

September 6, 2007

WFMCC Weekly

Will the Real Fruits Please Stand Up?



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

-Galatians 5:22-23



Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will continue with the second sermon in a series of "Sermons By Request" that will be presented this Fall. A person in our congregation suggested that we learn more about the fruits of the Spirit - what are they, and how do we grow and harvest these fruits in our daily lives? Thus, "Will the Real Fruits Please Stand Up?" will be our topic this weekend.

Just what is real fruit anyway? As the Apostle Paul said in his letter to the Christians at Galatia, the fruit of the Holy Spirit is this: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. That's a lot of fruit to juggle at one time, especially by ourselves. But as we will discover together, manifesting each of these characteristics is really more about who we are as a community serving Christ than about anything we can be or do individually. Harvesting fruit is most definitely a group effort, and one that asks us to be the best community we can be together.

And we are going to have a great time of being community together this Sunday, with plenty of music and celebration as we hear more about what Paul has to say to us. Our Praise and Worship Band will be performing; don't forget to come early and sing along with them at 10:30 a.m. Namesake will also be blessing us as they always do during our worship service as well.

Then after the service, it's time for our annual End of Summer Splash! Please see below for all the details. All of the worship and fun activities we have planned make this a great Sunday to bring your friends and family to WFMCC. Invite them to come and experience the fruit of the Spirit at WFMCC as we

celebrate *all* of who God created us to be.

Many blessings,

Lea

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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

1. Are You Ready to Splash?

Back by popular demand, this year's "End of Summer Splash" will take place this Sunday afternoon, September 9th immediately following our 11 a.m. worship service. The event will again be held at the home of Becky and Brazda, located at 5216 Seymour Highway. Come and enjoy a great afternoon with fabulous musical acts, BBQ, swimming, something special for the kids, and more.



The cost to attend is \$1 per person, plus \$1 per BBQ plate (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). Please bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverages, a side dish to share, and your most comfy lawn chair.

This will be our final fundraiser for our new multi-media system which will be installed this fall.

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

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.

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

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. Upcoming Discipleship Course

Starting Sunday, October 7th we will begin offering a multi-week course in discipleship that will take place on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. throughout the Fall.

The course will be open to the first 20 people who register; there will be a registration fee of \$5 per individual class (scholarships will be available). Additional details and registration forms will be available Sunday, September 16th.



7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Thanksgivings for this awesome church family...**Prayer requests** for strength and understanding...for direction.

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