

Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



May 8, 2011

***Trusting God When His
Plan Seems Unfair***

Rev. JP Carlson

Scripture Lesson:
Exodus 15-17

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Christian Education for children & adults
& CRASH (7th - 12th grade)

11 am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



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Exodus 15:22 – 17:7

Sometimes you will hear a married couple, old friends, or even family members describe themselves as having “a love/hate relationship.” Usually it’s said in a joking manner with little or no thought given to it. People chuckle and get on with their lives. After all, most of us recognize that relationships, especially those that withstand the test of time, are a mixed bag. Anyone who has had a relationship (and that should include everyone) knows that ups and downs go with the territory. Therefore, it is no surprise that the people of Israel have some love/hate relationships of their own.

One of Israel’s most prominent love/hate relationships is with Egypt. In Exodus 16:3, the Israelites complain, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this assembly with hunger.” This complaint comes from the same people who cried and groaned under Egyptian tyranny. Now, in a vulnerable moment, they’re wishing they had never left.

This love/hate relationship with Egypt is understandable. You can imagine Israel loving the familiarity, having lived there for over 400 years, but hating the contempt, being enslaved and oppressed for years on end. They may have loved the predictability, performing their daily tasks without much change, but hated the monotony, carrying out the same orders every day. Who knows? Some of them may have quietly appreciated their well-defined place in the world as slaves of the great Pharaoh, all the while hating that they were constantly put in their place – confined to back-breaking work.

As followers of Christ we are often torn between the life we are trying to leave behind and the promised new life God has set before us. For whatever reason, albeit a lack of familiarity, a need for predictability or a changing sense of identity, we have a hard time embracing our newfound freedom in Christ. Especially when God’s way seems impossible or unfair, we have a tendency to dwell on our rose-colored version of the past rather than take a faith-filled step into the future.

The story of manna in the wilderness serves as a reminder that while we may be preoccupied with a comfortable past or a scary future, God pursues us with a relentless faithfulness. It’s too easy to forget, especially as we vacillate back and forth between Egypt and Eternity, that we worship a God who transcends our love/hate relationships with a pure, steadfast love. It is His love that compels us to follow Him through the wilderness and into the Promised Land. It is His love that turns our “mixed bag” into a work of art. When all is said and done, it is God’s love alone that stands the test of time.

-Rev. JP Carlson



Blood Drive

Please save the date of Sunday, June 12 from 7:30 am to 12:45 pm for our next Dundee Presbyterian Church blood drive. We have promised the Red Cross at least 30 donors, so we need your help. If you can donate and would like to set up a time now, just let Martha Nielsen know by email at mgentry@creighton.edu or by calling 402-558-2640 so she can reserve a time slot that won't interfere with your attendance at your favored worship service.

National Day of Prayer

The Faith Covenant of Empower Omaha and the National Day of Prayer Committee invites you to the National Day of Prayer Breakfast, Thursday May 5th from 6:30 to 8:00 am at Salem Baptist Church, 31st & Lake St. A continental breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to Gail Ross at gail@turningpointomaha.org or 402-457-6025 #101.

Later that evening, West Hills Church will be hosting the citywide National Day of Prayer's "Concert of Prayer" from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Several area leaders and pastors will lead the congregation in prayer. Come and join the body of Christ as we pray for our city and nation during this time!

Help with Sound

Do you like to push buttons? Are you available during the day? Then we have an opportunity for you! Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board during weekday events. Please contact Ellyn Grant at 402-556-7712 for a demonstration.

Mariner Meeting

The Dundee Mariners will be meeting in the Dining Room on Saturday, May 14. A social time will begin at 6:00 pm with a catered dinner being served at 6:30 pm. The program will be presented by David Wells, Ph.D., a historian and storyteller. He will speak on Nebraska in the Civil War. Please make your reservation with Lois Holmberg at 402-551-6892.

All members and friends of Dundee Presbyterian are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mom's Night Out

Want to meet other young women in the church? Come to Mom's Night Out on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. There will be plenty of food and drink and fellowship! Questions? Call Erica Fish at 402-210-2202.

May "Dundee Tuesday" at Together Inc.

Please join us for "Dundee Tuesday" at Together Inc. on Tuesday, May 10 from 5 pm to 7 pm at 1616 Cass Street. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the building.

God calls us to serve Him by serving the needs of His people. Together Inc. provides food and clothing for the Omaha area's most needy. Dundee Presbyterian Church joins Together Inc. in its mission to feed and clothe in Christ's name.

We'll be working together to fill boxes of food for distribution to needy families in the Omaha area and sorting and organizing clothing donated to Together Inc.'s free store.

Also, we are looking for two or three people in May to help remove some vinyl tile on a small floor area inside the Together Inc. building. Please contact Chris Olson in person at church or at 402-490-3180.

May 6 is the 36th anniversary of the founding of Together Inc. after the 1975 tornado swept through Omaha, causing death and destruction. Dundee was one of the churches that formed Together Inc. and continues to support its work today. Visit Together Inc. during the day on May 5 and May 6 for its annual open house.

Dundee Christian Education

Adult Sunday School & Bible Study

All classes and Bible studies always encourage drop-in visitors. **Join Us!**

SUNDAY, 10 am

- **Bible Delvers** - Parlor - Studying Jeremiah
- **Homebeginners** - Room 314
- **Listening for God**, Library - We will follow the sermon series using the scriptural references and materials recommended by Dr. Jordan.
- **Parenting for Life** - Room 315 - A group for parents of teens and young adults. Currently focusing on Bible study and a book by Beth Moore.
- **Truthseekers** - Chapel - This class is currently studying "The Assurance of Salvation." Bring your Bible and join the discussion.
- **Marriage Prayer Class** - Dining Room Annex

TUESDAY

- **Women's Bible Study** - 7:30 am, Paradise Bakery (Regency)

WEDNESDAY

- **Bible Study** - 1:15 pm, dining room, with Dr. Jim Eckman.

THURSDAY

- **Retired Men's Bible Study** - 8 am, Village Inn (78th & Dodge)

FRIDAY

- **Men's Bible Study** - 6:30 am, Rockbrook Garden Cafe
- **Women's Bible Study** - 6:30 am, Wheatfields (One Pacific Place)

SATURDAY

- **Men's Bible Study** - 7:30 am, parlor

Youth Ministries

CRASH - For junior & senior high students. Sundays, 10-11 am in the Underground. Come Rejoice And Sing Hallelujah! There will be singing, praying, hearing God's word, and spending time with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jr. High - Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm - includes small group discussion and heart-throbbing games.

Sr. High - Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm - includes small group discussion and irresistibly fun games.

Children's Ministries

Join in as the children grow in fellowship, Bible knowledge and faith – and have a really great time!

Kids' Own Worship - Sundays, 9 am & 11 am (ages 3-2nd grade) - Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be dismissed after the opening music. They will participate in an age-appropriate, engaging, interactive worship service composed of singing, offering, a Bible story, and prayer. Room 304

Sunday School - Sundays 10 am, (Age 3 - Grade 6) - An in-depth study of God's Word using hands-on materials. All classes are held on the third floor; see signs for age level classroom locations.

Deadline for the May 15 Issue of the Newscaster is Tuesday, May 3.

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

Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

- 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. · Blood Pressure Checks - Admin Office
- 10:00 a.m. · Café Connection - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH (7th - 12th grade) & Christian Education Classes
- 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 a.m. · Blood Pressure Checks - Admin Office
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 12:00 p.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary

Monday, May 9

- 8:00 a.m. · Low Impact Aerobics - Sanctuary Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:30 p.m. · Boy Scout Troop 42 - Underground
- 7:00 p.m. · Dundee Memorial Park Association - Dining Room

Tuesday, May 10

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. · Care and Wellness Ministry - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · Eagle Board Review - Library
- 6:00 p.m. · Worship Team Meeting - Dining Room Annex
- 7:00 p.m. · Hearing Loss Association - Sanctuary Annex
- 7:00 p.m. · Dundee Garden Club - Dining Room

Wednesday, May 11

- 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. · Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group - Youth Room

Thursday, May 12

- 8:00 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 1:00 p.m. · Circle Bible Leaders Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, May 13

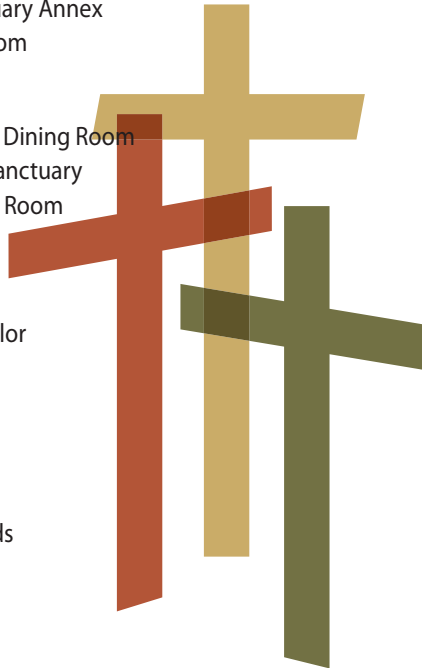
- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields

Saturday, May 14

- 7:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · Mariners - Dining Room

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

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



Congratulations, Graduates!

High School:

Catherine Babbe, Papillion-La Vista High School
Jack Folsom, Central High School
Jamie Hicks, Westside High School
Matt Jordan, Keystone National High School
Chrissy Klem, Central High School

College:

Greg Costello, Midland University - Secondary Education
Haley Epstein, University of Kansas - Master of Arts
Aimee Koenig, University of Nebraska - Lincoln - Bachelor of Science

Congratulations to all of Dundee's graduates! We will celebrate them at a special worship service on Sunday, May 15 at both worship services. If your graduate was not listed and would like to be included, please call Andy Menth at 402-558-2330 to get them signed up.

Church Record

Love and comfort to the families of Mary Lou Fries and Michelle Cassidy during this time of loss.

New Arrival: April 16, 2011, Maximus Howard Bennett, son of Megan and Mark Bennett; uncle Eric Bennett and great-grandmother, Eileen Kegley.

Fellowship Servers: 9 & 11 am: Fellowship Team

Ushers: 9 am: Kirby Eltiste; 11 am: Scott Crawford

Prayer Team: 9 am: Jeanne Niederhaus and Kathy Wischow
11 am: Wayne and Veronica Wiley

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