

# Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

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*Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ*



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**February 27, 2011**

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**Relationship Over Religion: God Chooses**

**Dr. Bob Jordan**

Scripture Lesson:  
**Genesis 11:27-12:3**

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## **WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES**

9am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10am: Christian Education for children & adults & CRASH for youth

11am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir & Palladium Brass



## God's Choice

Genesis 11:27-12:3

"Free will! We want free will!" It's understandable that people—especially don't-tread-on-me Americans, insist on free will. Rugged individualism runs deep. We're the country of the self-made man and woman. Our forefathers and mothers stood up to King George III and put their lives on the line for our independence. Our nation treasures our autonomy, our self government, and our freedoms and liberties. So when it comes to determining our spiritual welfare, of course, we're going to demand free will.

Backing up the clamor for free will are a number of Bible passages which call on us to make decisions for Christ. Even the ever-so-popular John 3:16 connotes an option either to believe or not to believe in Jesus Christ as the sent Son of God: whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

At the same time, the Bible presents a strong case for God's personal involvement in the electing and choosing of God's people. It was God who chose Abraham over and above anyone else living in the world at the time. It was God who chose (and provided) Isaac rather than Ishmael. It was God who chose Jacob instead of Esau. It was God who chose David to be king—the youngest son of Jesse. It was Jesus who chose the 12 disciples. It was God who chose to convert Saul—the killer of Christians—to become Paul—the chief first century missionary and leader of the Christian faith.

The Bible also uses words like election and predestination to talk about God's role in people coming to faith. Some Christians interpret these words to mean "foreknowledge," a term which accentuates God's omniscience as it seeks to protect individual free will and personal responsibility. Other Christians explain God's work of election as prevenient grace. This approach yields to God the role of prime mover in the work of individual salvation, but leaves the role of final decider into the hands of the individual. Yet another group of Christians effectively ignores the role of free will and puts all the emphasis on God as chooser of who will be and will not be Christian.

Too often readers of the Bible pursue a course of interpretation that attempts to harmonize various texts so that they work together in a unified, rational system. Another option is simply to let the passages on Election and Free Will stand—even if they stand in tension. Both Old and New Testaments communicate individual responsibility in the experience and efficacy of faith, and both Old and New Testaments clearly state the unique and necessary power of God to make salvation work for any would-be follower. Furthermore, rather than describing a 50/50 or 60/40 split, the relevant passages either identify God as wholly responsible or humans as wholly responsible. One conclusion then is to affirm that God and humans are both 100% responsible for faith.

Free will puts a tremendous burden on people even as it gives them freedom of choice. Election frees the individual from the weight of choosing and places it in the hands of the most gracious and holy God. Given our pattern for choice making, it's fairly easy to argue that instead of demanding, "Free will! Free will!", we might be better off crying, "God's choice! God's choice!"

-Dr. Bob Jordan



## Vacation Bible School

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Looking for a fun way to serve in the life of the church? Our Children's Ministry team is seeking a number of volunteers (adults as well as middle school, high school and college students) to assist with the annual Vacation Bible School Ministry. Dates for VBS this year are June 13 – 16. There truly is something for everyone from Bible stories to games, crafts, snacks, music, drama and much more as we share the message of God's unconditional love with our young children. Are you a leader or more comfortable being a behind the scenes assistant? Either way give Doug Stewart a call today to jump in at 558-2330 Ext. 23 or [dstewart@dpcomaha.org](mailto:dstewart@dpcomaha.org)

## Memorial Guide

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Perhaps you have had to prepare an obituary for a family member and didn't know all of the information, or you didn't know what type of memorial or funeral the deceased desired. It is a stressful time! You may even have thought that you would like to have a particular song or Bible verse for your memorial or funeral service. The Care and Wellness Committee has prepared a memorial guide which will allow you to specify some of that information so that your family will know those things when the need arises. You may get a copy from the wall rack in the hall across from Suzie's office.

## Women, Save the Date

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On Friday, May 7, Kay Osika will speak to us on *Living Wisely in a Broken World*. Everyday we make many decisions. Some are important; others are necessary but are not life-changing. Sometimes our choices are foolish. What can we do to avoid foolishness and instead, choose wisdom? Come and hear from the wisdom of God's truth how we are to live in a broken world.

## Why Are You Calling Me?

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The ministry called the One Body, One Spirit Care Ministry will once again be making calls to all the members of our church during the month of March. Their job is to call all our members once every six months simply to check-in and see how the members of our church are doing. When they call, feel free to share prayer requests with them, anything you want passed on to church staff members, or ways the church can be serving you. They are calling to care for you and your family. This is just one of the ways we are living out our vision of everyone being a care-giver in our congregation.

## Blanket the World

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February is Blanket Month at Dundee. The children hope you will join in their annual campaign to purchase blankets for those in need throughout the world. Every five dollars donated to Church World Service will purchase one blanket to be distributed as needed. This is a way to assist victims of natural or economic disasters. Stop by the Blanket Month display near the reception area and donate a blanket today! Take an envelope from the display and turn in with your donation at the Reception Desk.

<h3>Church Record</h3>
Love and comfort to Joanne Berkshire and her family on the loss of her husband, Robert Berkshire.

<p><b>Deadline for the March 6 Issue of the <i>Newscaster</i> is Tuesday, February 22.</b></p>
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<p>Please direct all information to <a href="mailto:amorrison@dpcomaha.org">amorrison@dpcomaha.org</a>; or in Ashley's mailbox at church.</p>
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## Chili Cook Off

Come and eat or come and compete in the 1st Annual Chili Cook Off, sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship. On Sunday, March 6, at 5pm you can compare your taste preferences with our "professional" judges for the best of Dundee chili. CWF invites all ages and taste buds to have a warm and friendly Dundee evening. Special music by Bad Country, a mostly Dundee group, an oral auction of Tom Coté and a few goodies to buy to remember a great evening of fellowship. Reservations and sign up sheets are in the Narthex and CWF bulletin board. Also on the web. Questions? Call Renee Mehrer 397-7717 or mehrer@q.com Child care available with reservation by March 3 to Christine Benedix.

## Faith Community Nurse Corner

The Parish Nurse name has changed to Faith Community Nursing (FCN) Program to encompass a broader range of people and needs.

February is National Heart Awareness Month. Did you know that every day, the heart creates enough energy to drive a truck 20 miles? In a lifetime, that is equivalent to driving to the moon and back. Are you keeping your heart healthy?

Check out information on how to take care of your heart and congestive heart failure on the Faith Community Nurse (FCN) bulletin board and internet.

How is the cold weather treating you? Do you feel safe traveling in the snow? Check out Winter Weather Tips on the FCN bulletin board and DPC website.

## CWF Mission Project

The Christian Women's Fellowship mission project for March and April includes Heartland Family Services "Welcome To Your Home."

We want to invite our Dundee Church Family to join in this project. Contributions can include items or money needed to set-up housekeeping for women of domestic abuse and their children who are leaving a shelter and beginning of a new life. Baskets will be in the Narthex and by the Admin office for your convenience. For questions, call Judy Gaeddert (553-5341) or Lois Holmberg (551-6892).

## Dundee Camp Staff Applications

Are you interested in engaging students and having tons of fun in the process? If so, we are looking for you! 2011 Dundee Camp will take place July 17 - 23 and we are in need of craft persons, elementary, Jr. high and high school counselors. The best part - you do not have to have previously been on staff to apply!

Contact Melanie Gahan (gahan6@cox.net) 896-8718 or Andy Menth (amenth@dpcomaha.org) 558-2330 for more information or to sign-up!

## Pop Tabs

Please remember to bring your tabs from pop cans, soup cans, fruit & vegetable cans, pet food, etc. These go to the Ronald McDonald House where the proceeds from their sale provide a source of income for the programs and facilities that they offer. Last year, the amount of money raised by the tabs was enough to pay their electric bill for the entire year! Please leave them in the Admin office or give directly to Pat Berton.

# Dundee Church Calendar

## Sunday, February 27

- 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. · Faith Milestone - Dining Room
- 10:00 a.m. · Café Connection Fellowship – Narthex & Sanctuary Annex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH, Children, and Adult Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. · **Traditional Worship**
  - *Kids Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 12:00 p.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection Fellowship – Narthex & Sanctuary Annex

## Monday, February 28

- 9:00 a.m. · The Gospel-Centered Life - Dining Room Annex
- 11:30 p.m. · Childrens Leadership Team - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. · The Gospel-Centered Life - Dining Room Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:30 p.m. · Boy Scout Troop 42 - Underground

## Tuesday, March 1

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:15 p.m. · Communion Training
- 7:00 p.m. · Deacons Meeting - Parlor

## Wednesday, March 2

- 1:15 p.m. · Bible Study with Dr. Jim Eckman - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. · CLUB56 - Room 306 - 308
- 5:15 p.m. · FISH - Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. · Alleluia Choir - Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. · Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group - Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. · Westminster Catechism Class - Parlor

## Thursday, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

## Friday, March 4

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields
- 10:30 a.m. · CWF Board Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. · CWF Fellowship Luncheon - Dining Room

## Saturday, March 5

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



## Women: Save the Date! June 24-25

Beth Moore is coming to Lincoln! *Living Proof Live* will be held Friday, June 24 from 7-9 p.m. and Sat. June 25 from 8:30-noon at Pershing Auditorium. Mark your calendars, get your childcare arranged, and register in the Admin office. Cost to attend is \$65. If you are interested in staying over Friday night in Lincoln, that option will be available later this spring. Car pooling will also be arranged among those who register.

If you have questions, please contact Anne Hall at 399-8592 or hallaround@cox.net.

## Marriage Prayer Bible Class

Improve your relationship and grow together in the Marriage Prayer Bible Class! From young to old, newly engaged to 50+ years, every stage of married couples are encouraged to attend. This class starts on February 27 and runs through April 10th. There will be two class times offered on Friday evening at Georgie and David Dudley's home and Sunday mornings lead by Anne and John Hall in the Dining Room Annex. For more information or to register, please contact Andrea Zink (558-0388, jazink5@cox.net).

## 2011 Lenten Study

Each year DPC closes down its normal classes for adults on Sunday mornings and everyone comes together for a book study during the weeks leading up to Easter. Everyone is invited. This year we'll use the book *In the Grip of Grace* by Max Lucado. You can pick up a copy at the church office or on Sunday mornings. The cost of the book is \$12.00.

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Ed Owen by his wife, Dee Owen and family.

**Fellowship Servers:** 9 am: Nancy Epstein, Kim Hansen, George Miller  
11 am: Marietta Horning, Todd Moran, Amy Sissel

**Ushers:** 9 a.m.: Shelly Dutiell; 11 a.m.: Scott & Ann Moore

**Prayer Team:** 9 a.m.: Karen Coté, Julie Hertzler  
11 a.m.: Wayne & Veronica Wiley

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