

Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



February 5, 2012

***My Way or God's Way:
The Need for a New Beginning***

Dr. Bob Jordan

Scripture Lessons:

John 3:1-15

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Sunday School, CRASH, & Christian Education

11 am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



My Way or God's Way: The Need for a New Beginning

Born Again

It wasn't long ago in our culture that people generally associated negative notions with the idea of being a "born again Christian."

Many church goers would comment, often with a sneer on their faces, "I'm not one of those "born again" Christians." It seems that somewhere along the way, the concept of being 'born again' picked up associations with emotional outbursts, dramatic conversion experiences, and televangelism.

To claim, however, that we're not "one of those born again Christians" puts us at odds with the teaching of Christ found in John 3:1-15. In the text, we find Jesus interacting with a Pharisee by the name of Nicodemus. Jesus informs Nicodemus that only those who are born again (or as some read the passage, "born from above") can see the kingdom of God. He spoke of a rebirth effected by God's Spirit and by water. The text clearly communicates that from Jesus' point of view, rebirth—or being born again—is a necessity for any and all who would call themselves legitimately Christian.

Teachers of the Bible over the centuries have sought to capture the Bible's teaching on the subject. Their work has emphasized the following terms and understandings:

Regeneration

The Bible explains that when that first couple disobeyed God, they introduced the state of being sinful into the human race. More than just a single act of disobedience, their choice altered our very nature so that every human now carries in his or her being a drive not to seek God or God's best. In other words, we're damaged goods even before we commit our first offensive act. Furthermore, our being damaged, or "fallen," robs us of the ability to seek God on God's terms. In his grace, however, God has reached out to us through Christ and through his Spirit. Regeneration is captured in baptism: we go down dead in our sins; we come up alive in Christ. (Rom 6:1-11; Gal 2:20; 2 Cor 5:17)

Justification

At the time of a person's rebirth (or regeneration), God "justifies" that person, or sets him or her in good standing with himself. Essentially, God acquits a person of his or her sins and sinfulness and applies the "righteousness," or the very godliness and goodness and sinlessness of Jesus, to the individual, with all the privileges and promises associated with being in a right relationship with God. (Rom 4-5; Gal 2:15-21; 3:10-14)

Sanctification

Even though a follower of Christ experiences regeneration and justification through the Son and the Spirit, there is still work to do in the person's life and heart. Some have called this state an "already and not yet" experience. God has already accomplished our rebirth, but our full experience of the new us won't occur until Jesus returns. In the interim, we're called to participate with the Spirit in the great task of remaking ourselves into the very image of Christ. This journey is referred to by theologians as sanctification. Take a look at Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18; Php 3:20-21; 1 Thes 4:1-8; and Titus 2:11-14.

So how do you get on board? Declare your sorrow for undermining God's authority in your life and in the world and acknowledge Jesus as the rightful leader of your life and the one who sets you right with God. Bam. Done. You're born again. Now you can join God's Spirit in the good work of becoming just like Jesus.

- Dr. Bob Jordan

Reception for Clerk of Session

Dundee Presbyterian Church celebrates the glory of God through Jesus Christ because of the dedicated service of its members.

Please join us at 10 am Sunday, February 5 in the Sanctuary Annex to recognize the many years of service of one of Dundee's most dedicated members, Alta Greer Empkey.

After serving for numerous years as Clerk of Session, the governing body of Dundee Presbyterian Church, Alta will step down from that position to pursue other church duties.

Join us for refreshments to thank Alta for her countless hours of work with Dundee's Session to record the history of our church's service to God's Kingdom.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held Sunday, February 5 following the noon luncheon in the dining room. This is an opportunity to review God's work and ministry of Dundee Church in 2011, the year of *Blessed to Be a Blessing*, and to prepare ourselves for his service in 2012, *Grace upon Grace*.

- Dr. Bob Jordan, Moderator, and Chris Olson, Assistant Clerk

February Circle Hostesses

All circles will meet at 10 am on Friday, February 17 unless otherwise noted.

Circle 1: Jo Simmons - 2105 South 91st St, 402-397-4997

Circle 2: Joan Angotti - 8405 Indian Hills Dr, 402-391-6426

Circle 3: Tuesday, February 28 - 7:30 pm - Church Library

Circle 4: Midge Vickery - 2035 S 130 th St, 402-330-5818

Circle 5: Janet Mardis - 9465 Pauline St, 402-393-0669

Circle 6: Church Parlor

The Parker Quartet at CRESCENDO!

Be prepared to be entertained for an evening of extraordinary music provided by the Parker Quartet on Sunday, February 19 at 7 pm. The Grammy Award-winning Parker Quartet has rapidly distinguished itself as one of the preeminent ensembles of its generation. Performance highlights of the quartet's 2011-2012 season include a European tour with appearances at Wigmore Hall in London and visits to many of the leading colleges and universities of the US. This season, the quartet is also partnering with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra to launch *All Hearts Listen*, a concert series in the Twin Cities. You may obtain tickets to this great performance at Dundee by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Dundee Church (5312 Underwood Ave, Omaha, NE 68132) with your request or you may pick them up at the church during regular business hours.

Thank you, Elinor!

The funeral committee would like to thank Elinor Brooks for her hard work and dedication to the church and mourning families over the years as Funeral Chair. The service she brought to families during difficult times was immeasurable. The congregation truly thanks you for your service and blessings in your new endeavors! If you would like to be part of the wonderful team Elinor has established, please call Erica Fish at 402-210-2202.

Neighborhood Cookie Distribution

On Saturday, February 4, we will gather at the church at 8:45 am to distribute cookies to our adopted neighborhood on North 40th Ave. We are looking for about 30 dozen cookies and 20 hearty volunteers to help us distribute them. Cookies should be brought to Dundee by Friday, February 3 at noon. Volunteer distributors should be here by 8:45 am on Saturday, February 4 to carpool to the neighborhood. There will be opportunities following the distribution to tour the Abide Network facilities. This is another great missionary opportunity to share of love of Christ.

Albania Mission Team Planning

The first meeting of our missionary team to Albania will be Sunday, February 12 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor. If you are planning to travel with us or be part of the prayer ministry, please join us.

Dundee Mariners

The Dundee Mariners will meet in the church dining room on Saturday, February 11 at 6 pm for a potluck dinner. After dinner, the program will be presented by UNO's Prize-winning Dramatic Speakers and their Coach of the Year, Abbie Marie Syrek. Her team includes state and national champions. Without a doubt, this will be an interesting evening. This is a great opportunity to cultivate new friendships at Dundee as well as rekindle some of many years. Please call Lois Holmberg with your reservation at 402-551-6892.

Dundee Library Committee Needs Help

The library committee is looking for a volunteer who is comfortable enough with computers and websites to do data entry. Schedule is flexible. Contact Bob Runyon (402-393-3320) or Ellen Scott (402-558-8291) for more information.

Wonder Place Preschool Registration

Registration for the Wonder Place 2012-13 school year opens February 1st for Dundee Church families. Registration opens for all families on February 7th. Contact Christine Benedix, Preschool Director, at 402-558-2330 ext. 22 for information.

Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, February 5

- 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. · A Look @ Dundee - Dining Room Annex
- 10:00 a.m. · Reception for Alta Empeky Greer - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH (7th - 12th grade) & Christian Ed.
- 10:00 a.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 10:15 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. · Annual Meeting & Luncheon - Dining Room

Monday, February 6

- 8:00 a.m. · Low Impact Exercise Class - Sanctuary Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Troop 42 - Underground
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 7:00 p.m. · Fresh Hope Meeting - Chapel

Tuesday, February 7

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. · Boy Scouts Pack 17 - Room 312
- 6:30 p.m. · Deacons Board Meeting - Sanctuary Annex
- 7:00 p.m. · Deacons Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, February 8

- 1:15 p.m. · Bible Study with Dr. Jim Eckman - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. · Kids Choir - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. · Wednesday Dinner - EVERYONE WELCOME - Dining room
- 5:30 p.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:59 p.m. · Junior High Youth Group - Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. · FISH/Club456 - Chapel & 3rd Floor Rooms
- 6:00 p.m. · Gospel of John Bible Study - Dining Room Annex
- 7:31 p.m. · Senior High Youth Group - Youth Room

Thursday, February 9

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 8:00 a.m. · Retired Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 9:00 a.m. · Taking Off Pounds Sensibly Group - Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. · CWF Bible Leaders - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · Dundee Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground



Friday, February 10

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields
- 2:00 p.m. · Youth to Aquire the Fire Event in Kansas City

Saturday, February 11

- 7:30 a.m. · The Bagel Bunch Bible Study - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · Mariners Pot Luck Dinner & Program - Dining Room

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

The Gift of Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers grace the worship services, and you are invited to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or commemorate a momentous occasion or extraordinary person. Please call the church office (402-558-2330) to select a date. The flowers are available after the 11 am service to take by the donor or a Deacon will deliver them to a shut-in or designated recipient to enjoy for days to come. The flowers then give a double blessing – in worship and to a special person.

Fellowship Servers: 11 am: Mariners

Ushers: 9 am: Dennis Riekenberg
11 am: Scott Knudsen

Prayer Team: 9 am: Karen Coté & Mo Anderl
11 am: Kendra Quinlan & Georgie Dudley

Vol. 79	January 31, 2012	No. 6
----------------	-------------------------	--------------

Dundee Church Staff

Robert L. Jordan, D.Min. - Senior Pastor
JP Carlson - Associate Pastor for Congregational Life
Paul L. Koenig, M.M. - Minister of Music
Jenny Faiman - Director of Children's Ministries
Andy Menth - Youth Director
David Daisy - Director of Operations
Christine Benedix - Nursery/Preschool Director
Jacque Geist - Financial Assistant
Suzie Payne - Secretary to the Pastor
Ashley Flater - Communications Assistant
Wayne Kallstrom, DMA - Organist
Nancy Edwards - Pianist
Lisa Lever - Handbell Director
Jeremey Olson - Facilities Assistant
Chuck Regan - Facilities Manager
Regina Wilson, RN, FCN - Faith Community Nurse
(rwilson@dpcomaha.org, 402-201-7266)
Rosalee Yeaworth, RN, FCN - Faith Community Nurse
(ryeaworth@dpcomaha.org 402-393-8834)

PHONE: 402-558-2330 - FAX: 402-558-4977
Office Hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday
www.dpcomaha.org
facebook: www.facebook.com/dpcomaha
www.facebook.com/dundeeyouth
twitter: @pastorbobdpc & @dpcomaha

Dundee Church of the Air

KFAB 1110 AM · 8:30 am Sundays
Now in our 80th Year of Broadcasting

The deadline for the **February 12** issue of the *Newscaster* is
Tuesday, January 31 at 5 pm.
Please direct all information to aflater@dpcomaha.org.

DUNDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSCASTER

PERIODICAL POSTAGE paid at Omaha, NE
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to DUNDEE NEWSCASTER, 5312 Underwood Ave.,
Omaha, NE 68132-2197. DUNDEE NEWSCASTER (USPS 162-460) is published weekly by
Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave, Omaha, NE 68132-2197