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Gather, Grow and Go, in the Name of Jesus Christ

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

2 Corinthians 1:20

Dear DCC Members and Friends,

I want to remind you all of a few things happening here at the church:

- 1) **This Sunday, February 7th** – We will continue our sermon series on the book of 2 Corinthians. This Sunday we will be looking at 2 Corinthians 1:12-22 and we will see how important it is for us as Christians to practice what we preach. As Christians it's more than talking the talk, but we have to walk the walk as well. We will also see how this impacts us as we grow and go into the world around us.
- 2) Please don't forget about the invitation from our youth to join them in the New Testament reading plan. This is a journey that will take us on a journey together through the entire New Testament in a year. Even though we are nearing the end of the month it is not too late to join in. In fact it is never too late to commit to a regular reading of God's word. So, I pray that you will join us on this journey. I have posted the reading plan on our website and have placed some printed copies in the Fellowship Hall.
- 3) Also, the season on Lent will begin on February 17th, and this year we will be offering a forty-day Lenten devotional, Journey to the Cross. This devotional, written by Paul Tripp, will encourage you to let go of worldly things, acknowledge your sins, consider Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, and abide in God's forgiveness and joy as you follow Christ more faithfully. We have initially ordered fifty copies of this devotional and will order more if needed. We are asking for a \$12 donation to help offset the cost of the devotional and shipping. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office to reserve a copy.

Second, please remember that you can access the bulletin and insert on the website. The insert includes important dates and activities. Also, for those of you unable to join us in worship please remember that we are still posting and will continue to post our Sunday worship services online.

Sermon viewing directions:

- 1) Go to <http://www.dhcommunitychurch.org/>
- 2) In the middle of the page you will find Sermon Broadcast and directly below this statement you will see “Click here for Sermon Broadcast.”
- 3) After clicking “Click here for Sermon Broadcast” on Sunday morning a picture of the church cupola will come up with an arrow in the center. Click the arrow and the sermon will then begin to play on your screen.
- 4) If you have any issues please give me a call at 706-968-8395.

Third, thank you so much to all the members and friends of DCC who have continued to faithfully give during this time. Your financial support ensures that DCC's ministry will continue now and for generations to come. Please remember that we have two options available for you to continue to support the church.

- 1) You can give on our church website.
 - a. Go to <http://www.dhcommunitychurch.org/>
 - b. In the middle of the page you will find Online Giving and directly below this statement you will see "Give."
 - c. After clicking "Give" a giving box will pop up and you can follow the directions in the giving box to complete your secure online tithe.
 - d. If you have any issues please give Laura a call at 228-255-5556 or email her at dcc@cableone.net.
- 2) Or you can give by mailing a check to **Diamondhead Community Church, 5301 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead MS 39525**

Lastly, as we make our way through the book of 2 Corinthians I have to confess that I am a huge fan of the Apostle Paul. If you think about it, no one had to ask Paul why he preached with such passion or why he lived with such courage. His whole life was focused on loving Jesus and loving people. Most of us can prove we are alive by the fact we are breathing and moving around and doing our jobs. But to live with absolute passion, to be compelled by love, as Paul was, to stand up to any obstacle, to break through any barrier, to sacrifice everything for the sake of knowing Jesus and sharing Jesus with others—and to find absolute joy in doing it—that's really living! Paul is a man who lived with joy and died with no regrets because he gave everything he had in the service of love.

What about you? What kind of difference could you make in this world if love for Jesus and love for other people became your motivating force? If love became the "why" for everything you do? It starts with giving your life to Jesus wholeheartedly. Then pray daily for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you grow in Christ and as you overflow with Christ. Let God examine your mind and heart and show you areas of your life that are not conformed to His love. And as you do these things, you will find new courage and conviction and joy in everything you do. Amen!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jason