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## WFMCC Weekly What WFMCC Means To Me

*"In the beginning, God created  
the heavens and the earth."*

*-Genesis 1:1*



Dear Friends,

From time to time we hear from one of our congregants through the WFMCC Weekly in a feature called "What WFMCC Means to Me." This week we are fortunate in that Rachel Villaseñor said an enthusiastic "yes" when I asked if she would share with us what WFMCC means to her - thank you, Rachel! She has been attending our church since May of this year and became a member in July. Here is what Rachel has to say:

### ***Wichita Falls MCC - Hope and a Future, by Rachel Villaseñor***

*My recent move to Wichita Falls presented me with questions common to anyone moving to a new community. Questions like, "where is the closest grocery store and cheapest gas station? Do you know a friendly veterinarian to care for my dog?" As a Christian lesbian, I also had some unique questions. For instance, "what is the tolerance level of Wichita Falls to the gay community? Where does a girl go to get a good unisex, non-military haircut? Will I find a church -- that accepts me -- in which to serve, worship, and build friendships?"*

*I honestly thought the answer to the last question was "no." Nevertheless, I searched the internet for church options. I was pleased and surprised to find an established MCC here in Wichita Falls.*

*When I first attended Wichita Falls MCC, I was nervous, as any newcomer would be. However, with each person I met, with every song sung and prayer prayed, God said quite clearly, "I love you; you can trust the plan I have for you -- IT IS GOOD." During the past four months, I have experienced many uncertainties and insecurities brought about from being alone in new surroundings. Yet, each Sunday God uses Wichita*

*Falls MCC to anchor me in the certainty of his love, grace, and faithfulness. Joining with Wichita Falls MCC in service, worship and community has made God's promise "plans for a hope and a future." (Jer. 29:11) a reality that has made a tremendous difference in my life.*

"A hope and a future" - this is God's promise to all of us that we are trusting in and building on together at WFMCC. Do you need more of this promise in your life? Do you know others who do? If so, I invite you to become more involved in worship and the life of our community in the autumn months ahead. Fall is a great time for new beginnings, and at WFMCC you can begin a new relationship with God, yourself and others in many wonderful ways.

And speaking of beginnings, join us this Sunday as we learn about "Genesis: Adam and Eve or Adam and Steve?" This will be the third sermon in our fall "Sermons By Request" series. I guarantee this will be the Genesis you never heard about in Sunday School. See you there!

Many blessings,

*Lea*

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**1. Discipleship 101: Building a Close Relationship With God**

Do you long for a deeper relationship with God? Would you like to know more about what makes you "tick" spiritually? Do you wish you felt more connected to others at WFMCC? If you answered "yes" to any or all of these questions, then "Discipleship 101" might just be for you.



"Discipleship 101: Building a Close Relationship With God" is a 10-week course designed to help participants discover what being a disciple, or follower, of Jesus is really all about. The topics we will cover in the course include:

- Oct. 7th:** Discipleship Overview
- Oct. 14th:** What is Jesus Like?
- Oct. 21st:** What Does Discipleship Look Like? - Part 1
- Oct. 28th:** What Does Discipleship Look Like? - Part 2

**We Need Mowers!**





Because of the huge amount of rain we have had 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](mailto:lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org).

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

**Nov. 4th:** Pulling It All Together

**Nov. 11th:** Time With God

**Nov. 18th:** Prayer

**Nov. 25th:** Devotional Bible Encounters

**Dec. 9th:** Pulling It All Together

**Dec. 16th:** Celebrating Together

All those who complete "Discipleship 101" will be eligible to participate in a nine-week "Discipleship 201" course that will be offered next year.

Pre-registration is required to take this course, and there is a \$5 fee for each class (\$50 total per person); some scholarships are available. Please talk with our pastor Lea Brown if you are in need of financial assistance.

A serious commitment to attend all of the classes and complete weekly homework is also required. All classes will take place on the above listed dates at 5 p.m. at the church.

If you are interested in registering for "Discipleship 101," there will be a registration form with complete information available at church this Sunday. **All registration forms must be received by Wednesday, October 3rd along with a minimum payment of 50% of the registration fee.**

For more information please contact Lea at (940) 322-4100 or by email at [lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org](mailto:lbrown@wichitafallsmcc.org).

## **2. Collection for Faith Mission**

During the month of September we will be collecting supplies for the amazing ministries provided by our neighbors across the street, Faith Mission.

Faith Mission provides meals for anyone who is hungry, a safe place to

sleep for those who are without a home, a residential 12-step program for those recovering from substance abuse, a day labor program, and bedding, furniture and supplies for families in need. They help hundreds of people each year who are living in extreme poverty, and their theme is "From Hurt to Hope."

We can help Faith Mission provide that hope to so many who are hurting in Wichita Falls. Every Sunday in September we will have copies available of a list of supplies that Faith Mission needs. We will collect donations each Sunday throughout the month, and will deliver them to Faith Mission the first week of October. Let's work together to collect as much as we can to support our brothers and sisters in need.

### **3. CHANGE OF DATE: Follow-Up Meeting From the Men's Retreat**

All those who identify as male are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch and meet with our pastor Rev. Lea Brown on Sunday, October 7th immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. (Please note: this is a change from the September 16th date that was originally planned.)

We will talk about the recent men's retreat, and make plans for future events. Whether or not you attended the retreat, you are welcome to participate in this meeting. Come and help us build up our men's community at WFMCC!

### **4. Next Membership Class**

Are you interested in becoming a member of WFMCC, or would you like to know more about what membership means? If so, please plan on attending our next membership class, which will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 1 p.m. Please let Lea know as soon as possible if you would like to register for the class.



### **5. It's Time for WFMCC's Annual Garage Sale**

Each year WFMCC holds a garage sale to help raise funds to cover conference expenses. Our sale for 2007 will take place on Saturday, October 6th in the church backyard. We need your donated household and clothing items to help make this fundraiser a success.

If you have items you would like to contribute, please bring them to the church on any Sunday between now and October 6th, or on October 4th and 5th after 2 p.m. We will not be picking items up this year - you must bring them to the church to make your donation. If you have large pieces of furniture you would like to contribute to the sale, we can arrange to help. Please talk with Kathy Carr or Lea Brown for assistance.

More details will be available soon about other ways you can help on the day of the sale. Be sure and save the date on your calendar; nobody does a garage sale like the folks at WFMCC!

### **6. WFMCC Change Drive Continues**

Now that we are in the final four months of 2007, we haven't got much longer to fill up the two five-gallon containers in our sanctuary with loose change. Our goal is to collect "Ten Gallons of Change for 20 More Years," and together we can do it!



There are cups labeled "10 for 20" in the back of the sanctuary next to the change containers. Take as many as you like for your home, vehicle, workplace, etc., to help you collect your change. You can bring the cups back with you to church any Sunday and pour your coins into the containers.

Both containers are half full at this time. Please help us fill them all the way to the top by December 31st. Every penny, nickel, dime and quarter will help us continue our ministries into our 21st year and beyond.

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### **7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests**

**Thanksgivings** for 13 years and more to come...for relationships...for daughters...**Prayer requests** for Ron's father's health...for healing for John...for healing for Laura...for courage for Joshua's friends and healing for their baby...for all those newly diagnosed with HIV.

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