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TEDBITS

By Pastor Ted Broadway

Two Words for Tough Times

Edify—v.t. from the Latin *aedificare*: to build. Definition: to build a person up.

When we find ourselves in times of adversity, stress or discomfort it is a great temptation to dwell on the negative. Uncertainty and waiting are difficult. But when our spirits give in, the devil has a foothold of opportunity to produce in us what some call the “D” words—discouragement, doubt, distraction, defeat, despair. These things tear down. When times are tough we need to do the opposite: we need to build up. When we do this God sows in us the “P” words—purpose, power, peace, protection, presence. We have been through a serious recession and challenges due to our difficulties with our denomination. Edify is a word for times like these. In Ephesians 4:29 our Lord told us to speak only such talk that “*is good for edifying (building others up) according to their needs.*”

WWJD?

Do you remember the fad of wearing wrist bands and applying bumper stickers that bore the letters **WWJD?** The letters stand for **What Would Jesus Do?** When thinking of dealing with another person, how to talk to them, it is good to heed **WWJD**. What Would Jesus Do? What would He say? How would He approach this person? When you get the answer then go and do it. Courage is contagious. A positive attitude is catching. Lifting up others who are down lifts us all. Edification leaves all feeling good and doing good.

Mission—n. from Latin *missio*: to send. Definition: the special task or function for which a person or group is destined; a calling from God.

When we find ourselves in tough times it is important to remember what we are here for. We need to look again at the Big Picture. The temptation here is to devolve into being distracted by the Little Pictures. It is not usually the big things that cause us trouble. It is the little things—the non-essential details. Churches have literally divided over the color of the carpet. Churches have divided over whether or not women ought to be allowed to wear pants. These are incredibly small things when you consider the Big Picture.

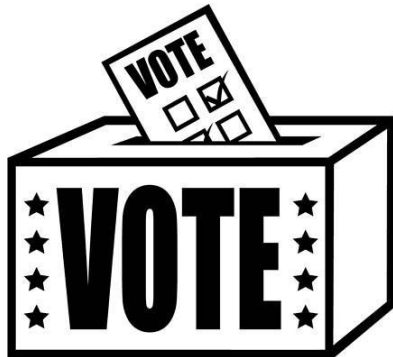
*Is the detail
important enough to risk
compromising the mission—our high
and holy calling?*

We have to remember what we have been placed here by God for. The Big Picture for DFPC is contained in our mission statement: *Helping people in our community and around the world discover the life-changing power of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.* That is what we are here for. This ought to inform our attitudes regarding details. Is the detail important enough to risk compromising the mission—our high and holy calling. We have been very successful over the past years building a church of very diverse people—young and old, newcomers and old comers, traditional and contemporary. In tough times that diversity can become abrasive. The differences can irritate. But we are a family in Christ. Ephesians 4:32 says: *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* Mission unites us and the differences can be our strength.

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Tough times bring out the best and the worst in people. It is a time for grace, forbearance, commitment, love and prayer. The leaders of our church are committed to praying for you. Will you return the favor? May God bless and keep you.

Soli Deo Gloria



***DENOMINATIONAL
ISSUES EDUCATIONAL
WRAP-UP
Sunday, February 13
after church
(with Potluck)***

***YOUR PARTICIPATION IS
CRITICAL!***

As you know, we at DFPC have been watching the trends in our denomination closely for several years, and studying them intently since last March. It is very important that we draw this period of discernment to a conclusion in a faithful and timely manner. The Session has been meeting and conversing with Presbytery since last summer, and we have now been

given the go-ahead by them to hold a poll in order to learn the will of the Membership on this matter. So that the Membership has a concrete concept upon which to voice their opinion in this poll, the Session voted (unanimously) in December for a preliminary recommendation to the congregation that we request dismissal from the PC(USA). Any subsequent action would then be dependent upon the stance of the congregation as represented by this congregational poll.

In order to prepare our body for this poll, the Session is planning a wrap-up educational event on Sunday, February 13, following church. This will be held downstairs in conjunction with that day's Potluck. All who are interested in this issue are welcome to attend the event, whether or not you are a member. The educational material presented so far will be summarized, we will learn about our options—especially the Evangelical Presbyterian Church—and there will be plenty of time for you to ask questions and express any concerns.

We are asking that as many as possible commit to attending this very important event.

The Poll will be mailed out immediately after the event.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND: Anyone who cannot attend the educational event may view it on disk, and it will also be posted in mp3 format on our website, davenportfpc.org. Additionally, our Session members will be happy to discuss any concerns or questions with you privately, by phone or in person.

The Session requests your continual prayers as we prepare for this decisive process. For more information, feel free to contact Lorie Klahn (home 796-3277) or any Session member.

IN THE NEWS

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Pastor Ted is teaching a class entitled *Studies in the Book of Romans* on Sundays at 9 AM in the Library.

2011 PER CAPITA DUES: Presbytery Dues are \$35.46 per person per member.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Please get your reports submitted. Reports about what transpired in 2010 are needed from:

Sandy Buchanan - Clerk of Session
Pastor Ted

Bryan Teel - Building & Grounds
Sharon Thompson-Christian Ed.

Traci Gants - Dale Wilson DONE!

Penny Pankey – Deacons DONE!

Bea Teel – Mission

Marshall Thompson– Finance

Jim Linstrum – Personnel

Bea Teel – Women’s Association

Carolyn Moldrem – Worship

Chris Clayton – Youth

Rod Pankey - Dale Wilson Financial

Staci Moses – Deacon’s Financial

Shelly Johnston – Treasurer

Sharon Nighswonger –Women’s Association Treasurer – DONE!

Rand Masteller & Kathy Bridwell – Audit Commission

Sharon Nighswongwer – Library

Karen Brewster – Choir

Tina West - Membership

Due date is last Sunday in February.

If you want a photocopy of last year’s report so you have a template for your own 2010 report, please contact the office at 725-1802.

DALE WILSON FUND SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications are now available at the information Board in the Narthex. Look for the file folder marked: *Dale Wilson Merit Scholarship Applications*.

PRESBYTERY’S PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP: Applications due March 1.

Please visit the Inland Northwest Presbytery website www.presbyinw.org under Resources, Forms or contact the Presbytery offices to get an application at (509) 924-4148.

CAMP SPALDING: The 2011 Camp Spalding Summer Camp schedule will soon be on line at www.campspalding.org. Take a few moments and look at it to get registered early. Dale Wilson Fund Camperships are available for up to \$250 of the cost per camper.

THANK YOU CARDS: The mission agency that serves the hospital in Mombin Crochu, Haiti sends thanks for recent donation. Missionaries Nate & Amy Krupke also send thanks for our recent contribution.

CALLING ALL DISPOSABLE PLATES AND CUPS: The dish ran away with the spoon and so the church could really use any donated disposable food service items and supplies: hot drink cups, dixie cups, napkins, plastic ware, plates, bowls, paper towels, coffee stir sticks, dish soap, sponges, rubber gloves etc.

TOO MUCH DESSERT? URGE TO BAKE COOKIES BUT NO ONE TO EAT THEM? Rid yourself of those tempting calorie ridden treats by donating to the Youth Group (Wed. nights @ 7 PM).

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY: Flowers needed for the Sanctuary. (No flowers needed March 13 to April 17 as it is the Season of Lent.)

Mark your Calendar:

FEBRUARY 9 MEXICO DEPOSIT DUE

FEBRUARY 13 DENOMINATIONAL ISSUES WRAP UP & POTLUCK

FEBRUARY 27 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

MARCH 9 ASH WEDNESDAY & BOB LENZ YOUTH OUTREACH EVENT

MARCH 13 ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED

APRIL 24 EASTER

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

Submitted by Sharon Nighswonger

PRAYER MEETINGS: Let us come together in reverent and fervent prayer before the Lord. Prayer meetings are being held on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of each month at 5:45 PM.

February Prayer Meeting Schedule: Thursday February 3 at 5:45 PM, in the church basement; and Tuesday, February 15 at 5:45 PM, place to be announced. For more information, feel free to contact Lorie Klahn at looperklahn@hughes.net, or 796-3277.

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18: 18-20

NEW Office Hours in 2011: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 AM to 2 PM.

DALE WILSON MEETING: Monday, February 7 at 7:00 PM in the library.

PRAYER CHAIN: Call Lois Aldrich at 725-7210 to report a prayer request.

NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR: Dave Nighswonger as stepped up as the new DFPC Choir Director!

The Mission Commission is going to be including a short article monthly informing everyone about the mission projects supported by Davenport First Presbyterian Church. The mission project highlighted this month is Gideon's International. Gideon's International is an evangelical Christian organization dedicated to distributing copies of the Bible in over 92 languages and 192 countries of the world. Since its inception in 1899, close to 1.5 billion Bibles have been distributed.

Most of us are familiar with seeing these New Testament Bibles in hotel and motel rooms. In addition to the hotel-room Bibles, the Gideons distribute Bibles to members of the military of various countries, to hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, MPs and students. The covers of the Bibles distributed by the Gideons are color coded based on which groups they're meant for: Orange for sidewalk distribution to Middle/High school students; Green for college/university students; Red for in-school distribution to Middle/High school students; Digital Camouflage/Desert Camouflage for the military; Dark Blue for law enforcement personnel, firefighter, and EMTs; White for medical professionals; Light Blue for distribution by the Auxiliary (wives of Gideons) only; Brown for personal worker's testaments (for individual witnessing by Gideons); Periwinkle for personal worker's testaments (for individual witnessing by the Auxiliary).

The Gideon's ministry was responsible for distributing 79.8 million copies of God's word last year. Praise the Lord for their diligent work domestically and internationally. One of the verses highlighted in their pamphlets accompanying the Bibles is John 8:32:

"Then you will know the truth and it will set you free."

SUMMER 2010

YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
Submitted by Karl Moldrem

This year we have two choices for youth entering grades 9-12 and adults. A Mexico mission will be coordinated by the Davenport Church and a Portland mission by the Reardan Church.

Option #1 - Mexico

Dates: Approximately June 15-23
Project: BUILDING HOUSES
(AMOR MINISTRIES)

- Build 1-3 houses depending on the number of participants - also evangelism and street outreach to children.
- More Info: <http://www.amor.org>
- Cost: About \$800 each which includes building supplies, air travel, van rental, and food - there will be several fundraisers and some monies may be available from the church to significantly reduce the cost.
- Important Dates:
Wed., January 26, 6 PM
Participant/Family Meeting

Wed., February 9
Deadline to sign up to go to Mexico (\$75 deposit due)

Coordinators: Pastor Ted, Karl Moldrem, Rena Hills, Chris Clayton. For more information, please attend the informational meeting on January 26.

Option #2 – Portland, OR

Dates: July 10-16
Project: INNER CITY OUTREACH
(P.U.M.P.)

- The mission of the Portland Urban Ministry Project (P.U.M.P.) is to nurture a generation of urban Christians in Northeast Portland. One way we do this is through a six-week summer program for 1st through 6th graders that provides literacy training, relational mentoring, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. As part of the P.U.M.P. Summer Program (PSP) experience, your group will be instrumental in bringing Jesus to this impoverished urban neighborhood.
- More Info:
<http://pumpchurch.org/index.php/about/articles/mission/>
- Cost: About \$300 of which \$100 will be covered with participants raising \$200 each.

Coordinator: Bill Ward, Pastor of the Reardan Presbyterian Church (509)796-2141. For more information or to sign up call Pastor Ward.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

By Sharon Nighswonger, Clerk of Session
January 6, 2011

- Pastor Ted began the meeting discussing the word 'edify'. He quoted Scriptures 1 Thessalonians 5 & Ephesians 4:29. Let's not let the little things get us down. We are here to build each other up and not tear each other down.
- It was suggested that people in the church have a corporate prayer group that meets for 45 minutes monthly or

bi-monthly. People would gather at a designated home bring Scripture to share and pray for our church, Pastor Ted and other items on participant's hearts.

- Rena Hills and Chris Clayton presented the opportunity for a mission trip to Rosarito, Mexico. The trip would be working in conjunction with Amor Ministries and take place this June. It would be a smaller group than in the past. Youth from Wilbur and Reardan will be contacted to participate.
- We are still facing a financial shortfall. The Session is looking at ways to make fiscally responsible changes.
- The new elders on board are Rod Pankey, Jim Linstrum and Dixie Guhlke.
- The Session Retreat will be on January 30 following church at the Thompson's house.
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- **Deacons Report:** The outgoing deacons are Staci Moses, Shirley Gunning and Kristi Bell. The new deacons are Ernie King, Rosalie Ressel and Sandy Buchanan. The new deacons will be joining Penny Pankey, Glorea VanVoorhis and Debbie Mielke. The fellowship hour after church is going well. There will be potlucks scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
- The installation of the new elders and deacons will be on February 6.
- Jim Linstrum will act as our Presbytery commissioner. Carolyn Moldrem and Lorie Klahn will act as alternates.

- Shelly Johnston was elected as Treasurer and Sharon Nighswonger was elected as Clerk of Session.
- **The Session is preparing to have the members of First Presbyterian Church vote on the future of our church. There will be a church denominational educational panel held during the February potluck. The congregation needs to have all their questions answered to make an informed and educated decision concerning the upcoming poll. There will be a mailing sent out to all church members by February 4. The panel discussion will be on February 13 at the potluck and the poll by mail sent by February 18.**
- \$500.00 was collected from the Christmas Joy Offering.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES Reported by Sandy Buchanan December 19, 2010

Terms of Call Jim Linstrum presented the terms of call for Pastor Ted Broadway. Pastor Ted excused himself for the discussion and vote. The congregation voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

Finance Committee Marshall Thompson presented the 2011 budget. He explained that for the past three years the congregation has given approximately \$106,000 per year and each year our spending has exceeded that, causing Session to need to borrow from investment funds. The Finance Commission recommended cuts to the budget to equal \$106,000. This will include having only one nursery attendant and volunteer. Congregation voted unanimously to reduce spending to \$106,000.

Nominating Committee Sandy Buchanan reported from the nominating committee the slate of officers as follows: DALE WILSON

COMMITTEE Dennis West, Terry Goodman, and Brittany West; NOMINATING COMMITTEE (at large positions) Rena Hills, Linda Patterson, and Karl Moldrem; AUDIT COMMITTEE Rand Masteller and Darci Linstrum; DEACONS Sandy Buchanan, Rosalie Ressel and Ernestine King; SESSION Jim Linstrum and Rod Pankey. There remains one open position. The congregation **voted** unanimously to accept the whole slate of officer's recommendation from the nominating committee.

MISSION COMMISSION

**MEETING Reported by Bea Teel
January 11, 2011**

Reports Mission Fund Balance: \$1,633.34; Receipts: \$365.00; Christmas Joy Offering: \$500 or more; discussed our 2010 giving and support which totaled \$7081.92. Hammock Campaign for Hogares Boys Home: 5 individuals from our church gave a total of \$50 and 12 Facebook individuals participated so that 12 hammocks are being woven at a local jail in Meredith, Mexico.

Unfinished Business Carolyn reported on the *Sew Sew Sisters' Mission*. Carolyn has received generous fabric donations from ladies in Davenport which will be taken to Spokane tomorrow morning to be shipped off to Columbia. The *Sew Sew Sisters* leave for Columbia 1/28/11 and return 2/13/11 with 6 ladies and 2 men going. Lorie gave each of us a handout to read of which we are to come prepared to discuss at our next meeting concerning *Relief Fund Diversion in Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund of PCUSA*. This concerns the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering which we usually take in the spring. For the Mission Candle on 2/13/11 Sharon Nighswonger will speak on Gideon's International.

New Business Proposed 2011 Fundraising and contribution goals:

PROJECTS WITH ONGONG SUPPORT

Covenant Hospital	\$1000
Hogares Juvenules	\$750
Rav, Gama Canul	\$500
Krupkes/CCI	\$250
Total	\$2000

PROJECTS OF ONE-TIME GIVNG

Church Member Mission trip	\$500
Samaritans Purse	\$200 for shipping
Haiti Relief	\$1000
Medical Benevolence	\$500
Total	\$2200

DALE WILSON MEETING

**Reported by Dana Nighswonger
October 18, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Opening prayer by Traci. We welcomed Sarah Jane.

Minutes Rod moved to approve the February minutes. Bea seconded. Approved unanimously.

Financial Reports Methodist Church will help pay us around \$700 for VBS. Dana moved to approve the financial report. Heather seconded. Approved unanimously.

Developed Budget for 2011

- College Merit: \$5250
- Campership: \$2000
- Mission: \$6000
- VBS: \$1000
- Admin: \$50
- Youth Outreach: \$700
(\$500 earmarked for Brittney and Hannah's Bob Lenz Outreach)

Heather moved to approve the 2011 budget. Dana seconded. Approved unanimously.

Other Business

Next meeting: February 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Ted closed in prayer at 7:45 to end meeting.



BOB LENZ

**Community Outreach Event
Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Davenport High School
7:00 PM**

Come hear this amazing Youth Motivational Speaker as he brings a message of hope and self worth. For anyone who has ever encountered a teenager, this event is for you.

Parents! Grandparents! Teachers! Community Citizens! Bob Lenz brings a message of Love and Encouragement in a very difficult time for both parents and teens.



**With Special Guest: Holly Starr
You won't want to miss this event!**

Donations can still be made to Bob Lenz Outreach at any US Bank.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Doug Edwards	2-1
Carl Moses	2-3
Susan Reider	2-3
Elizabeth Balogh	2-3
Aaron Pitman	2-4
Tyson Linstrum	2-6
Katie Hiccox	2-7
Charlene Cruz	2-7
Traci Carouthers	2-10
Ruth Kern	2-11
Marti Montovani	2-11
Pauline Bond	2-13
Jackie Hoppes	2-17
Doug Branch	2-18
Helen Farris	2-19
Dallas Reed	2-19
Harold Patterson	2-21
Holly Branch	2-22
Jennifer Pauls	2-24
Jarrett Jacobson	2-25
Jim Buchanan	2-25
Brittany West	2-26
Zachary Edwards	2-26
Denny Reed	2-27
Karissa Mielke	2-27

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Scott & Kimberly	
Hardin	2-7
Casey & Lorie	
Klahn	2-26