

Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

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February 6, 2011

Communion Sunday & Annual Meeting

First Things First: Marriage

Dr. Bob Jordan

Scripture Lesson:
Genesis 2:18-25

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

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

11am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



Marriage

Genesis 2:18-25

The marriage relationship is money to stand up comics. It's a minefield for politicians in divided districts. Kids rely on it for security. Lawyers find security in its fragility. Coordinators and cake makers thrive on its beginnings. Counselors invest in its struggles. Realtors make out on its failures. Clearly marriage is no small part of our culture.

In Scripture, marriage ranks high in value. After issues like the natures of God and creation and the role and importance of humankind are laid out in the Bible's first chapter, the subject of marriage is then addressed in Chapter Two—before other topics like sin, prayer, money, or Jesus. Marriage gets marquee billing.

We learn that marriage is a gift from God. In the text, it's God who comes up with the idea of marriage and sets forth its basic boundaries and understandings. The narrative tells of God sensing that something was missing in Adam's life. It's not as though Adam on a particularly lonely day sat down and began day dreaming about who he might ask to the prom. There is no self-help guru marketing the idea of marriage. Nor was there a congressional subcommittee stepping in and determining what was best for Eden's first citizen. Juxtaposed to a text that declares that God looked at all he made and declared it "very good" is the text in which God determines that Adam needed something a little extra special just for him.

So special is marriage that it ranks a "therefore" and a few "shalls." In answer to the preverbal question, "What is the "therefore there for?" we discover that it links the marriage relationship to the created identities of man and woman. In Chapter One we discover that "man" was created "male and female" and in the very image of God. In Chapter Two, an intimacy is revealed between man and woman—"bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh." It is woman who fulfills God's stated desire to find a "good fit" for man. "Therefore ..."

Once the "therefore" is announced, the "shalls" come into play. The first "shall" has to do with leaving. In marriage, the man "shall" leave his mother and father. At the time of writing, there were various customs that stood behind who left whom. The transcendent point is that there is leaving to take place. This leaving occurs so that the next "shall" can take effect. Leaving leads to cleaving, or holding fast. In marriage, man and woman cease cleaving to family. Marriage becomes the new domain for their cleaving activities. All this cleaving leads to the final "shall"—the two "shall become one." The importance of marriage is founded in a large part on the intimacy that becomes available in and only in the marriage relationship—at least by the way God designed it.

As it turns out after sin comes up in Chapter Three, marriage has the capacity to thrill, frustrate, reassure, challenge, satisfy, disappoint, bolster, and deplete. For some people, their marriage has been the source of more pain than they could ever imagine in their days of singleness. For others it plays host to the greatest sense of joy the world has ever known. For most it's a wonderful combination of the good, the bad, the ugly ... and some more good. Whatever our experience of it might be, in its original design—a design we're called to line up with today—marriage was a gift to a man and a woman so that they could be truly one together.

-Dr. Bob Jordan



Annual Congregational Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held Sunday, February 6 following the noon luncheon in the dining room. This is an opportunity to review God's work and ministry of Dundee Church in 2010, The Year of We, and to prepare ourselves for his service in 2011, Blessed to Be a Blessing.

Dr. Bob Jordan, Moderator & Alta Greer Empeky, Clerk

Annual Meeting Luncheon

Make your reservation now for the lunch to be served at 12:15pm on Sunday, February 6 prior to the Annual Meeting. Please call the church office at 402-558-2330 by Thursday, February 4. The cost will be \$5 per person. Payment will be taken at the door on February 6th.

Inclement Winter Weather

In the event we have inclement winter weather, the closing policies for DPC are as follows:

1. If Omaha Public Schools and other local schools are closed, all activities at Dundee Presbyterian Church are canceled for that day.
2. If universities and other large corporations begin to scale back operations or close due to changing weather, DPC will promptly close.

The primary focus, however, is safety of visitors, members and staff. If you believe road conditions or weather concerns have become a danger to your safety and well being, we encourage you to choose safety first.

Announcements of activity cancellation or church closings will be on WOWT and KETV.

Gospel-Centered Life

Does your Christian walk feel stale and lifeless? Do you feel like the truth of the Gospel doesn't bring any energy to your life anymore? Beginning February 21, a nine-week study of "The Gospel-Centered Life" will be offered. This study has the possibility of bringing renewed energy to your walk with Christ, because it is intended to help Christians understand how the Gospel shapes every aspect of life. The Gospel is meant to transform you. Discover how.

This class will be offered in the dining room annex at two times on Mondays: 9:15am and repeated at 1:00pm. You have the option to come at either time. Both class times cover the same material. Child care will be provided at both times if needed. The cost is \$2.00. You will receive your study material on the first day of class.

Email Julie Hertzler (juliehertz@cox.net) or call (402-397-5673) with your questions and/or to sign up for this class.

4th Graders Faith Milestone Class

All 4th graders and parents are invited to the next Faith Milestone Class to learn together about living out their faith through acts of kindness. We will choose a specific project to complete together as a family. The 4th grade Faith Milestone Class will be Sunday, February 6 at 10:00 in Room 308 (3rd floor across from Children's Director office). Call Doug Stewart at 402-558-2330 Ext. 23 or dstewart@dpcomaha.org to RSVP or ask any questions you may have.

Church Record

Love and comfort to Laura Stevenson and her family for the loss of her mother, Margaret Caporale.

Marriage Prayer: Evening for Couples

We hope you and your spouse will join us for a couples marriage mini-retreat. David Delk, author of "The Marriage Prayer" will be presenting at Dundee on Friday, Feb. 11. We will start with a nice dinner in the dining room at 5:30 with the presentation to follow from 7-9 pm. We encourage you to come with friends, even friends from outside Dundee. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes dinner and childcare for your kids ... a great price for a night out. If you'd like to buy a table and invite friends, the cost per table (4 couples) is \$80.

Children ages 5 and under will be cared for in the nursery. For kids 6 and older the Dundee youth will help with a "movie and pizza night" in the third floor large group room. So your kids will have a fun night, too! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Cota (dscota@cox.net), Stephanie Groenjes (stephanie@groenjes.com) or Andrea Zink (jazink5@cox.net). We are excited to bring this opportunity to couples at Dundee.

Mariners Meeting

Please join us in the dining room on Saturday, February 12 at 6:00pm for some social time followed by a pot luck dinner at 6:30pm. The program will be given by UNO graduate Larry Dwyer, a local attorney. His presentation is titled "Abraham Lincoln, The Lawyer." Please contact Lois Holmberg at 402-551-6892 if you would like to attend. Guests are truly welcome.

Blanket the World

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 center and donate a blanket to honor your Valentine! Leave your donation check in the envelope and place a paper flower with your Valentine's name on it on the blanket.

Reaching Out Together to Serve

Together Inc. at 1616 Cass Street was born out of necessity nearly 36 years ago to aid those overwhelmed by Omaha's May 6, 1975 tornado. Dundee Presbyterian Church was one of the guiding hands that created Together Inc. and is still working through this faith-driven agency to provide food, clothing and other necessities to those struggling in the metropolitan area. Through the years, Dundee members have been compassionate and generous with their time and resources to serve as Christ would have us through Together Inc. Dundee Presbyterian Church can be of help in a special way through monthly "Dundee Tuesday" mission projects at Together Inc. to help organize the food and clothing provided for others. Please search your heart for local mission to see how you might share your gifts to help Together Inc. do Christ's work in our community.

Together Inc.'s next "Dundee Tuesday" mission project is from 5 pm to 7 pm Tuesday, February 15. Parking is available in a parking lot behind the building.

The group will be filling paper bags with food for distribution to needy families in the Omaha area and sorting and organizing clothing donated to Together Inc. for distribution to families in need at its free store.

Let Christ show us how we can work together to serve his people. For more information or to offer your time, contact Chris Olson in person or at 402-490-3180.

<p>Deadline for the February 13 Issue of the <i>Newscaster</i> is Tuesday, February 1. Please direct all information to amorrison@dpcomaha.org; or in Ashley's mailbox at church.</p>
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Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, February 6 - Communion Sunday

- 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. · CRASH Band Practice - Underground
- 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, Children, and Adult Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. · A Look At Dundee - Dining Room Annex
- 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
- 12:15 p.m. · Annual Meeting & Lunch - Dining Room
- 2:00 p.m. · Confirmation Class - Underground

Monday, February 7

- 9:15 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:30 p.m. · Boy Scout Troop 42 - Underground

Tuesday, February 8

- 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
- 5:15 p.m. · Endowment Review - Dining Room Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Eagle Board Review - Library & Underground
- 6:00 p.m. · Mission Team Meeting - Room 315
- 6:30 p.m. · One Body, One Spirit - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. · Hearing Loss Association - Sanctuary Annex

Wednesday, February 9

- 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, February 10

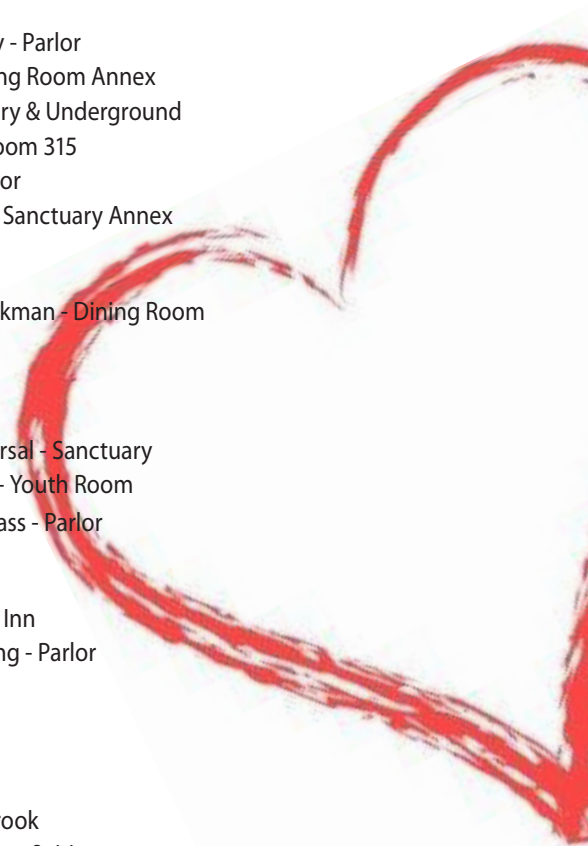
- 8:00 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 1:00 p.m. · Circle Bible Leaders Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, February 11

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields
- 7:00 p.m. · Marriage Prayer Mini-retreat - Dining Room

Saturday, February 12

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



With Gratitude

It is with deep and abiding gratitude that we wish to thank the members and friends of Dundee Church for your outpouring of kindness during our recent loss. You have touched us in small and great ways. We thank you for the many memorial gifts made to the church and to the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. Your generosity means more than words can say and our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for this very special congregation.

-The family of Paul M. Lundell

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.

Crescendo!

The next *Crescendo* Concert will be February 20th. Listening to beautiful music is the perfect thing to lift your mid-winter blues, especially an evening listening to Robert Spring, Clarinetist. Robert Spring is presently Professor of Clarinet at Arizona State University as well as performing all over the world. He has received rave reviews following each performance. Dr. Spring will be accompanied by Dr. James Johnson, well known pianist and Professor of Music at UNO.

Pick up your free tickets in the Church Office or send a stamped self addressed envelope to request that your tickets be sent to you.

Fellowship Servers: 9 a.m.: Bev Ward, Maxine Munhall, & Verda Bialac

Ushers: 9 a.m.: Dennis Riekenberg; 11 a.m.: Scott & Sandy Knudsen

Prayer Team: 9 a.m.: Karen Coté & Kathy Wischow

11 a.m.: Georgie Dudley, Ellyn Grant, & Ralph Ellenberger

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