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

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness”*

2 Timothy 3:16

Dear DCC Members and Friends,

First, I would like to share an invitation from Franklin Graham to join him and others around the country to pray and fast for our great nation. Graham writes this in his invitation, “Today, our nation is at a critical juncture. We need to call out to God for His help, His intervention, and His mercy. It is only by His hand that America will survive and be able to thrive again. We have an election coming up with so much at stake—two vastly different directions for the future of this country. This not only affects us, but our children and our grandchildren. When the survival of King Jehoshaphat's nation was at stake and his people were in danger from their enemies, he called for a fast. The people sought the Lord and His help—and He delivered them.”

“And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord” (2 Chronicles 20:3-4).

This call to fast and to pray for our nation is this SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25. It is my prayer that we will all join together in asking for the Lord's help and for His will to be done in this critical election.

Secondly, please remember for those of you unable to join us we are still posting and will continue to post our Sunday worship services and devotions 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.

Also, 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 tithing.
 - 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, in celebration of Reformation Sunday, which is on October 25th, I wanted to share the first 15 statements of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses. Martin Luther nailed a copy of his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church on October 31, 1517, which would serve as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. I hope you enjoy this tiny piece of our Protestant history.

- 1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent” (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.*
- 2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.*
- 3. Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortification of the flesh.*
- 4. The penalty of sin remains as long as the hatred of self (that is, true inner repentance), namely till our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.*
- 5. The pope neither desires nor is able to remit any penalties except those imposed by his own authority or that of the canons.*
- 6. The pope cannot remit any guilt, except by declaring and showing that it has been remitted by God; or, to be sure, by remitting guilt in cases reserved to his judgment. If his right to grant remission in these cases were disregarded, the guilt would certainly remain unforgiven.*
- 7. God remits guilt to no one unless at the same time he humbles him in all things and makes him submissive to the vicar, the priest.*
- 8. The penitential canons are imposed only on the living, and, according to the canons themselves, nothing should be imposed on the dying.*
- 9. Therefore the Holy Spirit through the pope is kind to us insofar as the pope in his decrees always makes exception of the article of death and of necessity.*
- 10. Those priests act ignorantly and wickedly who, in the case of the dying, reserve canonical penalties for purgatory*
- 11. Those tares of changing the canonical penalty to the penalty of purgatory were evidently sown while the bishops slept. Matthew 13:25*
- 12. In former times canonical penalties were imposed, not after, but before absolution, as tests of true contrition.*
- 13. The dying are freed by death from all penalties, are already dead as far as the canon laws are concerned, and have a right to be released from them.*
- 14. Imperfect piety or love on the part of the dying person necessarily brings with it great fear; and the smaller the love, the greater the fear.*
- 15. This fear or horror is sufficient in itself, to say nothing of other things, to constitute the penalty of purgatory, since it is very near to the horror of despair.*

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jason