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DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

GROW, GATHER, AND GO IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

THE CRIER

APRIL 1, 2019

Christ

has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV



Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain

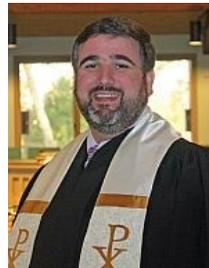
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Friends, "I'll live for Him who died for me..." is just one of many lines from songs we sing to declare what Christ's death on the Cross means to us. I think of other lines like "when I survey the wondrous Cross on which the Prince of Glory died. My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride." There are a multitude of songs like "The Old Rugged Cross" and "At the Cross" that can only begin to express what the passion of Christ means to us. Another line that shows my appreciation for Christ's Passion is "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe!" Remembering Christ's passion for me on the Cross reignites my passion for Him. But not only does Christ's Passion reignite my passion for Him, but His resurrection from the dead also empowers me afresh with renewed hope. It is because He lives, I can face tomorrow! It is because He lives, all fear is gone, because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living, just because He lives. May we all reclaim that great hope that is found in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Grace and Peace, Jason



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Diamondhead Community Church will host this years Ecumenical Service on **Sunday, April 7 at 3p.m.**

This years speaker will be Rev. Mary Koppel from St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Please come and enjoy a great time of worship and fellowship.

SEARCHING THE SOUL

Lenten Lunch Series

Continues each Wednesday

from Noon—1 p.m. through Wednesday, April 17th

Noon lunch followed by Lenten Mediation

DRIVERS NEEDED

The Deacons coordinate transportation, with advance notice, to local medical appointments to Diamondhead, Gulfport or Slidell for members, their spouses, and active church friends. Currently, the **Deacons have no drivers** to assist in this wonderful ministry here at DCC. Please consider volunteering to serve as a driver. If you have questions contact Betty Lou Walker or the church office.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour

Please consider hosting a fellowship on Sundays when no one has signed up to be a host/hostess. Grab a friend or two and signup on the sheet posted in the fellowship hall. (Refreshments are your choice and can be as simple as just cookies, donuts, etc. The church provides the coffee. Call the office at 228-255-5556 with any questions.)

MEN OF THE CHURCH BREAKFAST

This months breakfast will be held

Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 a.m.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES

ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED!!!

Spring Blood Drive
Sunday, April 7
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(on the circle, at City Hall)

The Blood Center bus will again be parked at Diamondhead City Hall, across the street from the church. Our 2018 drives were very successful, and we are hoping for even better results on April 7. Please consider giving, if possible. If you cannot, please let others know of the opportunity. Many thanks, in advance, to all who are able to help.



Chandra Parnell	4/04
Dale Liljedahl	4/09
Hamilton Brewer	4/10
Charles McCombs	4/10
John Wittliff	4/13
Sophie Lanier	4/16
Joyce Minton	4/16
Lisa Lanier	4/18
Lizzie Leonard	4/18
Betty Lou Walker	4/19
Chad Coats	4/20
Dru Sweetman	4/21
Fred Dack	4/23
Millie Dickens	4/27
John Edwards	4/29
Diane Meith	4/30

Bob and Diane Meith	04/19/1955
Hoppy and Suzy Smith	04/09/2016
Josh and Kristi Lindsey	04/10/2004
Mike and Melissa Reso	04/14/2007
Frank and Mary Ann Manchester	04/16/1983
Robert and Debra Ludde Chalmers	04/18/1999
John and Barbara Wittliff	04/19/1969
Rodney and Dianne Ackerman	04/24/1987
Matthew and Michelle Schmitt	04/26/2014
Don and Caroline Perkins	04/29/1961

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE
MAY 2019 CRIER IS:
APRIL 18, 2019**

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AND HOW”

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THE ARTICLE FOR YOU.

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DCC Library News

The Diamondhead Community Church Library maintains a collection of media for all ages that provides the opportunity for studying, learning, and teaching. It is a resource supporting personal and congregational growth in our Christian faith and living so the members and friends of Diamondhead Community Church continue to foster an environment that “seeks to meet the needs of each other.”

Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded that following Jesus’ trial, flogging and before he was crucified the Roman soldiers laid on his head the symbol of majesty, a crown, not of jewels, but fashioned from the thorny branches of the Crown-of thorns shrub in an attempt to degrade the “King of the Jews”.

Many years ago, Bob rescued a Crown-of-thorns shrub and as its name implies, it has 1’ long thorns. Placed in his greenhouse, it quickly lost all its leaves and Bob was about to pronounce it dead, when, he observed some signs of life. By Easter, the plant was full of small red flowers. The Crown-of-thorns was a stalwart in our Church sanctuary from January until Easter every year thereafter and it became the subject of many sermons.

Native to Madagascar and supposedly brought to the Middle East before the time of Christ, the Crown-of-thorns, Christ Plant, or Christ Thorn is one of the 1500 species belonging to the family Euphorbiaceae. The Crown of Thorns is a woody, spiny, climbing succulent shrub with shoots reaching a height of 6 feet. Like the poinsettia, which also belongs to the same family, the Crown-of-thorns has highly colored bracts (modified leaves) and small, inconspicuous flowers with no petals or sepals.

Last September, while visiting my sister in Maryland I found a small Crown-of thorns shrub in a local nursery in Talbot County. By January, I expected all the leaves to be gone, but it remains full of foliage. Perhaps it needs a new home in our sanctuary.

COMING in MAY—Spring Book Event. On May 12, 19 and 26 before and after each church service, books for every member of the family will be available for a donation. Proceeds from the Spring Book Event are designated for the Teen Library and bookshelves for the Children’s Library.

WISH LIST: The Library wishes for a small desk to replace the computer station currently being used, a library table and two {2} bookshelves for the Children’s Library to support friendlier user access. For questions concerning wishes, contact Carol Benzing at 228-254-5240.

Please visit the Library Book Cart stationed at the main entrance, which offers a variety of books available for Speedy Checkout.



**FINANCIAL REPORT
FROM THE TREASURER, LAURA DEESE**

MARCH

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INCOME	\$28,103	\$23,166	\$71,996	\$70,650
EXPENSES	\$19,199	\$20,878	\$66,542	\$66,013
BUD BAL	\$8,903	\$2,738	\$5,454	\$4,637

DCC Little School **EARLY** Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

Begins April 1, 2019



Diamondhead Community Church
Little School Director, Helen R. Moore
5301 Diamondhead Circle
Phone 228-255-5556

**Free Pony Rides!
Live Music,
Food**

- D'head Community Church
5301 D'head Circle
- Saturday April 13,
- 11AM to 2PM
- 228. 255.5556
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REACH RECONNECT RECONNECT DAY

The REC Day Committee needs 20 men to volunteer to help set up for this event on Friday April 12, and to take down on Saturday April 13. All volunteers plan to meet at the church at 9AM for both days. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Doug Stovall, Reid Walker, LM Rice or Dan Seliga.



Presbyterian Women Palm Sunday Brunch

Back by popular demand!



Presbyterian Women extends a thank you to all who donated handbags and personal items to fill them. The Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence were very appreciative for the handbags and toiletries. Eighty-one purses were filled this year-our best yet!

PW's last **Mary Martha Day** before summer break will be **Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00 AM**. We will need lots of hands to help cut out material for our sundress kits. **NO SEWING IS REQUIRED!!** We will be doing only measuring and cutting. Our willing seamstresses will sew the dresses later, in preparation for inclusion in our Operation Christmas Child boxes this fall. Bring scissors if you have them, and join us for fun and fellowship while we do something to help others!

NO PW Coordinating Team meeting in April.

Circles Bible Studies will meet during April as follows:

Dorcas – Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 p.m. at the church

Lydia – Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. at the church

Anna – Thursday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the church

Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to their

PW Birthday Offering Brunch

following the **10AM service on Palm Sunday, April 14th.**

There is no charge for the brunch, but donations to the **PW Birthday Offering** are welcome. This offering benefits several mission projects around the USA which are chosen annually from nominations by PWs. Put it on your calendar now and be sure to join us for good food and fellowship!

How are YOU being called to serve?

This May, PW will be electing the following officers for two year terms:

Moderator, Co-Moderator (who has responsibility for Circles),
Treasurer and Together in Service Mission).

The PW Coordinating Team asks that you prayerfully consider what your role might be in our leadership. We have a strong team willing to support each other in doing the best job we can, but it is time for others to join us. You will not be on your own- there is a lot of experience on our team, and the Lord has provided what each of us has needed to do the job. But, we don't always know your gifts and interests, so please don't wait to be asked to serve. Volunteer! If you have an interest or questions, please contact Noni Buchanan (601-942-9353) or another member of the Coordinating Team listed in the PW directory. We look forward to working with YOU!