



And Also With You

MID-FEBRUARY 2014

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

Children's

MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group-
Information: 455.5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-Information:
990.2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-
Information: 422.3169
2:pm
Song of Solomon
Bible Study-
Information: 990.9375

CHALICE BEARERS

February 2
Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

February 9
Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

February 16
Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry

February 23
Bob and Jane
Grafe

Wedges, Continued



The Reverend Scott Davis

Recently, I preached on Joshua 7 and how Achan had stolen treasure that had been dedicated to God. One of the three items that Achan stole was a *wedge* of gold.

During the sermon, I shared a story of how God used talking to another believer (Christian counsel) as well as the word *wedge* from Joshua 7 (Scripture) to disclose what needed to be changed in my life.

Since preaching on this, there have been several ongoing conversations re: *wedges*. One person sent an email with the following information:

- "A wedge is used to prevent movement, i.e., to stop progress."
- "A wedge cannot be installed unless a very unique space is made to accommodate it."
- And, most interestingly is "a wedge of a certain size binds in such a way that it cannot be removed without destroying the piece into which it has been inserted."

The bottom line is that wedges are effective tools the enemy uses against believers. The enemy uses wedges to prevent movement and to stop our progress for the

Kingdom. They can only be installed if we provide a place to accommodate them. If left untended, their removal can destroy both the good and the bad in our lives. Maybe this is why Jesus, in the parable of the wheat and tares, gives instructions to leave the tares that are growing alongside the wheat until harvest so as not to damage the wheat.

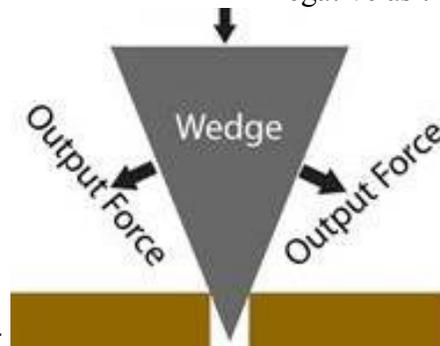
What are wedges in our lives? Being easily offended is one of the biggest wedges Satan uses against believers. There are some people, believers in particular, who are easily offended by anything and everything. They dwell on the negative as they share with others the

events of how they were offended, hoping that the listener will validate their rights to hold grudges. This is a golden *wedge*.

Think about where Achan hid the wedge. He buried it in the ground under his tent. What are we created from? Earth. Dirt. Ground.

Achan buried his wedge deep and hid it where he ate and where he slept. The hiding place was in the center of his private life. He probably fantasized, thought, and worried about the stolen articles repeatedly. They consumed his thought life. Every time Israel packed her belongings and moved, Achan dug up his wedge and then buried it again when he arrived at his new destination.

This is an important word for us. Until we bring our wedges into the open and ask God to remove them with the lever of the cross, they will remain intact. They



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will begin to consume more and more time, thought, and energy, dis-



tracting us from what is really important.

God wants us to remove any spirit of offense on a twenty-four hour basis. Ephesians 4:26 says, *“In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.”* Ask God to reveal the offenses, the wedges that prevent more of His Kingdom to open to you. Until they are removed, they jam shut the doors of our hearts, putting them in a blocked position. Once removed, however, the doors swing freely, opening to the good and shutting out the bad.

Blessings,
Father Scott +



2013 Financials-General Fund	
Income:	\$203,130
Expenses:	\$211,235
Total	\$ -8,105
January 2014-General Fund	
Income:	\$15,166
Expenses:	\$17,043
Total	\$ -1,877

Adult Sunday School in Lent



Father Scott will be teaching on the Redemptive (Identity) Gifts from Romans 12: 6-9 beginning Lent I. The identity gifts are personality traits that each of us have. Each person has one major and one minor.

You will discover:

- How God wired you
- How God wired your loved ones
- What are the weaknesses of your identity gift
- What are the strengths of your identity gift

We will look at one gift each Sunday in Lent and then the seventh gift on the Sunday after Easter.

Time: 9:am-9:45am-We will begin at 9am on the dot so you may want to arrive 5-10 minutes early to get coffee, etc. before class begins.

First class: March 9, 2014

Redemptive Gift Spiritual Warfare Thinking Patterns	
1	Prophet Warfare Strategy Insight
2	Servant Warfare Strategy Platform
3	Teacher Warfare Strategy Planning
4	Exhorter Warfare Strategy Initiating
5	Giver Warfare Strategy Mobilizing
6	Ruler Warfare Strategy Completing
7	Mercy Warfare Strategy Fulfillment

The Rev. Dr. Millard Box is to be guest preacher on March 2. It is our honor and privilege to have 97 year old Millard Box preach while Father Scott celebrates. Millard has been ministering for 81 years and we look forward to hearing him on March 2.




Ash Wednesday

Services

12:noon and 6:pm

Wednesday-March 5