

Davenport First Presbyterian Church

## NEWSLETTER

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Susan Broadway, editor

### **TEDBITS**

By Pastor Ted Broadway



*“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.” (Matthew 6:6)*

How many prayers have I prayed? A lot. Not as much as I should. More as I get older. Many different kinds of prayers. Probably the most meaningful prayers have come in moments of crisis or great personal need. Prayer has become my rock, my anchor. A few stand out as having had a great impact on my life.

***Jesus, if you are real,  
come to me.***

In 1970 in Beirut, Lebanon, I prayed this prayer and Jesus did come into my life. It

was not a mature prayer, but I knew that Jesus was real, that I needed saving and that He saved me. There have been wonderful, great times and there have been dark nights of the soul. My soul is safe and hidden in Him. Even when He does not feel present I know that He is. My life has never been the same after praying that prayer.

***Lord, let the truth come out.***

In times of trouble, especially in times of controversy, I have prayed this prayer and found it brings me peace. In John 8:32 we are told *“You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”* It is freeing to know what really is. *“Thy Word is truth.”* (John 17:17) While praying through things I keep reading and applying Scripture.

***Lord, Your will be done.***

I often want things to be a certain way. This prayer opens me to letting the Lord's will to win out over my will. This is, of course, from the Lord's prayer—*“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:9-13) Paul tells us in Romans 8:29 *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, for those who have been called according to His purpose.”* When I stop struggling for my will and submit to His, again, there is peace. The great secret is that His will is better than mine anyway.

***Jesus, have mercy on me, a  
sinner.***

This is one of the oldest Christian prayers. When I first became a Christian and prayed that first prayer for mercy I was saved alright—but I was not fixed, repaired. I still stand in the need of the mercy and grace of Jesus. This prayer not only reminds me of

where I came from, but where I am. I need to work out my salvation. I need to stand guard against my old self. I continually need to fall on that grace and mercy.

***Open the Eyes of My Heart,  
Lord.***

These words are the title of a praise song, but also reflect the words of St. Paul in Ephesians 1:8 “*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be opened.*” I realize my deep need for spiritual discernment—to see as God sees, to care about what He cares about and pay attention to the things that He wants me to pay attention to. Until God opens my eyes, I will continue to stumble through life, make the same mistakes over and over and miss the glory and depth and wisdom He would show me.

***Help me to listen to the  
sermons I preach and  
preach the ones I most need  
to hear.***

The best ones are the ones I preach to myself. I need always to be sure—especially when holding forth the Word of God—that I stand under the Word of God. Being an expert at hearing is more important than being an expert at speaking.

As I look over these prayers I have shared with you, I see that the most powerful prayers are quite short. The Lord does value a heart that is open to Him more than many words. May God bless you as you seek Him in prayer.

*Soli Deo Gloria.*



**ABOUT SESSION MEETINGS:** As a member of Davenport First Presbyterian Church, you are welcome to attend any Session meetings and hear their deliberations as an observer. Session meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Library. Our next Session meeting is March 3.

**ABOUT ELDERS:** Your Elders provide spiritual and ministry leadership for our church and are elected by a vote of the congregation. Any member of DFPC has the right to hold office and vote. Elders are ordained for life, but they serve three year terms. They can serve two consecutive terms (six years) after which they must take a year off before they can be considered for additional terms. There are nine Elders on Session in three classes of three who oversee the ministries of our church. Your Elders are: Marshall Thompson (Finance), Jim Linstrum (Personnel), Tina West (Outreach), Bryan Teel (Buildings and Grounds), Carolyn Moldrem (Worship), Chris Clayton (Youth), Lorie Klahn (Mission) and Rod Pankey (Christian Education). As of this writing we have one vacancy. The vacancy is the Membership Commission Elder position. Pastor Ted serves as the moderator.

**ABOUT NOMINATIONS:** The congregation elects a Nominating Committee to seek people of good character and spiritual maturity for office. Per our By-Laws and with a view toward having diverse representation, the Nominating Committee is composed of two Elders, a Deacon, a Women's Association representative and three at-large members. They seek out candidates who are willing to serve and recommend these candidates to the congregation for ratifying.

**ABOUT THE CLERK:** Sharon Nighswonger began serving as Clerk of Session in 2011. The very important job of the Clerk is to keep minutes and maintain the permanent records of the church. The clerk is elected every year by Session; however, it is customary for a clerk to serve for multiple years as this is a specialized position that lends itself to long term service. Our last clerk, Sandy Buchanan, graciously served three years and prior to Sandy, Linda Patterson served many, many years.

**ABOUT THE TREASURER:** Our treasurer is Shelly Johnston. The Church Treasurer is also elected every year. In Shelly's case, she has served 21 years and has agreed to one more year.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:** If you or someone you know—who is a member here at DFPC—would like to serve either as the Membership Elder or as the Treasurer, please let the Session know.

**PREVENT ACCIDENTS:**

Cars are the cause of 20% of fatal accidents. Travel by air, rail or boat cause 16% of fatal accidents. 17% happen at home. 14% happen to pedestrians on the streets. So, come to worship, because only .001% of all accidents are caused by churches. Prevent accidents! Come to DFPC!

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

**February 3, 2011**

By Sharon Nighswonger,  
Clerk of Session

- The Session is very excited about the twice monthly prayer meetings. The meetings are on the first Thursday at the church, right before the Session Meeting and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at a private residence.
- **Deacons Report:** The new officers are as follows: Moderator: Penny Pankey; Secretary: Sandy Buchanan; Treasurer: Ernestine King. Additional assignments are: Cards: Penny Pankey; Funerals: Rosalie Ressel; Visitations: Debbie Mielke. The Deacons are planning and scheduling fellowship opportunities for the congregation to get to know one another. There will be potluck dinners following church monthly. They are busy working out a visitation schedule for our shut-ins.
- The Ash Wednesday service will be here at 6PM on March 9.
- The Bob Lenz outreach event will also be on March 9 at the Davenport High School at 7 PM. Dominoes will be providing pizzas.
- The new bakery in town is putting together welcome baskets for newcomers to town. The Session will work on getting information to them to include in those baskets welcoming people to our church.
- \$340.00 was collected from the special offering for the Gideons. The Christmas Joy Offering brought in \$390.00, not \$500.00 as previously

stated.

- There will be new bulletin boards in the foyer to inform everyone about our mission projects. One bulletin board will be specifically designated to missionaries. The other will feature updates on our supported mission projects.
- The church building is seeing lots of use. If a church member requests it for an event, there will be no fee; however if a non-member requests it, there will be a fee.
- An ad hoc membership committee is working to clean up the membership roster.
- **The Session is preparing to have the members of First Presbyterian Church vote on the future of our church. There was a church Denominational Issues Wrap-Up Educational Event held during the February potluck. The poll to non-members and members will be mailed out by February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please vote and send them back to the church by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 for consideration.**



## MISSION COMMISSION REPORT

February 8, 2011

Submitted by Bea Teel

Mission Fund Balance

as of 12-20-2010: \$1,713.61

Gideon Sunday: \$340 given in church

### New Business

- Annual Report presented, modified and approved.

### Reports

- A report on Haiti was read, concerning conditions at *Covenant Hospital*. A medical team was there in late January and they sent off a very uplifting report on conditions at the hospital.
- “Thank you” card received from the Krupkes in East Asian for the mission gift.
- A letter was read from Gama Canul (Action International). Lots going on in Yucatan, Mexico.
- We are considering doing a mission project with Samaritan’s Purse for our Easter giving instead of One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Talked about the Shoe Boxes for youth—a project with Samaritan’s Purse—to be completed by the end of October.
- Carolyn reported news from the *Sew Sew Group* of Spokane Valley who went to Columbia and discussed an opportunity to attend the play, “The Miracle Worker” on May 13 at Interplayers Theatre. It was also reported that Mission Community Outreach now needs sweat shirts, household goods, soaps etc.

### Unfinished Business

- One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) issue discussed at length. Motion made and carried that the Mission Commission has decided to abstain from participating in OGHS this year. In the meantime, we will look at alternative giving options such as Samaritan’s Purse.

- Bulletin Board project: New boards were shown to the group and will be up SOON under the direction of Sharon and Carolyn.
- Hammocks for *Hogares Juveniles* are being created at a local jail there in Meredith. The Pattersons plan to present the hammocks to the boys as soon as all of them are made.

#### New Business

- Following much discussion concerning *Dimes for Hunger* it was decided to make a change this year. The jars will be put out for members of the congregation to pick up on May 8 to be returned on May 29. This year the collection will be called Dimes for Davenport with all the money collected going to the local Ministerial Association.

### **DENOMINATIONAL ISSUES POLL UNDERWAY**

**By Lorie Klahn**

The Session would like to thank everyone who attended the Denominational Issues Wrap-Up Educational Event on Sunday, February 13, 2011. As this article goes to press, the follow-up Straw Poll has been mailed out to Active Members and to active Non-Members. After prayerfully completing the Poll, please use the postage paid envelope to return the Poll to the Church Office by the March 1 deadline. **POLLS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 1 WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL COUNT.**

The Session can't thank you enough for your participation in the Poll, which is the second most important element in this process, only behind prayer. The Presbytery will be helping us count the poll results, which we will have for you as soon as possible. Please remain in prayer as this situation continues

to unfold. Pray for God's will and guidance upon us.

***“To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.”*** (Jude 24-25)

### **IN THE NEWS**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE:** Friday, March 4 at 10 AM at Reardan Catholic Church. All are invited.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9:** At 6 PM, join the congregation for the Ash Wednesday service; then at 7 PM, join the youth for the Bob Lenz Outreach Event at Davenport High School. Pizza!

**MAIL IN YOUR POLL TODAY!  
Polls must be postmarked by  
Tuesday, March 1.**

**AS WE EAT OUR WAY THROUGH THE YEAR . . . . WHAT NEXT?** Sunday, March 13 is a special "SOUP AND BREAD" Potluck after church! Bring your favorite soup or stew or chili recipe to share.

**PRAYER MEETINGS: ALL WELCOME!** Let us come together in reverent and fervent prayer before the Lord. Next meetings are:  
Thursday, March 3 @ 5:45 PM  
Tuesday March 15 @ 5:45 PM

**If you would like to host the meeting in your home, let us know!** Please come quietly with your hearts and minds prepared for prayer. Bring your Bible and share a verse that the Lord has placed on

your heart. There will not be food. Feel free to invite anyone! For more information, contact Lorie Klahn at [2sam222@gmail.com](mailto:2sam222@gmail.com), or 796-3277.

**YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:** (Please note the new official start and end dates.) This summer we have two choices for youth entering grades 9-12 and adults:

**Option #1 – Rosarito, Mexico**

**Dates: June 15-22**

**Project: BUILDING HOUSES  
(AMOR MINISTRIES)**

**Option #2 – Portland, OR**

**Dates: June 25-July 1**

**Project: INNER CITY OUTREACH  
(P.U.M.P.)**

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Please think about setting aside items for Saturday, May 28— but please hold items until the week prior due to lack of storage room.

## *Lent Begins!*

To prepare our hearts, minds and schedules for a proper celebration of Easter, the church observes the Season of Lent. This season begins with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday. Many people observe Lent by taking on disciplines such as restricted diets, fasting, extra almsgiving, special study, and extra times of worship. Please mark your calendar for the following events:

## *Ash Wednesday Service*

**Wednesday, March 9**

6 PM

## *Holy Week Services*

**Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday)**

10:00 AM Morning Worship

**Thursday, April 21**

**(Maundy Thursday)**

7:30 PM Tenebrae Service

**Sunday, April 24 (Easter)**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service

@ City Park

10:00 AM Morning Worship



## Order Your

# *Easter Lilies*

For Easter and for the weeks that follow, we beautify our sanctuary with lilies, a symbol of the resurrection. We also use blooming azalea plants for their long-lasting beauty. Eighteen plants have been ordered and need to be "sponsored" at a cost of \$12.50 per plant. All the plants will be used to decorate the church for several weeks.

**Your Name(s):**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:**

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**I/We would like to order**

lily/lilies

azalea/azaleas

**at \$12.50 (includes tax) per plant for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**The bulletin insert and visual announcement on Easter should include the following intention(s):**

**In Memory of**

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Please return this form with your cash or check made payable to Davenport First Presbyterian Church and mark it "for Easter Lilies." If mailed, please note "Easter Lilies" on the envelope. Our address is P.O. Box 318, Davenport, WA 99122. Your form and payment may also be returned to the church office or deposited in the offertory plate. Thank you!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

NaDean Watkins	3-1
Kyle Nelson	3-4
Kelsie Hutsell	3-4
Shirley Wahl	3-4
Vivian Casey	3-6
Dixie Guhlke	3-6
Sara Lawson	3-6
David Moldrem	3-6
Amelia Klahn	3-7
Gabe Gants	3-8
Taylor Throop	3-9
April Carothers	3-14
Emily Brewster	3-14
Pat Lawson	3-14
Sue Broadway	3-14
Lynce Carpenter	3-15
Sharon Thompson	3-17
Kayleigh Fisk	3-18
Barbara Teel	3-19
Rena Hills	3-20
Derrick Hills	3-21
Staci Moses	3-22
Cheryl Nelson	3-27
Kortney Carpenter	3-24
Katie Turner	3-25
Dallas Reed	3-26
Edie Lunde	3-26
Andee Jacobson	3-28
John Langford	3-28
Mark Patterson	3-28
Jeff Berg	3-29
Craig Hardin	3-29
Joe Lilje	3-29
Ann Johnston	3-31

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

Carl & Mary Sorenson	3-18
Chuck & Ann Johnston	3-21
David & Muriel Turner	3-26

**Reminder: MAIL IN YOUR  
POLL TODAY!**

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March 1.**