

July 31, 2008

## **WFMCC Weekly**

### **Are You A Prodigal Child?**

"Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found'."

...Luke 15:31-32

Dear Friends

This is the time of year that is sometimes called the summer slump. A period when many obstacles block our way to church on Sundays. But just as the Prodigal Son was welcomed back by his father, we are welcomed back by our faith community, and of course, by our God. Don't get me wrong, everyone deserves a day off, but sometimes we find it hard to get back to church after that time away. Now, in the story of the Prodigal Son, we are not actually told how long the son was gone from his home, but I suspect it was quite a while. Yet his father welcomed him with open arms. So whether you've missed one Sunday or a year of Sundays, please know that you have been missed, and we would all love to see you this Sunday.

*From Rev Margaret: ..."Last Sunday's focus was going. Looking at the "Fruit of the Spirit" as listed in Galatians it appears that THE Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE and the subsequent 8 are what flows from the primary fruit of Love. Thus, our "Going" can be guided by: "Is it the loving thing to do?" and "Is it the loving thing to say?" This coming Sunday the focus will be the story we traditionally know as the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15. Re-read the story with an eye toward discerning which character you identify with most at this juncture in your life. Look forward to seeing you Sunday, Margaret"*

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### **7. August Birthdays**

*If your birthday is in July and isn't listed here, please give me info at [racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net](mailto:racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net)*

Samantha Preston 8/5  
Hallie Jenkins 8/8  
Darrell Gallenberger 8/25  
Steven Cash 8/27  
Donni Wright 8/30

## **1. Update from the Pastoral Search Team**

The Pastoral Search Team is still awaiting application packets from several people. We have received two and have had contact with another applicant who will send hers as soon as possible. Please continue to pray that God would guide the Pastoral Search Team to the right person for this wonderful opportunity!

## **2. Ice Cream Social**

There will be an ice cream social after service on Sunday, August 10. The church will provide the ice cream. We ask that you sign up to bring the "fixin's", such as toppings, sprinkles, whipped cream, etc, and styrofoam bowls and plastic spoons, on the next couple of Sundays. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship, which we have been missing for quite a while now.

## **3. Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be after worship on Sunday, August 17th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend during this exciting period of transition in the life of our church.

## **4. Break the Barrier Update**

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$6437!! These funds are set aside each month to fund our dream of hiring a full-time director of music and worship. With the continued faithfulness and generosity of the WFMCC community, we can be assured that we will be able to make this dream come true. We will taking up the next Break the Barrier offering

Sunday, August 17, 2008. Please give as you feel God directing..

## 5. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Add your Thanksgivings and Prayers Requests to the Prayer Book in the foyer at church or email them to [racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net](mailto:racketwarrior@sbcglobal.net)

Thanksgivings for... This congregation, Good friends, Retta's safety during the LA earthquake.

Prayers for... Martha and her family, Cookie's job possibilities, Hallie's surgery, Gloria Rincon, Lydia Tuttle, Matthew Tuttle, Steph Villastrigo, Belinda Rios.

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