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# WFMCC Weekly

## The Romance of Jonathan & David



*After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself...And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.*

*I Samuel 18:1-3*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we are beginning our "Summer Cinema Sermon Series" (see below for all the details). We will be taking a look at the love between Jonathan, the son of Saul, and David, the future king of Israel.

We often hear so much from those who believe the Bible condemns homosexuality, but rarely do we hear anything about biblical examples of same-gender loving people, or those who lived their lives outside of gender norms. Jonathan and David are just such an example. While we have no way of knowing for sure about the true nature of their relationship, there is a great deal of evidence that strongly suggests their affection for one another went far beyond that between friends. In worship this Sunday we will look at this evidence, and as we do so, I think we will see ourselves in the verses of I and II Samuel as well. I hope you will join us as we say, "Lights! Camera! Action! Roll 'em!" together for our summer of romances, superheroes and blockbusters in the Bible.

Also, please see below for details about the viewing and funeral for Kathy's grandmother Oueida. Kathy and Martha would like everyone to know how grateful they are for the prayers and support of the congregation during this time.

Many blessings,

*Lea*

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transgender film series the church will be hosting in August for Pride Week, we are also going to explore 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. We begin May 27th with the passionate relationship between Jonathan and David, a powerful romance worthy of the silver screen. On June 3rd we will continue on with the story of Ruth and Naomi. This is a series you won't want to miss!

**2. Offering for Mother of Peace Orphanage**

In honor of Rev. Elder Jim Mitulski during his visit with us last Sunday, we received a special offering for the Mother of Peace Orphanage in Zimbabwe. Thanks to your generosity, we are sending \$255 to support the children there.

The Mother of Peace Orphanage is a wonderful ministry that our denomination also supports. It provides a loving and safe home for many children whose parents have died from AIDS; many of the children are HIV+ themselves. Many thanks to everyone who made this gift possible!

**3. Viewing and Funeral for Oueida Carr**

The viewing for Oueida Carr will be at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday at Lunn's Funeral Home, located at 2812 Midwestern Parkway. The funeral service will also be at Lunn's at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28th. Kathy and Martha would like the congregation to know that everyone is welcome to attend.

**4. Upcoming Membership Class**

The next class for those who would like to become members of Wichita Falls MCC, or for those who are interested in learning more about membership, will be held on Sunday, June 24th at 1 p.m. Please let Lea know if you would like to attend.

## 5. Multimedia Update

Thanks to everyone's tremendous generosity during our recent revival, we now have all the funds we need to purchase and install our first multimedia system!

The Board of Trustees has set a goal of having the system up and running by the week of August 13th - just in time for our Pride Week and film festival. Please keep this goal in your prayers as we work to take this next exciting step for our congregation.

## 6. 10-4-20 Change Drive Continues

Between now and the end of 2007, we are collecting loose change as a fundraiser for the church. Our goal is to receive 10 gallons of change for the next 20 years at WFMCC. There are two five-gallon containers at the back of the church where you can put your change, and cups are available that are labeled 10-4-20 to collect your coins at home or in your car or at work. Together we can make it all the way to 10 gallons by December 31st!

## 7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

**Thanksgivings** for life and love...for cool weather...for all of our children...**Prayer requests** for a new job for Grant...for health and happiness...for a less condescending attitude...for Charlie Brown and his family...for the family of Oueida and Austin Carr.

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