

Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



August 28, 2011

Mission Sunday

Reign Storms: Disagreeing with God

Dr. Bob Jordan

Scripture Lesson:

1 Samuel 8 & 12

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Summer Sunday School, CRASH, & Christian Education

11 am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



Reign Storms: Disagreeing with God

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If there is a God (Christians believe that there is), and this God is indeed the Singular, Almighty, Sovereign Creator of all things (more stuff Christians hold to be true), and this God has proven his love and generosity for thousands of years (just read the Christian Bible for supporting evidence), then practical wisdom would suggest that people would do well to follow this God's lead. For example, if the Almighty God were to say, "Close your windows on Thursday at 2:00 pm," it would be foolish to leave them open on Thursday at 2:00 pm. If the Sovereign God were to say, "I don't want you to hoard your stuff. Instead be generous with your resources, being sure to promote each other's welfare," (something he has actually communicated in the past) then hoarding should probably be on our "Don't" list and sharing should be on our "Do" list.

Practically speaking, however, practical wisdom is not what many of us follow when it comes to yielding ourselves to God. Sure, he might be the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent Ruler of the Universe, but how could he possibly know better than we do about what we want, about what is truly good for us. He teaches that divorce is not the answer to a failing marriage, yet we find it to be the answer we're looking for—even longing for. He says that forgiveness, kindness, self-sacrifice, and unconditional love are to flow out of us all the time with everyone we meet. For our part, however, we've often shown a greater proclivity for things like grudges, spite, selfishness, and general indifference. It's not that we choose these alternative behaviors all the time, but we clearly see them as viable options when we feel that the situation calls for them. Sometimes God lets us have what we want even when what we want comes as an affront to who God is. For example, 1100 years before the birth of Christ the people of God insisted that God provide them a human king. Since the time of Abraham, God had been the active and identified leader of God's people. He was their king, the one who provided for them in the past, protected them in the present, and promised them a future worth celebrating. Nonetheless, the people whined for an earthly king in order to be like all the other people groups of the surrounding geopolitical world. And even though the people's demand for a king was a communal and personal slap of God's face, God nonetheless accommodated their request.

The power of prayer is indeed amazing—even scary amazing. The request of the Israelites asked God to do something that dishonored God, and God consented. Can you imagine praying against God's better judgment for your well-being? We might do well not to be so hasty in claiming God's support for our agendas when God has actually shown a willingness to go along with people's requests in the past even when he considered their requests to be truly boneheaded.

Thankfully, God is good enough in the role of God to ensure that even our worst prayer will never undo God's purpose and plan for his creation. God may have given his people an earthly king for a season or two or 4,400, but in the end God in the person of Jesus once again assumed his rightful role as the King of Kings. God may give us what we ask for even when what we ask for isn't in our best interest, but in the end it's our best interest that God is both willing and able to secure through his Son and our Lord Christ Jesus.

Dundee Mission Sunday, August 28

Please join us this Sunday, August 28 after the 9 am and 11 am worship services for a reception in the Sanctuary Annex and Parlor to learn more about the 2011 mission trips that Dundee missionaries took to Wyoming and Colombia.

Youth missionaries, who travelled to Wyoming, will be available to share their stories and experiences about how their week at a youth camp affected them in their faith journey.

Members of the college-adult mission trip, who went to Colombia, will be available to talk about their experiences in Bogota and surrounding villages and the impact the Lord had on their lives while serving in South America.

Photos and memorabilia from the two mission trips will be displayed on screens in the Parlor and Sanctuary throughout the morning. Refreshments will be served in the Annex and Parlor during the reception. Colombian coffee will be available to purchase as part of a fundraiser for a mission project in Colombia.

Please spend time learning more about how our mission dollars and people at Dundee are spreading God's word and love for His people nationally and internationally.

A Look @ Dundee

Interested in becoming a member of Dundee Presbyterian Church? "A Look @ Dundee" will begin September 11th, continuing for four weeks for anyone interested in learning more about Dundee and/or becoming a member. For more information or to register, please contact Kim Clure at 402-391-3934.

Midnight Run

The Omaha Midnight Run is a 5k race taking place on September 9th at 11:59pm in the streets of downtown Omaha. All proceeds from the race benefit Abide Network, an organization committed to the transformation of hopelessness in Omaha. Following the race, participants will be able to enjoy food and drink, music, an awards ceremony, and a prize giveaway. All are invited to participate: competitive runners, joggers, walkers, and those who are simply out to support the cause. The registration cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, entry into the raffle, glow stick, and post-run party. For more information and to register, visit www.OmahaMidnightRun.com.

Dundee Book Club

The Dundee Book Club has made its selections for the upcoming year. The selections for the next three months are as follows.

September 20 - *Fieldwork* by Mischa Berlinski

October 18 - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

November 15 - *My Life in France* by Julia Child

The book club will meet monthly on the days listed above at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

100 Years!

A number of years ago Dr. Silas Kessler was a part of our church family when he served our congregation as an interim pastor. On August 29 Si will observe his 100th birthday! He is in relative good health, sharp of mind and wit, and retains an amazing memory. This past year he moved from his home into an assisted living residence at The Kensington, the former Clarke Hotel, in downtown Hastings. He has also given up his car and now is chauffeured by the Kensington's transportation about town for errands, church and his daily visits to Ruth who, at 101, continues to reside in Perkins Pavilion at Good Samaritan Village.

There will be a reception for Dr. Kessler on Sunday, August 28 following the 10:30 service at First Presbyterian Church in Hastings. Greetings can be sent to him at the address below:

Dr. Silas G. Kessler
The Kensington #405
233 North Hastings Ave.
Hastings NE 68901

Monday Women's Bible Class

The Monday Women's Bible class will begin the seven-week study, "Attending the Bride of Christ – Preparing for His Return," on Oct 3. This study will encourage you to grow in spiritual maturity and to see the church as Christ sees her. You will learn what God's word says about His plan for the church and your role in preparing for Christ's return.

There are two opportunities for you to attend this class: Mondays, 9:30 - 11:00 or 1:00 – 2:30. The class will be held in the dining room annex. Please contact Julie Hertzler at 402-397-5673 or juliehertz@cox.net if you would like to purchase a study guide. The cost is \$9.00. Childcare will be provided.

Bible Delvers

The Bible Delvers will resume class on Sunday, September 11 in the parlor at the 10 am hour. We will finish Jeremiah before starting our new study for the year on Christian history. We owe so much to those who came before us and prepared the Gospel for us at the cost of persecution, even to the point of death. Do you know who they were? While we may not agree with every theological position they took, their bravery and love of the Lord has meant so much to us. Anyone is welcome to join us and to learn more about these faithful souls.

Guest Parking

Guest parking signs will be placed on Underwood Street in front of the church every Sunday. We want guests to find accessible parking when they visit. As always, parking is available for anyone in the Brownell - Talbot School parking lots.

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| Church Record |
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| Love and comfort to the family of Juanita Brendel - Peck for their loss. |
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Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, August 28

- 7:00 a.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Prayer Walk – Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Weekly Prayer Group – Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. · **Rejoice! Worship**
 - *Kids' Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 10:00 a.m. · Café Connection - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. · Summer Sunday School, CRASH (7th - 12th grade), & Christian Ed.
- 10:00 a.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. · **Traditional Worship**
 - *Kids' Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 12:00 p.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary

Monday, August 29

- 8:00 a.m. · Low Impact Exercise Class - Sanctuary Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:30 p.m. · Troop 42 - Underground

Tuesday, August 30

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. · Program Staff Working Retreat
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, August 31

- 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. · Program Staff Working Retreat
- 1:15 p.m. · Bible Study with Dr. Jim Eckman - Dining Room
- 5:30 p.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. · Youth Group - Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. · Nominating Committee - Parlor

Thursday, September 1

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 8:00 a.m. · Retired Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, September 2

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields

Saturday, September 3

- 7:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Parlor

For more information on upcoming events,
please visit www.dpcomaha.org

For nursery reservations, call Christine Benedix at 402-558-2330.

Welcome to Dundee Church

- Rest rooms are located below the narthex and in the hall outside the sanctuary and are handicapped accessible.
- The elevator is near the chapel (Happy Hollow entrance).
- Handicapped Accessible Entrances are located on the west side of the church and at the Happy Hollow entrance.
- Handicapped parking is located on the west and east side of the church. Park there only if handicapped.
- Church parking encouraged at Brownell-Talbot.
- Children's activity packets, Assisted Listening Devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Fellowship Servers: 9 am: Mo Anderl, John Estes, Verla Hamilton
11 am: Charles Ferguson, Vern McWhirt, Millie Miller

Ushers: 9 am: Shelly Dutieli; 11 am: Scott Moore

Prayer Team: 9 am: Karen Coté & Noreen Ward
11 am: Betsy Conway & Liz Newman

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