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WFMCC Weekly

A Biblical Musical Extravaganza!



At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. The singers also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem...

--Nehemiah 12:27-28

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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will be introduced to a musical blockbuster from the Bible as we continue our Summer Cinema Sermon Series. We will look in the book of Nehemiah where we will find the restoration of Jerusalem and the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem.

As the word "blockbuster" indicates, this dedication proves to be quite the musical extravaganza. We will see how music enhances our own spirituality, and serves to promote the spirit of worship in our own congregation. I hope to see you there.

Many blessings,

Barbara

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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



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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.

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 Barbara Mann will preach about a musical extravaganza from the book of Nehemiah (see above). 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 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 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. No Day But Today! Meeting Tonight

No Day But Today! will be meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The group will watch the first half of "And the Band Played On," about the early history of the AIDS epidemic. Anyone whose life has been touched by AIDS 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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