

“Great Story, Wrong Title”

Chapter eight of the gospel of John records one of the Bible’s most famous stories, and challenges one of our deepest, ugliest struggles. This story is often referred to as “the story of the woman caught in adultery.” But that is to miss the focus of the story. Instead it should be called “the story of the religious caught in self-righteousness.” The story goes like this,

At dawn Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. (John 8:2-8)

What the religious leaders fail to see is that there are multiple sinners standing before Jesus: the adulterous woman, and the group of self-righteous people thinking they are more godly than the adulterous woman. Both have been caught in an act of sin; it’s just that hers is more visible to the self-righteous.

The sin of self-righteousness is so common we, like they, fail to recognize it in our lives. It happens anytime we say (with an attitude that minimizes our sinfulness and magnifies the failings of others), “Those people need to straighten up,” or, “I hope he gets what he deserves,” or, “She is such a screw-up.”

The cross of Jesus reminds us that every one of us deserves God’s punishment. None of us is worthy of God’s love or forgiveness. Just as Jesus said to the woman, **“Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin,”** (John 8:11) so he says to each of us, whether that be the sin of adultery, or the sin of self-righteousness.

Curtis Williams

This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 10/27	John 9	Lamentations 5
Tuesday, 10/28	John 10	Ezekiel 1-4
Wednesday, 10/29	John 11	Ezekiel 5-8
Thursday, 10/30	John 12	Ezekiel 9-12
Friday, 10/31	John 13	Ezekiel 13-16
Saturday, 11/1	Reflection*	Reflection
Sunday, 11/2	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

This evening, Sunday, October 26

4405 Williford, Sachse

5:00 to 5:30 p.m. — Pumpkin Decorating

Families, bring a pumpkin to carve or decorate.

Some decorating supplies will be furnished.

Bring anything special you need for your pumpkin.



5:30 to 6:00 p.m. — Ministry Fair

Our new ministry teams will be represented and you can sign up for the team of your choice or volunteer to help in the various ministry areas.

6:00 to 6:45 p.m. — Fish Fry
Sign up today for what to bring.

6:45 p.m. — Trunk or Treat begins.

Be thinking of a way to decorate your trunk and be stocking up on goodies for the kids. You’re welcome to also give out non-sweet things like small toys, pencils, packaged pretzels, etc.

Kids wear your costumes!



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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am
Worship service.....10:30 am

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Order of Worship

Opening Songs

Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: *How Great Is Our God*
Song (Insert): *Shout Hallelujah*

Communion

Song: *He Still Came*
Song: *Trust and Obey*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 14:24,26-27

Song: *God of Wonders*
Song: *God Will Make a Way*

Offering

(Children’s Offering* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship**)

Song: *Give Thanks*

“Face-to-Face”***

Message

Family News

Song: *Shout Hallelujah*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children’s Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children’s Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 2nd grade. Children are dismissed to Children’s Worship following the Children’s offering.

*****What is “Face-to-Face with God”?**

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeteria where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and confidentially, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

Congratulations!

Jack and **Alice Duplichan** are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, **Haley Mae**, born to **Jack** and **Sarah Duplichan**, on October 16. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 19 inches long. **Frances Copeland** is the proud great-grandmother.

Today

Trunk-or-Treat and All Church Fish Fry

5:00 p.m.

Remember to bring:

Goodies for Trunk-or-Treat, pumpkin for the pumpkin contest, assigned food items, and lawn chairs. See the back page for more details.

This Week

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 29

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Deanna Priebe**

316 Love Bird Lane, Murphy

Future Events

Baby Blessing Day

Sunday, November 16

We will be blessing six babies on this Sunday. We need to fill up baskets with baby stuff! Please be bringing items for the baskets. Suggested items: travel size wet wipes, baby lotions, shampoo, miniature picture frames, socks or any kind of smaller items for babies that will fit into the baskets.

Special Contribution for Orphan Sunday

Sunday, November 16

Lifeline of Hope currently brings aid and assistance to 20,000 homeless children in 11 countries. You will have an opportunity to give to this organization that supplies many needs for orphans.

"... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ..."
Philippians 2:15



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Trunk-or-Treat and All Church Fish Fry

5:00 p.m.

Kids, wear your costumes and bring your buckets to collect your goodies.

This Week

Children's Chorus

Wednesday, October 29

6:45 p.m. at the church office

Future Events

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Practice Begins

Sunday, November 2

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the church office

Bring a pencil, three colors of highlighters, and your Bible.

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See North Pointe News for details.

Christmas Cookie Party

Saturday, December 6

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Elementary ages will enjoy decorating and eating Christmas cookies!

Christmas Musical "Visions of Christmas"

Presented Sunday, December 14

9:30 a.m.

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, April 10 – 11, 2009

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Teen Pumpkin Carving Contest

5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Bring a pumpkin or ask Matt about one.
Part of Trunk-or-Treat event

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**
6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Future Events

Youth Retreat

Last chance to sign up!

Saturday, November 1 – Sunday, November 2

Theme: *Fear God!*

Camp Deer Run, Winnsboro, Texas

Cost: \$50, Sign up and pay up today!

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4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the church office

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Matt Lee

Record for Sunday, October 19

Worship Attendance: 146

General Offering: \$2970.60

Children's Offering: \$19.50

Future Facilities: \$150.00