, he struggled with mighty challenges from both without and within. A few weeks ago, we explored one chapter from David's life - his relationship with Jonathon. This week, we return to take in the amazing life story of "a man after God's own heart."

Many blessings,

*David*

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## Staff Wherabouts

Our pastor, Rev. Lea Brown, is on vacation from Monday, August 16th through Tuesday, July 31st.

If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please leave a message at the church at (940) 322-4100, and someone from our Board of Trustees will get back to you as soon as possible.

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 Rev. Dr. David Sabine will share with us about the epic life of King David, and on July 29th Barbara will preach about a musical extravaganza from the book of Nehemiah. We will resume our journey into Revelation on August 5th.

## 2. 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.*

### 3. 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 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. Please RSVP to Lea at [lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org](mailto:lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org) or (940) 322-4100 by **Thursday, August 9th** so we know how much food to order. See you there!

### 4. Check Out Our New Website

Be sure and stop by [www.wichitafallsmcc.org](http://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.

### **5. Upcoming Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of PFLAG will take place tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **6. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests**

**Thanksgivings** for our seven new members who joined the church last Sunday...**Prayer requests** for healing for Cheryl...for Karen and her father...for Debbie as her mother passes...for Ron and Greg...for Barbara...for healing for Laretta...for Heather...for Trish...for Mike...for healing for Diana...for a job...for Grant...for Karen...for Debbie...for all those who are still struggling after the floods.

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