

Davenport First Presbyterian Church

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## **TEDBITS**

**By Pastor Ted Broadway**

Happy New Year! At this time of year I like to look back and see what wonderful things has done among us. In Jeremiah 29:11 we hear- *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* We have seen this happen year after year- our Lord us what He would have us do and He has blessed us.

I would like to mention a few highlights from last year. We had two youth groups going- one for the younger teens and another design to prepare juniors and especially seniors for their upcoming lives in school or the military. The younger group was more outreach focused with a Bible-based message and the program drew in new kids. The older group was learning the basics of theology, spiritual disciplines, basic apologetics and Scripture study. Two of our youth became Eagle Scouts- Jeff Berg and Nolan Lilje. Our youth went on a mission trip into Portland, OR, to work with low-income children in a day camp setting. The program was called Portland Urban Ministry Project. We served essentially as the program staff. We engaged in worship, games, recreation, crafts and remedial reading. We had a large party with volleyball, boating and barbeque at Porcupine Bay at the end of summer. This fall we have had a single youth group of over twenty. The program is led by a team of adults: Chris and Corinne Clayton, Rena Hills, Karl Moldrem, Glorea Van Voorhis and me.

We have a talented and dedicated cadre of teachers providing education in the faith on Sunday mornings. We also have had some excellent classes for adults: this Fall Dennis and Tina West hosted the *Truth Project* program-

which was an excellent education in the Christian worldview. There is also a home class at Buchanan’s house on Richard Stearn’s book *The Hole in Our Gospel*. This provocative book challenges our affluent church in America to live lives of sacrificial service and lives that matter.

We hosted Mexican pastor and evangelist Gamaliel Canul and his family at our church as we continue to support his efforts to reach youth for Christ in Yucatan. We helped with the expenses of repairing a badly broken leg belonging to a child named David in also in Yucatan. We raised a great deal of money to address the disasters in Haiti for direct aid administered through the on the ground relief done by Samaritan’s purse. We have supported local missionary Nathan and his wife Amy in their efforts to bring the Gospel to East Asia.

During the past year we have had a number of wonderful worship times in addition to our regular times of worship. The Gideons came and reminded us that God said in Isaiah 55:11, *My Word, which goes forth from my mouth, it shall not return to Him empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.* They then gave story after story of people whose lives have been saved and changed by the Bibles which they have given away. Gama Canul preached an excellent sermon on faith as our pulpit guest. Ash Wednesday, a study in Jonah Palm Sunday (with kids waving palm fronds and processing) and Maundy Thursday formed our worship for Lent. Easter was glorious (at sunrise and our regular hour). We continue to worship with the folks at the Nursing Home. Advent and Christmas in our sanctuary are beautiful times.

We have a new (and accurate) mission statement. *Helping people in our community and around the world discover the life-changing power of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.* We believe that this is what we are here for. Out of this desire to help bring people to the living Jesus come all of the good things for a church: youth and children, healed lives, a heart for mission at home and abroad (Acts 1:8), vital worship, a desire for learning and a love for the people Jesus died for.

In the past months the leadership of this church has questioned whether DFPC would be better served by being dismissed to a different denomination- one which more faithfully adheres to the essentials of faith, has a clear mission, and does not promote divisions within itself. This is a difficult process. However, our church leadership believes we must consider such a move. We have been studying with the congregation since March, when we formed a Denominational Issues Task Force. We contacted our Presbytery and invited them to our Open Forum meetings and agreed to begin meetings with them. We took recommendations from them regarding the content of the Open Forums. By October we had met as a congregation four times. The plan now is for the Session to have one final panel event and then poll you, the congregation, on your views of the Sessions wishes. If this church wishes to be dismissed and transfer to another denomination the desired course would be to join the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). Our Constitution maintains that a local church (like ours) *may be* dismissed with its property to one of a short list of denominations. The EPC is one of those denominations. If you would like to read an excellent synopsis of the EPC there is one on their website at <http://epc.org/about-the-epc/>.

I encourage you to take a look.

We are confident and excited about possibilities for our future and we continue to dream and think big about how we can be effective witnesses for Christ here in Davenport and around the world. Soli Deo Gloria.

## ***SUPPLIES NEEDED***

### **WE NEED DONATED SUPPLIES TO RESTOCK THE FOLLOWING CHURCH USE ITEMS:**

- Disposable hot cups (need 10 people to donate 200 cups each);
- Dixie cups (need 10 people to donate 1 box each);
- Paper napkins (need 10 people to donate a big pack each);

Paper plates (need 10 people to donate 100 each);

Paper or plastic bowls (need 10 people to each donate 50 bowls).

Leftover, mismatched disposable cups and plates and napkins from your parties or picnics are ALL WELCOME and will get used!

**WE NEED DONATED SNACK FOOD SUPPLIES TO RESTOCK THE YOUTH GROUP:** The youth go through about 6 dozen cookies per Wednesday night . . . they will eat chips, pretzels, the sweets or breads that you shouldn't eat yourself all by yourself, the uneaten half of a sheet cake—just about anything edible!

Look for bargains or Dollar Store deals that will benefit the church and help stretch our church dollars. Bring donations to the church kitchen and mark them "Donations." If you have tins you want returned, please label and write "Return to

## **CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP DAY AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

### **USHERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN 2011:**

Sept. 25 Oct. 23 Nov. 8 Nov. 13 Nov. 20

### **GREETERS NEEDED:**

May 22 Dec. 11

### **WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED:**

Oct. 23

Please contact Carolyn @ 725-3020 or Sue at 725-1802 to sign up

### **A THANK YOU CARD:**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the wonderful "pounding" party! It made us feel loved and it was great to have such blessings showered on us by our church family. In Christ's Love, Chris & Corinne Clayton

## A MISSION PROJECT

The Mission Commission would like to bring attention to and support a very worthwhile mission effort. The "Sew Sew Sisters" of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley will be returning to Columbia January 28th to February 14th to teach entrepreneurial sewing to impoverished women. The village they will be working in, Villa Delavaria, is about 3 hours north of Bogota. The mission effort has included teaching the women quilting in the past. This trip will involve teaching the creation of smaller items such as bags, mats, etc., that can be sold in the nearby markets. The men on the team will be repairing the building where the teaching and manufacturing takes place.

We will have a follow-up presentation when they return from the mission.

The team has asked for donations of yardage of cotton fabric. This can be solids or prints of any quantity. If you have any cotton fabric to donate, please get it to Carolyn Moldrem 725-3020 by January 23rd. Please keep the team in your prayers during this effort.

### UPDATE FROM PASTOR CANUL:

*God holds us in our darkest night or saddest emotions. I will never be so low that God cannot be there; I know I'll always have His strong hand holding me. "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you" (Isaiah 41:13, NIV).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the name which is above all names, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray for each of you to be blessed with every spiritual blessing. I'm thankful to be able to share with you through this letter. God knows how much I want to not have this limitation in language. It's a joy to share about what God is doing through your love for our family and ministry, of which you are a part. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and donations that allow us to advance the preaching of the gospel. I desire to talk with each of you personally

to rejoice, cry, encourage, and tell details about the wonderful work that God is doing in lives of the Mayan people that He saves, transforms and uses to His eternal glory. Thank you so much for all your support!

Creating Jobs: Thanks to God, the octopus fishing season has blessed five families with work for four months. I ask for your prayers because the engine of the boat is not working and we will need another one next year.

Tomato Planting: God willing, in December we are planning on planting three acres of tomatoes at Camp John 3:16 for the first time. This will bless ten families for the next four months and will also help us raise funds for the construction of the camp. We need US\$3000 to develop this project. In past years God has blessed us with crops, but the last two years we couldn't grow tomatoes because we lacked funds. This year we are taking a step of faith. I ask for your prayers for this project. These projects provide jobs to students in our seminar, workers and pastors in Mayan towns. November 2010

### OPEN DOOR MINISTRY

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campjohn316.org

Updates:

Camp John 3:16: We are trusting in our God. He will give us wisdom, resources and funds to complete the first phase of the construction so the camp can be used. We need to finish the first floor ceiling on the first dormitory. Thanks to God we have 50% of the funds. We lack US\$7500.

I ask for your prayers for wisdom and patience for the construction; we are under a little pressure because we have the steel outside (for the second floor) and the weather can damage it. The walls need to be textured before the weather damages them also. We need your prayers.

Family: We thank God for your prayers and especially thank you for praying for our daughter, Andrea, who has been in Washington state for three months already! We are really thankful for the family of Andrew and Shirley Chang for giving our daughter not only a room and the huge blessing of studying English, but also ministering to her through spiritual development. Andrea recently gave her testimony in a Christian school to five classes for 45 minutes. I ask for your prayers for my daughter and for the plans God has for her.

Prayer Requests:

1. For wisdom, strength and dependence on the Word of God.
2. For the job projects.
3. For the seminars. God willing, we are going to begin another seminar in eastern Yucatán.
4. For the completion of the first phase of the construction of Camp John 3:16.
5. For funds for the evangelistic Christmas activities for poor kids.
6. For the health of our children, especially that God will protect our daughter Andrea, and give her wisdom and knowledge to learn English. She will remain in Washington state for another three months.
7. For our financial support. Each month our support is less than 50% of what we normally receive, but we know God is in control of everything.

Thanks for your love and trust in our lives. In these holiday festivities, may your love be your best suit, your smile the best gift, your words the best fruit, and your happiness my best wish. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
*The Canul Family*

**MISSION COMMISSION REPORT:**

Six members of the Mission Commission met on December 14. Interesting reports were given by various members of the group on different missions our church is involved in. It was decided to help the congregation be more informed about

these various missions we support by regular updates in the newsletter. Look for them as you read your newsletter. One of our upcoming projects for 2011 will be "Shoe Boxes" that we will put together for a specific age group of youngsters in some needy area. This will be coming up in late summer. The last time we did "Shoe Boxes" the congregation was very generous and it was a fun mission project that gave the boys in Mexico much pleasure. Beth Aldrich has generously given of her time and talents updating our pages on the church website. Christmas Joy offering will be taken on December 19. One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that is taken in April, was discussed at length. It was decided we would search for more information concerning this free will offering before making any decisions. Gideons may be speaking to us in January. Carolyn Moldrem has a mission project with which she is seeking help from the congregation. You will find information on her project elsewhere in the newsletter, so I will not steal her report.

Respectfully Submitted, Bea Teel

**SESSION MINUTES-Approval Pending**  
December 2, 2010

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, WA, met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2010 in the church library.

Present to make a quorum: Moderator: Rev. Ted Broadway; Clerk: Sandy Buchanan; Treasurer: Shelly Johnston Elders: Lorie Klahn, Tina West, Carolyn Moldrem, Sharon Thompson, Marshall Thompson, Chris Clayton, Bryan Teel, and Jim Linstrum. Absent: Deacon Representative

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

Deacons Report: No report

Approval of Minutes: Session unanimously approved the minutes of November 4, with a few corrections.

Financial Report: Shelly reviewed the financial report. Ending balance for October 1<sup>st</sup> was \$1,109.44. Shelly pointed out that giving for November was significantly below normal and will require movement of funds to cover expenses. Clerks Report: Home Communion was provided for Vera Sautter. Sandy reported that Sharon Nighswonger has volunteered to be clerk of Session. The invoice for per capita from Presbytery has been received and was given to Shelly for payment.

Baptisms: 0  
Deaths: 0  
New Members: 0  
Membership transfer/removed: 0  
Communion: 70  
Home Communion: 1  
Weddings: 0

#### Session Action and Business:

- Session **voted** unanimously to allow the Bible Study group studying the “Hole in the Gospel” to start a compassion tree to benefit those in our fellowship. This group will coordinate efforts with Tina West, who heads the Outreach Commission. Details to follow later.
- Session **voted** 8- yes 1- abstain to give the Dale Wilson Committee 15% of proceeds from the sale of land. The amount is just over \$62,000.
- Session unanimously **voted** a preliminary recommendation for dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA) with any move forward dependent upon the completion of a poll seeking the congregation’s opinion.
- Session **voted** unanimously to draft a poll for the congregational vote that will include rationale for seeking dismissal.
- Session **voted** unanimously to draft a document that reviews what has transpired with denominational issues and coordinate a panel discussion for church members to ask questions of Session. This is to coincide with the poll.
- Session **voted** to continue the meeting until 9:30 PM.

Pastors Report: Pastoral activities in the past month included Session; Eagle Court of Honor; Nursing Home Service; PAMSI (Presbytery Committee Meeting); Taco Feed; Presbytery Discernment Team; Presbytery Meeting; Advent Decorating; Community Thanksgiving Service; Hometown Christmas; Youth meetings; youth event planning; Christmas/Advent Worship planning; communications regarding denominational issues.

#### Commission Reports:

- Mission- Christmas Joy offering will be in December. The mission committee is working on an alternative giving opportunity to provide new hammocks for the boy’s home in Merida, Mexico.
- Christian Education- This was Sharon’s last report and meeting. She will be greatly missed! Sharon reported that she is still in need of a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The second quarter will begin on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Worship- Carolyn reported that she is still in need for Advent Candle readers. The Bakery is providing the communion bread.
- Membership: No report
- Buildings & Grounds: Jim Linstrum has been doing snow removal, thanks! A list for how family’s can adopt part of the facility for upkeep still needs to be developed.
- Outreach: Tina reported that she is still working on creating a winter season webpage format. \$850 was raised in proceeds and gifts during the Taco Feed. Dale Wilson has offered a matching fund for this event, and the Women’s Association has offered \$50. They still need to raise \$6,000 for the event. Life Promotion will be providing the promotion campaign. They will be opening a bank account for this event.
- Personnel: Jim reported that he has been working on the Terms of Call for Ted, doing personnel evaluations, and is still collecting pastor evaluations. He hopes to have them turned in the December 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Youth: There are consistently 15-20 youth every week for youth group. Their Christmas party will be December 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an ice skating event on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Preliminary meetings for a Mexico Mission has begun.
- Task Force: There will be a Presbytery meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Spokane.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 6, 2011.

## **DEACON'S MEETING October 31, 2010**

The Deacons met in the church basement Sunday, October 31 right after church. Present were Debbie Mielke, Penny Pankey, Glorea Van Voorhis, Shirley Gunning, Staci Moses and Kristi Bell.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Penny read minutes from the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report (no report available)

### Visits

There were no additional shut-ins to add to the visitation list. Debbie Mielke will be in charge of the visits, and hopes to meet with each person once per month.

### Activities

Deacons will bring cookies on December 5<sup>th</sup> for coffee hour. Potlucks will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month starting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We will have a talent show on February 13<sup>th</sup> with a potluck to follow.

The meeting was closed with prayer and we will meet again in January.

## **IN THE NEWS**

**YOUTH/FAMILY TRIP TO RIVERFRONT PARK:** The idea is to leave after church and go ice skating at a special group rate price. Contact Rena Hills 725-2124 or Chris Clayton 215-0764.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

**RESUME:** January 5, 2011.

**SESSION MEETING:** Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7 PM. New officers, please come to this meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Attention all commission chairpersons and church related reporters, please start thinking about getting your reports submitted. Due date is last Sunday in February.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Dale Wilson Fund Scholarship: If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, Rod Pankey @ 725-5842 has graciously agreed to serve as the point person until the Dale Wilson Committee reconvenes.

The Presbytery Scholarship Offered by Presbyterian Women: This scholarship is designed to encourage and nurture Presbyterian students seeking a college education at a 4-year accredited college in the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest. Any student who is a member of a Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest, has a 3.0 GPA or better, has completed 2 years of college, and is entering his/her junior or senior year of college or is in graduate school is eligible. The application must be completed in full and submitted by March 1 of each year. Please visit the Presbytery website [www.presbyinw.org](http://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](http://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. For information on scholarships, Rod Pankey @ 725-5842 has again graciously agreed to serve as the point person until the Dale Wilson Committee reconvenes.

**TALENT SHOW & POTLUCK:** February 13, 2011

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Ted Broadway	1-2
Dana Nighswonger	1-5
Lorie Klahn	1-5
Jarod Gunning	1-6
Maggie Broadway	1-7
Jeannie Goodman	1-8
Annette Edwards	1-9
Terry Goodman	1-10
Esther Gray	1-10
Leslie Oliver	1-11
Sandy Buchanan	1-13
Penny Pankey	1-14
Jeremy Holderby	1-14
Chuck Johnston	1-14
Ken Carpenter	1-16
Travis Telecky	1-17
Alexia Guhlke	1-18
Palmer Guhlke	1-18
Katelyn Bell	1-20
Jackson Sorenson	1-20
Nathan Mielke	1-20
Florence Smartt	1-23
Larry Ford	1-24
Dave Hoppes	1-24
Chris Clayton	1-28
Stacia Soliday	1-30
Zach Pebles	1-31

#### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Chris & Joni Scott	1-4
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