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WFMCC Weekly

Bloom Where You're Planted

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Sovereign God, whose confidence is in God. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:8

Dear Friends,

The above scripture is a good visual reminder in the midst of all the storms the midwest has gone through in the past few weeks. Driving through Kansas during severe thunderstorms and tornadoes on either side, I marvelled at the destructive force of nature, the ability of strong winds to uproot trees, park cars on the 2nd floor of buildings, demolish homes and businesses. Life can seem like that, too, at times. At times it can seem as if we are in the midst of an emotional or metaphorical thunderstorm, tornadoes threatening to uproot our very lives. This week I'll be talking about the importance of staying put, of blooming where we're planted and trusting God to care for us and keep us safe, even in the midst of the maelstroms of life. I hope you'll join us at WFMCC as we explore this topic.

Until then--

Blessings and Peace,



Nori

P.S. Yet another picture..this one is from my sister's wedding last weekend. If you look closely you can see the rabbit ears my 49 year old sister was giving me surreptitiously. Some people never grow up! Honestly!

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If your birthday is in June and isn't listed here, please give me info at

nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org

- 6/8 Diana Hazelton
- 6/10 Lois Gallenberger
- 6/12 Brittany Fletcher
- 6/13 Sherri Long
- 6/14 Jackie Oehler
- 6/15 Barry Grant
- 6/16 Cheryl Geiger-Barnes
- 6/16 Nori Rost
- 6/17 Emmy Cotter
- 6/20 Peggy Standifer
- 6/25 Christopher Nix
- 6/25 Kandy Lovan

1. New BOT Member!

Sadly, Valerie Vela, who has served as a BOT member most ably, had to resign due to scheduling conflicts. We very much appreciate her hard work and dedication and her love for WFMCC. At the BOT meeting last Sunday, the BOT unanimously voted to have Rachel Villasenor fill the remaining time in this position. Rachel has been a member of MCC since 2003 when she joined Heartland MCC in San Bernadino, CA. While there, she served as a member of the Board of Directors from 10-2004 thru 10-2006. She has been a member of WFMCC since May, 2007. Rachel says, "I have taken the past year to settle into my new surroundings and I am ready and excited to have the opportunity to begin serving again. I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the church community and the community as a whole." Rachel will serve until the next congregational meeting in Spring, 2009, as the Clerk. Welcome aboard Rachel!

2. Update from Pastoral Search Team.

The Pastoral Search Team has been in initial contact with several people interested in the position of permanent pastor of WFMCC. These prospective candidates are being sent the packet this week! Please continue to pray that God would guide the Pastoral Search Team to the right person for this wonderful opportunity!

3. Special Guest Speaker for Summer!

I'm excited to let you know that Rev. Margaret Scales, from Ecumenical Ministries and ACT..Affordable Care Today..has offered to be our "visiting

6/26 Deb St. John
6/28 Christopher
Boren
6/30 Martha Cantano

preacher from July 5th through September 28th. This will provide excellent continuity and great preaching through the summer months as we continue to seek a permanent pastor for our church. Plan on being here each week this summer for an inspiring message from Margaret

4. MCC Mother seeks assistance for gay son!

As you know, in addition to my duties here at TaFa MCC, I am also doing educational work and supply preaching at MCC of the Rockies in Denver, CO. Last week I mentioned I also served here and after the service a woman introduced herself and said she had a 21 year old son in Decatur, TX who is just coming out as gay. He wants to get away from that small community to feel safer as he does. Here is what his mom said:

He is 21 and a Christian that has just recently decided he wants to come out, but can't do that in Decatur where all his school friends reside. Can you please ask your MCC community in Wichita Falls if anyone would be interested in opening their doors to him and helping his journey begin at MCC in Wichita Falls. He is a very hard worker and has been working since the age of 14. He will need a place to stay and a job, but if he finds a place to live he should have no problem finding employment. I can even assist with that on this end.

Please help a young man find his way.

If you would like to help this young man, please contact me at revrost@aol.com or nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org

5. Break the Barrier Update

Many thanks to everyone who has been contributing to our Break the Barrier Fund. Our current total is now \$5630! 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 this Sunday, June 15, 2008. Please give as you feel God directing.

6. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Add your Thanksgivings and Prayers Requests to the Prayer Book in the foyer at church or email them to nrost@wichitafallsmcc.org

Thanksgivings for... Taylor made it through surgery great! (Praise od cuz God was in the House!), Cookie's bone infection is healing wonderfully! For Glenn and his committment to WFMCC, for wonderful friends, for Kelly taking on the children's ministry, for the choir members who bless my life mid week because of their joy in serving the Lord through the gift of song! For the individuals in our church who say Yes to God's work!

Prayers for... Diana, Toni and Cookie for peace with upcoming major life changes; Martha's mother, Camilla and brother Cecil and all the Catano family, Sally Perkins, healing for her broken arm, Steven Cash, healing for his arm, John Forsythe for continued improving health! Nicole and Heather, Laurreta and Cora, healing for Beth Romm, Valerie, the sale of Lea's home here in Wichita Falls, home sales for others, Mary Phelan.

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