

Davenport First Presbyterian Church

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## **TEDBITS**

**By Pastor Ted Broadway**

Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

While The Great Commission tells we are to "go and make disciples," too often we operate by the idea that *if we build it they will come*—which is quite different and may be defined as an invitational model. But Jesus tells us to "go!" This is clearly a missional model: We are on a mission.

This move from invitational to missional is easy to talk about, but hard to implement. If we are to change our behavior we must first understand that our actions reflect our values. If we are talking about sustained changes we are really talking about making a shift in *our* culture. This kind of change is deep and questions the idea that the church merely exists to meet our own needs.

So, how does a church whose existence revolves around producing religious goods and services for its people begin to focus its efforts outward? First, we must change our essence—our posture. Becoming a missional church—one that goes out and reaches out—is not primarily about our activity, but rather about our essence. It is about who we are. Churches that reach and grow see God's mission as their reason to exist. This is a terrific spiritual revelation. We are a church because God has a mission! Our God is a missionary God. It is our job to become God's missionary people. We must come to see ourselves as a body of missionaries.

Mission does not require large churches with large budgets and lots of resources. Big churches certainly grab a lot of attention. And many of them do some great things. But we must resist the idea that only larger churches can be effective and missional. Size is not the issue. Obedience is. We must learn to value the resources God had already given us, instead of comparing and complaining about what we do not have.

Jesus called individual people to follow Him. He invested Himself in a small group of twelve and some friends and with these few started building His Kingdom. The number was small but the impact was big. His mission does not depend on numbers but upon the faithful obedience of however many or few. Size doesn't matter. Love does.

How has God uniquely created our congregation? Looking at the world's needs can be overwhelming. On the other hand, if we stop to reflect on how we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" as a congregation, we will have cause for celebration.

Let's start here. Let's celebrate who we are and how God has designed our congregation. The people who are here are here for a reason. When we discover who we are then we can begin to look for ways to invest our unique design in God's mission both locally and globally.

So, what is the answer to this matter of how to move a church whose existence revolves around producing religious goods and services for its members begin to focus its efforts outward?

The answer is found, paradoxically, by focusing inward and outward at the same time. The churches that sustained long-term growth were those that balanced internal and external focus. It seems that people who are most effective in reaching out to others are those whose needs have been adequately cared for. It is not selfish to get cared for. Churches that want to move outward must still look inward and care for their members. This kind of balance is crucial. We just got an alignment done on our Ford Taurus station wagon. Now both tires are pointed in the same direction. There is balance. It sure runs a lot smoother and will last a lot longer. We will go places. It's a happy thing.

In the fall, we are considering how best to create strong outreach and, as someone put it so well, strong "in-reach." We are working on some ideas about how to care for and equip our congregation as we continue the missions both local and globally that God has called some of our people to. We are moving toward having more home studies for mutual support and equipping. I have no doubt that God has a mission here in Davenport and that we are called to do great things for Him.

Soli Deo Gloria.

## **GET IN SHAPE! BIBLE BOOT CAMP**

**By Rod Pankey,  
Christian Education Chair**

KIDS Church for kids in grades P-6 begins on September 11 with *Bible Boot Camp*. Time to get in shape and put on the full armor of God! KIDS Church is an active and fun curriculum that brings kids together for theme-based games, Scripture learning, object lessons, and other activities to help children grow in their faith.

This fall, we are going to try a revised schedule that we hope will give more adults an opportunity to help work with the children. KIDS Church will be presented during the 10 o'clock hour on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the month. We will need **only three adults for three weeks each month** to staff the program.

There are various roles that will fit anyone's gifts to help teach or help in KIDS Church. Since adults are only asked to commit to three Sundays at a time, we hope to be able to bring more adults into the program. There is also opportunity for youth seeking leadership experience in a creative setting to get involved. Please watch for the clipboard and sign up for this exciting and fun program.

IN-home Bible Studies also begin this fall and we are encouraging everyone to become involved. **Are you willing to lead a study? Could you offer your home as a meeting place?** Research has shown that one of the most important aspects of a thriving church is the development of relationships obtained through IN-home small group Bible Studies. Please ask the LORD if you should lead, host or attend an IN-home Bible study.

## **SESSION REPORTS**

Submitted by Sharon Nighswonger  
Clerk of Session

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### **Session Minutes**

**June 2, 2011**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, WA, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2011 in the church library. **Present to make a quorum:** **Moderator:** Rev. Ted Broadway; **Clerk:** Sharon Nighswonger; **Elders:** Rod Pankey, Bryan Teel, Jim Linstrum, Chris Clayton, Carolyn Moldrem, Lori Klahn, Tina West, Sharon Nighswonger; **Treasurer:** Shelly Johnston; **Absent:** Marshall Thompson and Deacon Representative. The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:05 PM.

Deacon's Report: Rod read the provided Deacon's report written by the deacon moderator Penny Pankey. Penny reported that she, Debbie Mielke and Rosalie Ressel were participating in shut-in visitations. The Deacons have scheduled potlucks through September. June 12 is a "Birthday Theme;" July 10 they will provide root beer floats; August 14 will be the church picnic at the Mielke's home after church; September 18 will be a potluck with perhaps a "Coming Together" theme (a week after the church vote).

There is still a vacant spot on the Deacon board. Sarah Jane Heid is interested in filling that slot. **Tina moved and Lorie seconded the motion that Sarah Jane be nominated to fill the Deacon vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.** A congregational meeting to elect Sarah Jane will be on June 12 with announcements on June 5 and June 12.

Tina moved and Rod seconded approval of the following minutes with changes: May 5, 2011 regular session meeting; May 15, 2011 congregational meeting; and May 15, 2011 special session meeting. The minutes were unanimously accepted as revised. Shelly presented the budget.

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### **Congregational Meeting**

**June 12, 2011**

Pastor Ted opened the Congregational Meeting in prayer at 11:20 AM. Pastor Ted presented Sarah Jane Heid as a candidate for the vacant deacon position and asked for nominees from the floor. Since none were nominated, it was moved by Marshall Thompson and seconded by Dave Nighswonger to close nominations and accept Sarah Jane as a new deacon. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor Ted closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting closed at 11:30am.

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### **Session Highlights**

**July 7, 2011**

- The church has three people who have gone through the new members class: Brad & Debbie Nolt and Paul Gilliland.
- Sarah Jane Heid has accepted becoming a deacon.
- Lots of discussion about finances. We are spending more than we are taking in. Summer can be a lean time for giving, because people are gone. What can be done to let everyone know?
- We are working on having the Evangelical Presbyterian Church representatives come and meet with session members in August.

- The session is working on reminding everyone about the congregational vote on September 11.
- August 14 will be the church picnic after church at the Mielke's house.
- September 18 will be a "Harvest Celebration" potluck.
- Plans are being made for Sunday School in the fall. Looking into in home Bible studies.
- Laura Ensor is the new custodian for the church.
- A very positive report was given by Bryan about the successful Mexico Mission trip.



## IN THE NEWS

### LOOKING FOR "BOOT CAMP-TYPE" PROPS:

Do you have any **army surplus stuff** like army hats, helmets, jackets, **camouflage** netting or t-shirts or pants, canvas pup tent etc. that you could donate for use by the Sunday School? The youth will be filming skits in August requiring a Boot Camp stage. If you have something, please contact Rod Pankey @ 725-5842 or the office @ 725-1802.

### BOOT CAMP SKIT PERFORMERS AND TECH

**SUPPORT NEEDED:** Read-through and BBQ on Friday, August 5 at 6 PM; filming, Saturday, August 6 during the day (Mielke wedding at 7 PM).

**VIDEO CAMERA NEEDED:** Do you have an easy to operate video camera the Youth Group could use? It can even be the big old style for VHS. Please call office 725-1802.

**BOOT CAMP SERGEANTS NEEDED:** KIDS Church leaders and helpers needed to serve for one month (excluding Communion Sundays). Contact Rod Pankey @ 725-5842. Choose from:

- September 11, 18, 25
- October 9, 16, 23
- November 13, 20, 27
- January 8, 15\*, 22, 29
- February 12, 19\*, 26
- March 11, 18, 25
- April 15, 22, 29
- May 13, 20, 27\*

### TURNER SISTERS GO TO JAPAN TO SPREAD GOSPEL MUSIC:

August 16-September 4. Muriel writes: "Please pray for us as we bring a message of hope. Jesus Christ and Christianity offer answers that are not found in any other faith and we are very happy to be able to point the way to these answers both here and across the ocean." All are invited to a **Bon Voyage Concert and Party August 7, 2011** at Light and Life Christian Fellowship, 3555 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Post Falls, ID 83854. Potluck at 12:00, concert at 1:00. For more information contact Verlene Wilson at (208)964-1567 or the Turners at (509)496-4250.

**PICNIC:** Our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for August 14 at the Mielke's home, 29661 Earl Rd. E., Davenport, WA (Rocklyn area) after church. Watermelon and sodas provided. Bring lawn chairs, dinnerware and a dish to share.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome new members Paul Gilliland of Harrington and Brad & Debbie Nolt of Wilbur. Let's say hello! **MARK CALENDAR:** Public reception for all new members on Sunday, August 14.

**FAREWELL:** The Nighswonger Family is moving to Wyoming!!! Dave and Sam leave August 16---so come say farewell at Church Picnic on August 14! **VACANCIES NEED FILLING:** The Nighswonger family worked generously on behalf of our church. Their departure leaves the following service opportunities open:

- Clerk of Session
- Choir Director
- Elder
- Memorial Book Name Stenciling
- Library
- Ushering (4 slots)
- Greeting (2 slots)
- Women's Association Secretary
- Mission Commission Secretary
- Sunday School Teacher

**KEITH & IRENE KENNEDY NEW ADDRESS:**  
221 E. Rockwood Lane, #305 E., Spokane,  
WA 99202. Phone: 315-5814.

**LOST or MISPLACED?** It appears that the industrial sized electric slow cooker is gone from the church kitchen. If you have any ideas of its whereabouts or who last used it, please call the office at 725-1802.

**MEXICO MISSION STUFF:** If you are looking for camping gear leftover from the trip, please contact the office.

**FOUND! EXPENSIVE ELECTRONIC GADGET:**  
Call the office to identify.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** OK, all of you git 'er done and fix 'er up folks. The Lord's House needs a little attention. Would you?

1. Help fix the back landing (by pastor's door—involves cement work)
2. Run down a glass shade (*Done! Thanks, Sue*)
3. Replace four bad ballasts
4. Replace two light fixtures (one is up high) (*Done! Thanks, Ted*)
5. Help paint the manse garage door (already prepped)
6. Pressure wash the buildings (*Done! Thanks, Don & Ted*)
7. Prep and paint some wood posts on manse porch
8. Install a range hood in the manse (requires some electrical work)
9. Inspect/repair sprinkler system (*Done! Thanks, Roger & Ted*)

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER:**  
Please mark your calendar for donating your pies or desserts on Thursday, **August 25** for the Lincoln County Fair Dinner. Contact Lois @ 725-7210.

**COFFEE HOUR NOTES:** Please, if you are hosting, take out the trash as part of the clean up so that the area is nice during the weekdays. There are **two cans:** one can is located at the end of the food table and the other is next to the water cooler. Extra liners are stored at the bottom of the can underneath the existing liner.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION BOX:** There will be a box in the Narthex for collecting items for needy children in Davenport. Please consider donating items—many go on sale in the stores in August. Contact Brenda Guhlke for more information 721-0040.

**“ON CALL” NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 10:00 TO 11:15 SUNDAY MORNINGS:** “On call” means check in with our Nursery Attendant; if no children, then remain alert during the service and assist if children are taken down to the Nursery for care. There is a sign-up clipboard hanging on the wall by the Information Table in the Narthex. A police background check request form is needed—forms are attached to the back of the clipboard (Note: The \$10 fee will be waived). **Youth volunteers can earn Community Service Hours.**

**RECYCLE YOUR USED COMPUTER INK CARTRIDGES & CELL PHONES:** Collection box in the back on the welcome table. Proceeds benefit Christian Heritage School.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to activate the prayer chain, please call Lois Aldrich at 725-7210.

**FUN RUN:** Chris and Corrine Clayton are looking to put together a team to “race” through **mud pits and mire** in *The Dirty Dash Spokane 10K* on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Waves begin at 9:00 A.M. Google *Dirty Dash* for more information or contact Chris at 215-0764.

**Current Church Officers**

**Elders:**

2011: Chris Clayton, Carolyn Moldrem, Marshall Thompson

2012: Lorie Klahn, Bryan Teel, Tina West

2013: Jim Linstrum, Rod Pankey, Sharon Nighswonger

**Deacons:**

2011: Penny Pankey, Debbie Mielke

2012: Sarah Jane Heid, Glorea Van Voorhis

2013: Ernie King, Rosalie Ressel

# COME TO VOTE!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011!

### WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Our church is currently under the auspices of a particular Presbyterian denomination—namely the PC(USA). We have been conducting an in-depth discernment process for a year and a half, through prayer, study, much deliberation, and open debate, to learn what is right in the sight of the Lord regarding the issues facing the PC(USA). The result of this process is that the Session has issued a recommendation to be voted upon by the Congregation, that DFPC seek dismissal from the PC(USA), and seek affiliation with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). This action is considered by the Session to be the best and most faithful way to achieve the goal of preservation of our assets and property, and most importantly, our future aspirations for the effective ministry of DFPC.

You are encouraged to contact a Session member if you have any questions or concerns. **YOUR VOTE IS NECESSARY.**

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.** This is a very important moment in the history of this church so, please, make attendance on September 11, 2011 a **TOP PRIORITY!**

## **MISSION COMMISSION NEWS**

Submitted by Sharon Nighswonger

The Mission Commission will be participating in Operation Christmas Child (many of you may know it as "Shoe Box Ministry"). We will be collecting the following items to pack in shoeboxes for sending overseas in the fall. We want to get the Sunday School kids involved in the process of giving to others. Our goal is 30 shoeboxes. The items need to be chosen for the following age groups: 2-4 years old; 5-9 years old; 10-14 years old. Also you may give specifically for boys or girls.

You may drop off your items in the barrel by the coffee hour table.

### **TOYS**

Such as small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books.

### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth.

### **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

## **A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

### ***DO NOT INCLUDE:***

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow-globes or any glass containers; aerosol cans.

*Always be joyful.*

*Never stop praying.*

*Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## **Summer Lay Leaders Roster**

### **AUGUST 7**

**WL: LINDA PATTERSON  
G: GARY & ALICE PATTERSON  
U: RAWLEIGH & KATY FISK**

### **14**

**WL: CAROLYN MOLDREM  
G: BETH & LOIS ALDRICH  
U: GLOREA VAN VOORHIS & JON BROADWAY**

### **21**

**WL: DOUG MIELKE  
G: CHRIS & CORINNE CLAYTON  
U: GARY & ALICE PATTERSON**

### **28**

**WL: HOWARD NELSON  
G: GLOREA VAN VOORHIS  
U: DIXIE GUHLKE & ERNIE KING**

### **SEPTEMBER 4**

**WL: ROD PANKEY  
G: LOIS & BETH ALDRICH  
U: MOLDREM FAMILY**

**HELP NEEDED!**  
 For a variety of reasons we find that we have vacancies to fill for ushering and leading worship. Please take a moment to look at the opportunities and consider your calendar. Please notify the office of your availability by indicating your intentions and placing this paper in an offering plate or by calling Sue at 725-1802.

USHERS NEEDED:  
**September 25** and  
**October 23.**  
**November 6,**  
**November 13,**  
**November 20** and  
 Christmas Eve,  
 Saturday, **December 24.**

WORSHIP LEADERS  
 NEEDED:  
**October 23** and  
 St. Andrew's Day,  
**October 30.**  
 Christmas Day, Sunday,  
**December 25.**

**PLEASE HELP!**  
 Is there anyone out there who is currently not on the roster for a particular job or who has substituted in the past, but could be persuaded to be on the roster in the future?  
**THANK YOU!**

Is there anyone currently listed on the roster serving one time willing to serve one more additional time?

**USHER LIST**

NAME	TIME(S)
Lilje Family	3
Virginia Morrison	2
Cathy Anderson	2
Rawleigh & Katy Fisk	2
Jon & Jill Freeze	1
Hills Family	2
Nick & Debbie Marriott	2
Casey & Lorie Klahn	2
Nighswonger Family	4
West Family	3
Howard & Cheryl Nelson	1
Linstrum Family	3
Bea Teel	1
Chris & Corinne Clayton	2
Rosalie Ressel	1
Jon Broadway	3
Roger Bond	2
Bryan Teel	3
Marshall and Sharon Thompson	1
Harold & Linda Patterson	1
Joe & Vi Lilje	2
Rod & Penny Pankey	2
Mielke Family	1
Richard and Shirley Gunning	1
Glorea Van Voorhis	2
Gary & Alice Patterson	1
Dixie Guhlke	1
Ernie King	1
Moldrem Family	1
Boy Scouts	1

**GREETER LIST**

Cathy Anderson	2
Carla Boleneus	3
Howard & Cheryl Nelson	2
Nighswonger Family	2
Lilje Family	1
Rand & Bev Masteller	2
West Family	2
Roger Bond	2
Richard and Shirley Gunning	3
Florence Smartt	2

Lois & Beth Aldrich	3
Terry & Jeanne Goodman	1
Harold & Linda Patterson	1
Mike & Jody Hardin	2
Rosalie Ressel	2
Debbie Mielke (sub.)	1

Joe & Vi Lilje	1
Nick & Debbie Marriott	1
Marilee Pankey	2
Ed & Shelly Johnston	1
Moldrem Family	1
Ernie King	1
Gary & Alice Patterson	2
Chris & Corrine Clayton	2
Mielke Family	1
Rawleigh & Katy Fisk	1
Glorea Van Voorhis	2
Helen Farris	1
Gabe & Traci Gants	1
Enid Borck	1
Jim Linstrum	1
Casey & Lorie Klahn	1
Sharon and Marshall Thompson	1

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Marshall Thompson	2
Bill Lilje	2
Chris Clayton	1
Carla Boleneus	2
Jim Linstrum	3
Karl Moldrem	2
Ernie King	3
Doug Mielke	3
Rod Pankey	3
Bev Masteller	3
Sharon Thompson	2
Penny Pankey	3
Michelle Lilje	1
Rand Masteller	1
Carolyn Moldrem	2
Alice Patterson	1
Darci Linstrum	2
Linda Patterson	1
Howard Nelson	2
Lorie Klahn	2
Shirley Gunning	1
Dixie Guhlke	1
Heather Panke	1
Dennis West	1
Tina West	1
Jody Hardin	2