

Davenport First Presbyterian Church

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TEDBITS

By Pastor Ted Broadway

On May 2, 2010, we had the first of our Round Table meetings to discuss the disturbing directions that our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), has been taking. A good number of you attended. One thing that became clear at the outset of the meeting was the congregation's need to gain a better understanding of how the Presbyterian Church came into being.

The Four Essential Tenets

We Presbyterians are descendents of the Reformation. We exist because the Reformers insisted on the following four essential tenets:

1) ***Sola Gratia*** (Grace Alone): Our salvation is completely and totally a gift of God. We call this gift *grace*. Nothing we do on our own can get us into heaven. Just 'living a good life' doesn't cut it—no matter how good you live it. We need God's grace. *God saved you by His special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none can boast about it. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

2) ***Sola Fide*** (Faith Alone): You can't earn or buy salvation. The only way to get this grace is by believing. The Apostle Paul teaches that "we are saved by grace, through faith." Don't worry if you don't think you can have enough faith to believe. God will give you the strength you need to trust Him for "anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Acts 2:21) Ask the Lord to help you. Be willing to listen to Bible teachings and study the Scriptures.

"Yet faith comes from listening to this message of good news—the Good News about Christ." (Romans 10:17)

3) ***Solus Christus*** (Christ Alone): Because God is perfectly just and perfectly holy, He demands that all sins must be paid in full. This is our *debt*. The Scriptures tell us that "the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) Death is the penalty for sin—any sin. No one escapes this penalty for the Scriptures also remind us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) The good news is that Jesus Christ *pays our debt for us*. The Bible is very clear that the *only* way to have our sins paid for and all our debt forgiven is through Christ's atonement (payment) on the cross. Jesus said that "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father *except by me*." (John 14:6)

4) ***Sola Scriptura*** (Scripture Alone): The Bible (*Scripture*) is God's inspired revelation to us. It's infallible (totally truthful) and it's complete. Scripture contains *everything* we need to know for our salvation. We don't need to search all over the world for other truth, nor do we need to add to what's been given already. We live in a society dominated by relativity. This is absurd and illogical—truth must be absolute. What the world calls "truth" is really opinion and opinions are often based on feelings. Feelings, no matter how passionate, are not reliable. Feelings are fleeting, they come and go. Truth, however, is eternal. Truth is based on facts, it does not change and it is defined by God who created all things (therefore He is all-knowing). God is the ultimate absolute Truth, and the Bible is His message to us; it is God's Word to us.

Please keep these four essential tenets in mind as our church enters this time of prayer and discernment over key Denominational Issues. These are very serious matters requiring serious study, thought and prayer. The vitality of this church depends on everybody making an effort to learn about

the issues and participating in the discussion. Coming up this weekend on Sunday, May 30, we plan to go into more specifics at the **What's Cookin' Round Table** discussion meeting over a spaghetti lunch. There are some important things for you to know, so please attend. We plan to limit the presentation portion (with no interruptions) to a half hour and then devote another half hour for discussion and questions. For more notes, see page 8.

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water." Jeremiah 17:7-8

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be the glory)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From Sue Broadway

Our dear and amazing Lois Aldrich wrote a fascinating report about the history of the churches in Davenport for her Study Club project in 2004. Lois's report, entitled, *Yesterday in Our Churches*, came to mind as I was trying to decipher which one of the various branches of the Presbyterian denomination our church was originally a member. I never found a clear answer, but I had a good read and I highly recommend this one to you. A copy of Lois's report is attached to the email version of this Newsletter or I can mail one to you by request.

From the report we get a feel for how, one hundred years ago, the Christian Church was a very important and welcomed organizing principal in the pioneer community. In the report you will learn who came to Davenport as missionaries and how the different denominations helped each other. You get a glimpse for "how things were" and you can't help but ponder what things have become and what the future may hold

for our church and our witness for Christ here in Davenport.

Lois sums up her report with a particularly haunting remark. Commenting on a booklet produced for the hundredth anniversary celebration of DFPC, Lois writes, "The concluding paragraph from the centennial history of the Presbyterian Church speaks for all these churches we've visited:

'Many changes have occurred during the past hundred years and many people have exerted their influence on our church. The present financial condition of the church is very good due to the generosity of our members, but we have weathered many difficult times. The next hundred years will bring many more challenges, but we are confident that the people coming after us will keep the church strong and active in the service of God in our community.'

Thank you, Lois, for helping us to remember our roots. We must follow in the brave and determined footsteps of our Christian brothers and sisters who have labored before us. We must gather encouragement and inspiration from their example. Wherever the events in our world and in our church may take us, I pray our words and actions will be led by the Holy Spirit. May we make our forbearers proud.

Mission Commission Thank You

The Mission Commission would like to thank everyone who generously participated in the Dimes for Hunger fundraising campaign during the month of May. Your prayerful gifts for local folks in need (administered through the Davenport Ministerial Alliance fund) and the K'ekchi in Guatemala (through our Presbytery's Guatemala Task Force) are a true blessing allowing the Lord's work to flourish. At the time this Newsletter went to press, we did not have the total, but we will publish that amount next month.

**Deacon's Meeting
April 25, 2010**

The Deacons met in the church library after church service. Present were Pastor Ted, Glorea VanVoorhis, Penny Panke, and Kristi Bell. Meeting was opened in prayer.

May 23 will be Graduate Recognition Sunday. We will NOT have a potluck, but Glorea will make a cake and we will all help with other refreshments and drinks.

June 13 and July 11 will be church potlucks that Deacons are to organize. Penny will notify Sue to put our activities in the bulletin.

August 1 is the church picnic after church at Ft Spokane. Deacons will organize and bring pop, watermelon, garbage bags and a few extra plates, napkins, silverware, and tablecloths. Kristi will be in charge of ordering supplies. We can get them from Davenport Food City and they will bill our church.

Penny will go to the next Session meetings on May 6 and June 3. July 18 will be the next Deacon meeting right after church.

SESSION MINUTES

May 6, 2010 (Approval Pending)

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, WA, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010, in the Church Library.

Present to make a quorum: Moderator: Rev. Ted Broadway; **Clerk:** Sandy Buchanan; **Deacon Representative:** Penny Panke; **Elders:** Sharon Thompson, Lorie Klahn, Tina West, Carolyn Moldrem, Chris Clayton, Jim Linstrum.

Absent: Elder: Bryan Teel **Treasurer:** Shelly Johnston

The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:00 PM.

Deacon's Report: Presented by Penny Pankey. (Please refer to the Deacon's Meeting Report dated April 25, 2010).

Approval of March Session Minutes: The Session **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes for April.

Financial Report: Shelly provided the Treasurers Report ending March 31 which shows an ending balance of \$1,034.29 for the general budget. Marshal reported that we were \$1,200 short in giving in April to meet budget and suggested that shortfalls be taken out of the Scudder Fund.

Clerk's Report: No report

Session Action and Business: Session **voted** unanimously to take budget shortfalls out of the Scudder Fund.

Session **voted** to pay expenses for the Reverend Carmen Fowler, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Lay Committee, to come out of the Speaker Fund.

Session **voted** to approve the request by Rena Hills to borrow tables for Austin's graduation reception June 5.

Pastor's Report: Pastoral Activities in the past month included: visits (hospital and in-home), counseling, youth group meetings every Wednesday (Pastor Ted and Rena Hills are leading the High School Youth Discipleship Group), Adult CE Class *Thoughtful Christianity in a Skeptical Age*, Men's Breakfast and Study at 6 AM on Tuesday mornings, Youth Mission Trip planning, Davenport Ministerial Alliance meetings and planning for Baccalaureate, preaching series on the Apostles' Creed. Additional activities included: First Communion classes for children and preparations for a First Communion Rite on Pentecost Sunday; contact with Reverend Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, the Transitional Inland (*Session*, continues on page 4)

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Northwest Presbytery Executive, regarding dissatisfaction with events in the PC(USA); Round Table meeting #1 on May 2 regarding those issues; contact with the presbytery's COM liaison, Greg Carter, regarding those same issues; graveside for Lois Crouse in April 2; meeting with the Davenport High School Senior class regarding Baccalaureate; and Nursing Home worship service April 18.

Commission Reports:

Mission (Lorie Klahn, Chair): They are working on two projects. \$250 was sent to help with medical expenses for a boy named David at the boy's home in Mexico at which that Alice and Gary Patterson volunteer. The other project is working with the feeding program at Mombin Crochu Hospital in Haiti, since they have found another source for medications.

Christian Education (Sharon Thompson, Chair): There will be a short teachers meeting on May 19 to discuss curriculum selection for the next Sunday School year. May 30 will be Sunday School Teachers recognition day.

Worship (Carolyn Moldrem): Carolyn needs a list of elders who can help with communion. Carolyn suggested that at the Memorial Day service that the list of members lost this past year be read. Special music for May 30 is needed. Sandy Buchanan volunteered.

Membership (Tina West): Tina reported that she identified 151 members, 26 of which are potentially inactive members.

Buildings and Grounds (Bryan Teel): No Report

Outreach (Tina West, Chair): Tina reported that the interdenominational VBS planned for July 26-30 is going great. The church website is nearly done.

Personnel: Ted will be on a mission trip in June.

Youth (Chris Clayton): On June 19-25, the Youth Mission Trip will be in the inner city of Portland. Kids in youth group have grown in their Christian Faith.

Task Force Report (Lorie Klahn): Session discussed the need for transparency with Presbytery. Discussed the recommendation by Sheryl Kinder-Pyle that a speaker with a moderate position regarding PC(USA) be invited to balance the views of the Presbyterian Lay Committee. All agreed that this would be appropriate. Ted will contact Jim Edwards from Whitworth and ask if he will come and speak. Greg Carter who is the chair of the Committee of Ministry will meet with Ted on May 19. The first "Round Table" meeting to educate the congregation was May 2. Additional meetings are scheduled for May 30, and June 13. The Reverend Carmen Fowler, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Lay Committee, is scheduled on June 13 to come to DFPC to meet and speak with the congregation and Session. Round Table meetings will be recorded and available on CD-ROM, tape, and MP3(off website); Handouts will be available in the Narthex and online.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2010.

IN THE NEWS

May 30: Sunday School Teachers Recognition Sunday; then downstairs for SPAGHETTI and Round Table Discussion #2.

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SUMMER VACATION IS COMING! In June, the Sunday School, the Davenport Ministerial Alliance, the Men's Group, the Choir and the Youth Group all take a break for the summer. Last choir rehearsal and Youth Group meeting is Wednesday, June 2.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 3 PM.

NEW EXTERIOR INTERCOM: Check out the new intercom outside Pastor Ted's office door!

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION JUNE 19-25: Mandatory planning meetings are scheduled for Sunday afternoons from 11:30 – 2 PM June 6 and 13. For more information, please contact Pastor Ted @ 721-1221.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Consider signing up to provide a fresh flower arrangement or blooming plants for beautifying the Sanctuary. There are a number of Sundays still available. To reserve a special date, please call the office or visit the clipboard next time you are in church.

PRAYER HOUR: Meet on Thursday Nights from 6 to 7 PM in the Library to pray for the future of our church and for revival in Davenport.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?
Gather for Food and
Round Table Discussions
directly after Worship Service

Sunday, May 30

Sunday, June 13

Congregational Meeting **April 18, 2010**

Meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Ted at 11:13 AM.

The nomination committee was activated to fill some open positions in our church leadership. Karl Moldrem came forward to seek approval to fill the following positions:

Dale Wilson—It was moved that Sarah Jane Heid be added to the Dale Wilson Committee. It was seconded and carried.

Session—It was moved that Jim Linstrum fill an unexpired term on the Session. It was seconded and carried.

The Annual Report was given to the congregation.

Pastor Ted reported that it was a great year. We have had new members and there are more people seeking membership. There was a summer mission trip to the Nez Perce Reservation. The youth group is flourishing and expanding.

Carolyn Moldrem (Worship Chair) reported that she hopes to maintain a level of worship that meets the needs of our congregation as well as God's. She would love some help from the congregation on music and worship, as well as in making new banners.

Lorie Klahn (Mission Chair) let us know that we are maintaining our relationship and support of the hospital in Haiti. Alice and Gary Patterson continue to be our "eyes and ears" of the boys orphanage in Mexico.

Marshall Thompson (Finance Chair) asks that we pray about our tithes and offerings. Dale Wilson money is in savings, and Session voted that only the interest be used for upkeep on the building.

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Sharon Thompson (Christian Education Chair) reported that Sunday School Day will be May 30. She is excited by the faithfulness of the parents and teachers for Sunday School. It's been a great year!

Tina West (Membership/Outreach Chair) has been working on the membership list to be sure that our records are updated and accurate. We will have a community VBS along with the Lutheran and Methodist churches. Tina is actively working on a church website and it should be up and running in a couple weeks.

Karl Moldrem (Youth Ministry Leader) says we are having a tremendous outreach to the youth in our community. He is looking for prayer partners for the kids participating in the upcoming mission trip. Karl and Glorea invite us to open our arms to the youth group. The high school youth group is supporting a little girl from Rwanda.

Pastor Ted (on behalf of Buildings & Grounds) told us that Brian is working on a list of things that need to be done for the church and the Manse. There is work that needs to be done on the exterior of the church and there has been no major work or maintenance done on the Manse in eight years.

The report was approved by the congregation with no opposition. Meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Ted.

If the farmer worked like the current church, he would plow in the barn, plant in the barn, pray that it would rain in the barn, harvest in the barn, then burn down the barn and call it revival!

Glenn Hatcher

“The True Work Bus”

A Word Picture

By Lorie Klahn

Imagine a bus. On the grill, it doesn't say “Dodge” or “International,” but rather, **“IHMS”** (In His Majesty's Service.) On the side, it says Davenport First Presbyterian Church. You step onto the bus through a door under the words “I Believe.” Everyone has a bible, and through it God opens our hearts and our minds to His truth about salvation through the death and resurrection of His Son. The engine is the Holy Spirit. Prayer is the fuel. The youth get to climb a ladder and ride on top! On the front axle tires is boldly written **“JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION.”** On the rear axle tires is boldly written **“THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND FREE OF ERROR.”** *These two beliefs are where the rubber meets the road!*

Who is driving the bus? Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We love him so very much. He is everything to us. In fact, everything about the bus, everything we do and say, are all about Jesus and our desire to please Him as our Lord. There is a lot going on all the time inside the bus—gathering, prayer, study, worship, preaching, singing. We care for and minister to each other on the bus, as an extension of our love for Him. We bring up our children to know Jesus, and teach our youth how to live godly lives. All of this is a huge part of our True Work.

There are other True Work tasks also, off the bus. The bus goes many places so that we can minister to people in their need, and fulfill the Great Commission by telling people the good news of Jesus. Our bus goes places like Davenport, Lincoln County, Portland, Ahsoka, Tijuana, Port au Prince, Mombin Crochu, Merida, Guatemala and beyond.

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We joyfully work hard for the Lord, and we know that beyond all these destinations is a runway where the bus will someday grow wings like *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and together we will take off and fly to the heavenly kingdom for eternity. We want to take as many people with us as possible!

We are not the only bus in town. You do not have to be on our bus to be a Christian. We know and love many other busloads of Christians. We work and worship with them often.

There is one other thing about our particular bus—a second thing written on the side. In smaller letters, it says “Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)”. In the glove compartment is a Book of Order. Now, many people on our bus love being a Presbyterian, and love the Book of Order. Others respect these things but don’t think of them often, while others are just very happy to be on the bus, and don’t know what the Book of Order is.

Along the way, we have seen that there are a few people in our denomination who would like us to have some new equipment. They would like us to buy some square tires.

These tires are made by the No Essential Tenets Tire Co., established in the early 1900’s. On the flat surfaces of the front axle square tires—where our tires say **“JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION”**—there are words written, such as “Jesus was a prophet,” “Jesus was the best man who ever lived,” “Jesus was a myth,” and “Jesus is one of many ways to heaven.”

On the rear axle square tires—where our tires say **“THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND FREE OF ERROR”**—are written words such as “fiction,” “one guide to self help,” “marriage is a union

between two people,” “sin is a matter of individual conscience,” and “God wants you to feel happy about yourself, no matter what your lifestyle is.”

These Square Tire Salesmen have been around a long time, and we haven’t paid much attention to them, because we have been very busy and focused on our True Work. However, this summer at General Assembly, some of the things written on those square tires might become part of the Book of Order.

So where am I going with this imperfect allegory? I hope it helps everyone to understand that the Denominational Issues Task Force has been asked by Session to study the concerns about possible impending changes to the Book of Order, so that we don’t wake up some day and discover we have square tires on our bus. We know that there are quite a few people on our bus, whom we love dearly, who are thinking of getting off the bus because of what the Square Tire Salesmen are proposing should happen at General Assembly this summer. There are others who would like to get on the bus with us, but won’t because of our affiliation with a denomination which is proposing these square tire issues.

We must take these things seriously: *our True Work is being impacted!* At the same time, it is important that the very process of investigating these things does not interfere with or distract from our True Work.

So, please come to our second and third Round Table meetings on May 30 and June 13. This process requires that everyone participate through prayer, learning and giving input. We are grateful for the excellent attendance and rapt attention given at our first meeting. Please remain in diligent prayer for everyone involved, including our Presbytery and our upcoming General Assembly.

IHMS, Lorie Klahn

How the Presbyterian Church Is Organized

We are a representative system. Leadership in a local church resides in the *Session*—a group of members elected to serve three year terms. They decide the direction, provide fiduciary responsibility and oversee all aspects of the church’s ministries.


The *Presbytery* is a regional body that coordinates and oversees the work of a number of churches. A small staff assists in this work. Our presbytery, *The Presbytery of the Inland Northwest*, meets four times a year. Representatives to the Presbytery with voting privileges are the church pastors (both active and retired) and a specified number of elders. The number of elders is determined by the size of each church. For example, our church is allowed two voting elders to attend Presbytery. The Presbytery takes people through the process of candidacy for ordination, oversees and approves (or disapproves) ordinations, develops mission strategy, provide leadership training, start new churches and more. If a Presbytery wants to see a change in the national church, the Presbytery sends an *overture* to the General Assembly. If this important business goes up to the national level (General Assembly) and is voted on there, it is then sent back to the presbyteries for ratification (or not). This is an important check on the national body, which has a large paid and unelected staff. There are 173 presbyteries in the United States.

There is a larger regional body called a *Synod* that consists of not less than three presbyteries. This body coordinates the work of those presbyteries. This is the least clearly defined of the bodies. There are 16 synods.

The General Assembly (GA) is the highest body in the country. The GA meets every two years (until recently every year but the exodus of people from the denomination has caused this to be too expensive). Each presbytery sends an equal number of pastor and elder delegates to the meeting to discuss

and vote on matters of national importance. Our Presbytery is represented by four delegates at the GA.

There is also the permanent Office of the General Assembly (OGA) with many hundreds of staff people who are unelected and hired. If you want to review the list of OGA employees and the various agencies they represent along with the lists of presbyteries and synods, please refer to the “*Presbyterian Church (USA) Directories*” packet out in the Narthex. It is 44 pages long. There is an elected Moderator and an elected Clerk who speak and make pronouncements for the denomination.


Vacation Bible School Volunteers 

July 26-30 2010 9:00 am - Noon

Before VBS, I would like to help by (Circle one or more)


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for team members and children Providing craft materials Preparing craft materials Planning decorations Decorating Gathering props for decorations and /or skits Planning Publicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributing publicity materials Preregistering children Planning special events Assisting with special events
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During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas (Please Circle):

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Story Tent Recreation Craft Tent Snack Tent Music Special Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader Leader Leader Leader Leader Leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helper Helper Helper Helper Helper Helper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar Skit Director Actor Photographer/Videographer Follow-up Helper
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Age-Level Preference

- PreKindergarten (3-4 yrs.)
- Kindergarten (5 yrs.)
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade



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Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

Email _____

You may view "YESTERDAY IN OUR CHURCHES" by Lois Aldrich
by visiting <http://www.davenportfpc.org/OurHistory.html> and clicking on Our history page

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Ryan Buchmann	6-03
Rosalie Ressel	6-03
Howard Nelson	6-06
Kaysa Panke	6-07
Karen Brewster	6-07
Paul McLain	6-07
Kailey Watkins	6-08
Virginia Morrison	6-09
Gary Guhlke	6-12
Scott Hutsell	6-12
Kyra Carpenter	6-13
Richard Teel	6-13
Margaret Wuesthoff	6-13
John Goodhope	6-14
Scott Hardin	6-15
Cathy Anderson	6-16
Ashley Telecky	6-18
Dean Anderson	6-19
Shelly Johnston	6-20
Cody Johnston	6-21
Jessica Cruz	6-21
Heath Brewster	6-21
Libby Hutsell	6-23
Chris Scott	6-28
Karl Moldrem	6-28
John Lawson	6-30
Martha Lunde	6-30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

Gary & Ernestine King	6-11
Monty & Stacia Soliday	6-21
Dave Pebles & Lynn Cranston	6-22
Karl & Carolyn Moldrem	6-23

Frosty & Jill Freeze

6-24

Tom & Julie Sorenson

6-25

Gary & Alice Patterson

6-26

Doug & Debbie Mielke

6-28

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Soup's On! Lunch & Round Table Discussion:

Sunday, May 30

Baccalaureate: Friday, June 4 (7 PM at DFPC)

Soup's On! Potluck & Round Table Discussion with Guest Speaker, Carmen Fowler: Sunday, June 13

Youth Mission Team to Portland, OR: June 19 - 26

Potluck: Sunday, July 11

Creation Music Festival: July 21 - 24

VBS: July 26 - 30

You may view the Church Calendar by visiting davenportfpc.org