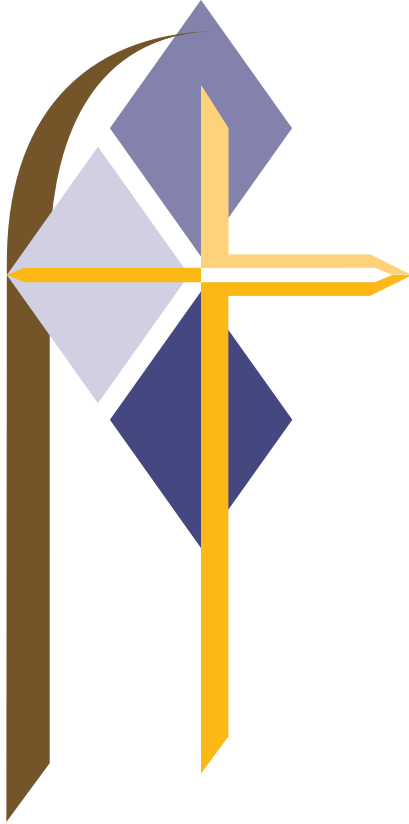


Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



March 27, 2011

Relationships over Religion:
Dysfunctional Faith

Dr. Bob Jordan

Scripture Lesson:
Genesis 25:19-28

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Lenten Bible Study, Children's Bible Study, CRASH

11 am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



Dysfunctional Faith

Genesis 25:19-28

Few, if any, families have no warts—no Uncle Frank who drinks too much, no sister Eunice who had a child out of wedlock, no Grandpa Jones who had another family in a different city, or no Cousin Laura Mae who spent time in prison for forgery. The stories of life together with blood relatives consist in part of things like fussy fathers, meddling mothers, selfish sisters, and bitter brothers. To be sure, there are also scores of dedicated dads, marvelous moms, and supportive siblings. It's just that when we take the time to examine our family trees, we're more likely than not to find a few bent branches and some pretty strange nuts.

Yet, when it comes time to write our annual Christmas letters, few of the more dysfunctional realities seldom make the grade. We'll brag on little Alison's piano recital, Bill's high school marching band winning state, and the family's trip to Disney World. Left off the letter, however, is how little Alison felt unloved by her dad and used her clarinet playing as a way to try and get her father's attention. Bill's being caught smoking something funny with his band buddies under the bleachers also didn't make the cut. Nor did the letter include anything about the blowout, drag-down argument, that Mom and Dad had in the airport on the way home from Disney World.

Those who wrote the Bible's version of our spiritual forefathers' and foremothers' Christmas letter, however, didn't adopt this sanitizing editorial trend. They reported the good, the bad, and the ugly. The story of Isaac and his family is a prime example. So messed up was this patriarchal family that deciphering what was only bad from what was truly ugly is impossible to do. Dad, Isaac, overtly favored his firstborn son Esau. Mom, Rebekah, made no effort to hide her preference for Esau's twin brother, Jacob. Esau bone-headedly traded his birthright for a bowl of stew. Jacob, with not only his mom's help but her coaching, took advantage of his father's blindness, outright lied to his face, and through deception stole Esau's blessing. Esau wasn't to be left out in this carnival of dysfunction. He vowed to murder his brother for the treachery he had committed.

So, where is the good? The good is so good that it's actually great: God didn't boot the lot of them into the reject pile. Instead he was true to his promise. He had told Isaac's dad, Abraham, that he would make him into a great nation. This promise was to occur through Isaac—specifically through Jacob. All their dysfunctional faith multiplied by ten couldn't keep God from fulfilling his promise of blessing. It's true that their choices came with consequences. Jacob had to flee for his life and continued to struggle with deception issues, Esau and Jacob remained estranged for many years, and Rebekah died before she was able to see her beloved son, Jacob, again. Nonetheless, God made sure that the family letter remained a story of hope and triumph.

Take a good look at your own life and all its various dysfunctions. Look at your faith in God—or lack thereof. Amidst all our warts and deceptions, the primary actor in Scripture desires to bless the socks off us. Your trust in him might have its fits and failings. We seldom, if ever, experience the privilege of picture-perfect faith, but as long as we keep returning to God—even with all the dysfunctions our real-life faith can conjure up—God remains the great promise keeper.

-Dr. Bob Jordan

Financial Abuse and the Elderly

On Tuesday, April 12 at 4 pm, Dr. Juli-Ann Gasper, Associate Professor of Finance at Creighton University, will present on "Financial Abuse and the Elderly," in the church dining room. Registration will be 3:45-4:00 pm. Pre-registration is requested. There is no charge for attending the presentation, and CEUs will be available. RSVP to feelhaver@tconl.com by April 8, 2011. You may contact Rosalee Yeaworth for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Spring is coming and so is the Annual Dundee Community Easter Egg Hunt. Help us prepare for this fun day by bringing candy to fill the eggs. We are in need of individually wrapped candies that fit into Easter eggs. Have candy that won't fit? It's ok bring that, too. Some peanut-free options are always appreciated! We will be collecting now through March 31, 2011. Drop off candy at the Reception Desk or the Children Director's Office. For questions call Erica Fish (402-210-2202) or Doug Stewart (402-558-2330, Ext. 23)

Golf League

New members are welcome to the Monday Morning Golf League at Eagle Run, a friendly 9-hole recreational league made up of members of varying ability. It starts April 18, but has a shortened season for teachers. If you are interested, you may call Rosalee Yeaworth at 402-393-8834 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16. We meet in the morning all four days and will have a VBS celebration the evening of June 16th. It's a great time for young children to make some new friends and learn about God's unconditional love. Our theme this summer is *PandaMania – Where God Is Wild about You* and our scripture focus is Psalm 139. Registration begins Sunday, April 3. Please call 402-558-2330 or dstewart@dpcomaha.org with any questions.



Easter Lilies Form

I/we would like to provide a lily for the Sanctuary on Easter.

Cost: \$12.00 per plant. **Please print** information.

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Given by _____

Phone _____

___ I/we will take this plant after the 11 a.m. Easter Service.

___ This plant may be available for delivery to a homebound person.

Submit form & check payable to Dundee Presbyterian Church by April 18th.

Crescendo! Concert Series

Save the date! April 10th at 7 pm will be our final concert of the season. "Romanza" is Italian for "romance" and is what tenors are supposed to be and do--sing of love, conquest, betrayal, and heartache. So the three Canadian tenors, Philip Grant, Todd Jang, and Frederik Robert who are "romanza" will win our hearts and then break our hearts with opera favorites and popular folk songs. Our concerts are always free, but you need a ticket. So, call the church office, or mail your request and please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Great Books Available

Are you looking for a book on Easter for your pre-school or elementary age child or grandchild? Be sure to check out what the Children's Library has to offer! The Children's Library is located on the 3rd floor just across from room 306.

Christian Women's Fellowship

At noon on Friday, April 1, attorney Dave Houghton will speak on People-to-People International. Dwight D. Eisenhower founded People-to-People International when he was President and his daughter currently heads the organization.

We invite all women and their guests to join us for our April luncheon meeting and program at noon on Friday, April 1 in the dining room. Make your reservations with Maxine Munhall (393-0226) by Monday, March 28. The cost of the luncheon is \$7. Childcare is always provided by calling Christine Benedix (558-2330) at least three days in advance.

Additionally, CWF is hosting a plant sale just in time for Mother's Day! Order forms are available at the church reception desk or in the Narthex. The deadline for ordering is April 10. Please include your check with your order. Please contact Jennifer Duncan (402-393-5859) or Joan Worrall (402-393-4123) with any questions.

Plants will also be sold on Saturday, May 7 before Kay Osika speaks on *Living Wisely in a Broken World*. The plants will be sold from 10:30am until the luncheon at noon. Come and hear about the wisdom of God's truth how we are to live in a broken world.

Out with the Old You, In with the New!

"This was the first time in my life I have felt so loved and protected."

"My honeymoon with God."

"I truly believe that God had a purpose for me at Pilgrimage.

Thank you, God."

"Pilgrimage --- a journey worth taking."

These are just a few of the comments made by the ordinary men and women who have recently attended a Pilgrimage weekend and have left understanding why they had been invited in the first place. Pilgrimage, a three-day renewal retreat for Christian adults that is designed to further the faith walk of the individual, and thereby strengthen churches, possesses the ability to truly transform your Christian walk.

The next Pilgrimage weekend will be held March 24-27th, 2011 at Camp Calvin Crest. Please talk to Georgie Dudley, 402-896-1650 or gldudley@cox.net, the Pilgrimage representative at this church, or contact Shelly Story, Outreach Coordinator for GPPP at 402-586-2634 to have your questions answered. There is a Pilgrimage flyer and materials available on the racks outside the Reception Area.

Deadline for the April 3 Issue of the Newscaster is Tuesday, March 22.

Please direct all information to amorrison@dpcomaha.org; or
in Ashley's mailbox at church.

Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, March 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. · Café Connection Fellowship – Narthex & Sanctuary Annex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH (7th - 12th grade) & Children's Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. · Lenten Bible Study - Dining Room
- 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. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection Fellowship – Narthex & Sanctuary Annex

Monday, March 28

- 9:15 a.m. · The Gospel-Centered Life - Dining Room Annex
- 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 29

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, March 30

- 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 31

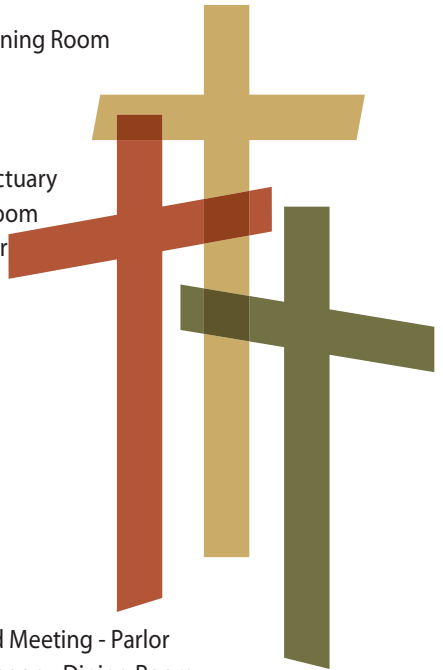
- 8:00 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

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



Low Impact Exercise

The Faith Community Nurses would like to start a low impact aerobics class beginning in April. The class will be free and people of all fitness levels are welcome. The class will either be offered in the morning or afternoon and FCN is looking for your input. If you are interested in attending this class, please call the church office, 402-558-2330, and let them know your time preference!

Chancel Flowers

There are openings throughout the year for chancel flowers to be provided in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, children or grandchildren, etc. Please call Alta Empkey at 402-679-5182 to select a date. After the 11 a.m. worship service the flowers are available for the donor to take or they may be delivered to shut-ins or a designated recipient.

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. Do not park there unless handicapped.
- Church Parking encouraged at Brownell-Talbot

Fellowship Servers: 9 a.m.: Linda Smith, Kathy Wischow, Joan Worrall
11 a.m.: Linda Otto, Tracy Rowland, Sheryl Thomas

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

Prayer Team: 9 a.m.: Nancy Hicks, Jeanne Niederhaus
11 a.m.: Wayne & Veronica Wiley

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