

# The Adult Education Committee Presents...

## Summer Movie Series: *Oddballs*

*"Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine." Exodus 19.5*

Each full length movie will be preceded by a "short;" and a brief discussion led by our pastors will follow.

Thursday Evenings at 7:00 to 10:00 pm  
July 5, 12, 19 & 26

In the (air-conditioned!) Buxton Room.

Childcare will be available, if requested by July 1<sup>st</sup> for all movies.  
Call the church office at 567-6287.

July 5

*Italian for Beginners*

Subtitled

(2000, running 93 minutes)

Rated R (sexuality)

Written and Directed by Lone Scherfig

An unforgettable romantic comedy that's earned overwhelming acclaim, ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS is a warm and playful story about seven perfect strangers and the shared journey of discovery that changes each of their lives! In a small, rainy suburb, a mismatched collection of opposites have signed up for an Italian class in hopes of spicing up their lives! Then, as they realize the class offers them more than just language lessons, they join together on a quest to Italy with the renewed desire to pursue the romances of their lives! Once there, these world-weary students who thought there was nothing left to learn from life will get an education that will change everything they know about love!

July 12

*The Apostle*

(1998, running 134 minutes)

Rated PG13

Written and directed by Robert Duvall

Produced, written, and directed by its star, Robert Duvall, this film addresses without condescension or glibness a subject-religious conviction-that Hollywood generally caricatures. Duvall plays Sonny, a charismatic Pentecostal preacher who dresses in white three-piece suits and has so antagonized his wife (Farrah Fawcett) with his philandering that she's taken up with a younger minister and wrested control of his church. After

bashing his rival with a baseball bat, Sonny leaves Texas and shows up in Bayou Boutte, Louisiana, where he rebuilds a church and infuses his mostly black congregants with spiritual ardor before his past catches up with him. Duvall's performance is so passionate, so energized, that it's almost eerie: is Sonny acting him or is he acting Sonny? The supporting players include John Beasley, June Carter Cash, Miranda Richardson, and Billy Bob Thornton.

**July 19**

***Garden State***

**(2004, running 103 minutes)**

**Rated R (sexuality and language)**

**Written and Directed by Zach Braff**

Writer/Director Zach Braff delivers an Oscar®-worthy performance (CBS-TV Chicago) opposite a wacky and endearing (Newsweek) Natalie Portman in this quirky, coming-of-age comedy. Twentysomething, emotionally detached Andrew "Large" Largeman (Braff) hasn't been home to New Jersey in nine years. Now, as Large attempts to re-connect with a variety of odd acquaintances including his father he decides to risk getting high on the most potent and unpredictable drug there is life! Co-starring Peter Sarsgaard, Ian Holm and Method Man, Garden State is marvelous fun (Rolling Stone)

**July 26**

***Smoke Signals***

**(1998, running 89 minutes)**

**Rated PG13**

**Directed by Chris Eyre**

Critically acclaimed as one of the best films of the year, SMOKE SIGNALS was also a distinguished winner at the Sundance Film Festival! Though Victor and Thomas have lived their entire young lives in the same tiny town, they couldn't have less in common! But when Victor is urgently called away, it's Thomas who comes up with the money to pay for his trip. There's just one thing Victor has to do: take Thomas along for the ride! You're in for a rare and entertaining comic treat as this most unlikely pair leave home on what becomes an unexpectedly unforgettable adventure of friendship and discovery!