



May, 2017

THE CRIER

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to share a poem with you that was passed along to me by a mentor as I began my journey at Columbia Theological Seminary. It is my prayer that each of us can boldly proclaim these words for ourselves.

*Grace and peace,
Jason*



“Fellowship of the Unashamed”

“I am a part of the ‘Fellowship of the Unashamed.’ The die has been cast.

The decision has been made. I have stepped over the line.

I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense and my future is secure. I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits or popularity. I don’t have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, love with patience, live by prayer and labor with power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my Guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won’t give up, shut up, let up or slow up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up and spoken up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go ‘till he comes, give ‘till I drop, preach ‘till all know, and work ‘till he stops me. And when he comes for his own, he will have no problem recognizing me. My banner is clear:

I am a part of the ‘Fellowship of the Unashamed.’”

~Unknown

News From THE SESSION



The stated session meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Pastor Jason called the meeting to order and Elder Chad Coats delivered the opening devotional and prayer. Session approved the meeting agenda with changes/additions to the agenda presented, and the minutes of the stated session meeting of March 14, 2017 were approved.

Clerk reviewed upcoming events on the church calendar and record of communion dates. It was also noted that as a congregation we had no births, deaths, marriages or baptisms for the prior month.

Elder Mike Reso presented the first quarter financial report to the session. Session approved the financial report, and approved Greg Cullom and Mike Reso as signatories to the investment account. See bulletin boards for the posting of the March 31, 2017 church financial statement.

Session approved use of church property for wedding dates of May 11, 12, 13 for Hudson/Ladner wedding.

Pastor Jason asked session members to review their respective committee's duties, responsibilities and scope to ascertain ways to enhance effectiveness.

Discussion was made with regard to a session retreat this summer to discuss vision and ministry opportunities for our future.

The session covets your prayers as they continue to work and seek to improve the ministry of the church and address challenges we face as a congregation. We are encouraged by the progress that is being made, and we continue to seek God's Sovereign will and give Him all the glory and honor for all the blessings that He has so richly bestowed upon us!

REFORMATION DAY – October 31, 2017

submitted by Greg Cullom, Clerk of Session.

This is a big year as we are celebrating the Reformation. I want to share the article below.

"The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God" in the power of the Spirit. Book of Order F-2.02

As we prepare to celebrate 500 years of the reformed faith of our Presbyterian Church's heritage, let's take a few minutes to learn about the Reformation.

Five of the Tenets of Reformed Faith:

1. Only Scripture is the supreme authority in all matters of doctrine and practice.
2. Only Faith is needed to be one with God.
3. Only God's grace is needed, not our works.
4. Only Christ is between God and man.
5. Only Glory to God alone.

The Protestant Reformation was intent on reshaping and revitalizing the Christian church. This era of reform is dated to Martin Luther's public protest in 1517 to the end of the Religious Wars in 1648/49 when the English Parliament passed the Act of Toleration granting most Christian denominations the right to worship.

Martin Luther was originally complaining about the Catholic Church's practice of selling indulgencies for the forgiveness of sins; over 70 of his 95 thesis that were nailed on the door in Wittenberg dealt with this. He became especially concerned when some of his parishioners told him they no longer needed to repent and change their lifestyles in order to be forgiven of their sins (because they had purchased indulgencies). It was not his intent to split the church – only reform it. Today we have Protestantism, the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church as the main Christian religions.

Reformation Faith is forward-looking; evolving rather than static; willing to shape our faith in new and creative ways rather than needing to hold on to the past. May it be so with the Presbytery of Mississippi.

Thanks to Jim Hightower, Long Beach Presbyterian Church, for much of this information.

May Birthdays

Riley Mitchell	May 01
Bill Lingsch	May 03
Tay Guilmino	May 04
Monta Lucas	May 04
Dot Hoskins	May 05
Stan Raffa	May 05
Cherie Ramseyer	May 05
Jack Badeaux	May 07
Brody Coats	May 07
Jason Edwards	May 07
Ed Streeter	May 07
Allison Cullom	May 08
Hayden Brewer	May 10
Ken Bluett	May 12
Justin Daniels	May 13
Nita Hensley	May 13
Carolyn Yarbrough	May 13
Marilyn Sloan	May 20
Fletcher Coker	May 21
Del Rowe	May 21
Rachel Stewart	May 22
Matthew Geistfeld	May 23
Newt Hanson, Jr.	May 29
Lindsay Liljedahl	May 29
Payton Lee	May 31



May Anniversaries

Bonnie & Felix Lopez	05-12-1990
Kelly & Matt Faul	05-15-2010
Dana & Don Nelson	05-24-1997
Julie & Matthew Geistfeld	05-27-2007
Karen & L. M. Rice	05-27-1989
Beryl & Pat Laird	05-28-1994
Linda & Ben Olds	05-28-2008
Kim & Bill Case	05-29-1977
Alison & Jamie Kingston	05-29-1999
Brenda & Patrick Cody	05-31-2014



Attention Youth and Parents - Summer fun at DCC!

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., with the exception of the first day, June 19 when we begin at 8:45 a.m. This year's theme is: "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God." Register online on our church website, dhcommunitychurch.org, or Registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall and the church office. Cost: \$5.

Soccer Camp is back! Our popular soccer camp is being held from Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29. Details and on-line registration forms are found on our church website, in Fellowship Hall or in the church office. Participants get a soccer ball and T-Shirt and photograph. Cost: Youth age 5-7/\$55 and Youth age 8 & up/\$65.

NEED A RIDE?

The Deacons coordinate transportation to medical appointments and DCC church events with an advance notice for members, their spouses and Active church friends. At the present time, the Deacons are available to drive only to local medical appointments in Diamondhead, Gulfport and Biloxi. Please call the church office at 255-5556, if you need transportation.

In March 2017 there were no recorded local visitors.

Fortunately this is a rare event.

Please invite others to join you in the worship of God.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

2017

	March		Year To Date	
	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected
Income	\$24,138	\$26,716	\$67,467	\$80,147
Expenses	<u>\$27,214</u>	<u>\$26,178</u>	<u>\$73,433</u>	<u>\$84,781</u>
Bud. Bal.	\$3,076	\$ 538	(\$5,966)	(\$4,634)

News From Presbyterian Women

PW's Woman of the Year luncheon previously scheduled on Tuesday, May 2, has been postponed. Once the new date is determined, it will be publicized in the bulletins and a signup sheet will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, we hope the newly determined date will allow most of you to attend this important luncheon where the Woman of the Year will be identified. Coordinating Team officers will also be elected and installed and the activities of PW's 2016/17 year will be reviewed.

A couple of PW's Coordinating Team offices still need to be filled. Please join your Coordinating Team in asking God to identify those whose gifts best fit the duties of these offices. If you feel led to join the Team in any position or have questions about officer's duties, contact Noni Buchanan (254-5003 or nonib1946@gmail.com) or Nita Hensley (255-1501 or hensleyjc121@gmail.com).

PW thanks our church family for the 60 plus handbags and numerous personal care items which you so generously donated toward our hands-on mission project for April. The bags were filled by the ladies who attended Mary/Martha Day and were given to the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Non-violence for distribution.

The finishing touches to the 61 material packets for simple pillow case sundresses that were prepared at January's Mary/Martha Day are underway. The packets of material and patterns will be placed on PW's table in the Fellowship Hall so those of you who sew can complete the dresses for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Circles will meet as follows during May:

Dorcas – Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 p.m. at Jackie Moran's house
Lydia – Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Anna – Thursday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. at the church

DCC Library News

The Good News from North Haven, a book review by Carol Benzing.

North Haven Minnesota does not exist, but Michael Lindvall the author of ***The Good News from North Haven*** and several Christian books does. Currently Rev. Lindvall is pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

As I always seem to do, I found this book by accident. It literally dropped off the shelf as I was re-shelving books. The title was interesting and after reading the jacket, I had to read this one.

Although the author claims the book is fiction and the publisher recommends classifying it as American fiction, I think it is possible that the stories are based on real people and real happenings.

Stop for a moment and recall the memorable people in the Churches where you have belonged. I recall old Mrs. Foell, old because she seemed like 100 years old to a ten-year-old. She was the Sunday School Superintendent forever and always seemed cantankerous except following the Christmas pageant, when she handed-out boxes of chocolate drops. And, then there was Mrs. Connelly, the kindergarten Sunday School Teacher. She was beautiful and a widow. Her husband, Robert Connelly, a pilot was shot down during WWII. Every Sunday I helped in her classroom where I watched her make the loudest, most unhappy, crying child happy in an instant.

Written told from a pastor's perspective, the stories in ***The Good News from North Haven*** make you laugh and most sound very familiar.

Add ***The Good News from North Haven*** to your to-read list. Look for this book in the Fiction Section.

COMING SOON!

Summertime Easy-to-Access Event

Beginning Sunday June 4th and continuing through Sunday August 27th adult, youth and children's books from your DCC Library will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall for your summertime reading. Last summer 30 books were checked out during the Summertime Easy-to-Access Event. This year's goal is 60 books checked out. Mark your calendars to pick up several books. Help your DCC Library achieve its goal.



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