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A Good Reflection

By *Pastor Ron*

I have always been fascinated by those mirrored disco balls. Can you picture one in your mind (perhaps like the one in the movie, Saturday Night Fever)? The first one I ever saw was in a skating rink in the town where we lived when I was a kid. It was so much fun skating in the colorful reflected lights. They're just so neat ~ shining and glittering as they twirl, catching and reflecting bits of light all over whatever is in the room.

It dawned on me the other day when I was supposed to be working on my sermon but was instead watching some dance competitors on television, that a disco ball is actually a very good analogy or "word picture" of the Body of Christ, especially when you think about our obvious purpose and mission of reflecting of the light and beauty of Jesus in the world.

First look at the structure of the sphere: It's made up of hundreds of tiny mirrors which are all connected together! Both of those concepts are scriptural pictures of the Body of Christ. II Cor. 3:18 (The Living Bible) says, "*But we Christians are like mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord.*"

And then there's the aspect of all the many little mirrors being connected. This brings to mind another Scripture verse (Eph. 4:15-16) that talks about being "*knit together by each ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*"

But there is yet one more aspect of the disco ball that reminds me of the Body of Christ... The rest of II Cor. 3:18 says, that... *we*

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are being transformed into the same image that we reflect, and this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."

Isn't that an inspiring thought? God actually enables us to become more like Him so we CAN reflect a little bit of Him! And I John 3:3 says, "*But we know this, that when we see Him, we will become like Him...*"

Think of how huge God is! He's everywhere, all around us far and near. I as one little human being, made in His image, can reflect only one little tiny bit of God ~ a tiny bit of His nature, His heart, His creativity- not very much but at least some small aspects of Him. And each of us in our own unique ways can do the same.

So now think of *that* in relation to all our little mirror pieces being joined together! We as the Body of Christ are *together* reflecting *many* little bits of Him, and therefore a much *larger* composite picture of Him for the world to see. What an amazing privilege and honor to be a part of the Body of Christ – the Church! "Like father, like sons" ...and daughters - like lots of little mirror pieces that can reflect His incredible love!

"Make us here at Downs United Methodist Church like You, Lord!" ...so that we can each join together to give the world a better picture of You!

Pastor Ron

AD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order 7:05 PM Devotion and Prayer by Pastor Ron

Minutes for the April 18, 2010 Quarterly Ad Council Meeting were distributed and discussed. Motion made by Ginger Campbell to accept the minutes. Seconded by Leigh Hayes. Motion carried.

Sunday School – Leigh Hayes reported.

- Average attendance
 - Pre-school – 2nd grade average – 5-6 students
 - Sr. High – average 10 students
- Jr. High Confirmation – 10 students
- Adult – average 12 student
- Need Jr. High Teacher
- Confirmation in August – Date TBA
- Meeting in August – Date TBA

UMW – Donna Clark reported.

- Meeting start August 8th at 7:30 AM
- Chicken was provided to a family that had a loss in the family
- UMW will ask the Adkisson family if they need any help with meals etc.

Youth – Peggy Stark reported.

- Will decide on start date for Wednesday Family Night
- Need committed volunteers for Family Night ASAP
- VBS – Coming up – Recommended donation of \$5.00 per student
- Made With Love received a \$500 Grant from State Farm

PPRC – Pastor Ron reported.

- Surveys are being conducted regarding the Youth Ministry Programs. Information is being compiled.
- Preparing for Charge Conference

Trustees – Pastor Ron reported.

- Need to elect a new Chairman for this committee at the next meeting
- Mapped out the sewer layout
- New dehumidifier – will run line outside
- 2 signs for the parking lot will be placed – one for each lot
- Bell tower will be worked on soon
- Landscaping is done... Thank you to Kyle Connour
- Designs for the handicap ramp are being worked on but the final decision will have to wait until the final sewer layout
- Annex roof is in need of some repairs
- Heating and air conditioning inspections have been scheduled

Witness – no report Baccalaureate service was in May

Outreach – Ginger Campbell reported. Saturday night 7/24 at 7:00 PM Tim Hannig Program

Nurture – Cathy Finch reported. *Mother's Day Scent *Father's Day Hershey Bar

- Confirmation – Possible Pot Luck/Ice Cream Social after the service. Date TBA

Finance – Janice Cuba reported.

- Treasurer's report was distributed
- Motion made by Peggy Stark to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Leigh Hayes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Peggy Stark to approve the new 48 month copier lease for \$291/month including service contract. Seconded by Donna Clark. Motion carried.

Pastor update – Pastor Ron reported.

- Preparing for annual Conference. It will be held earlier this year. Date TBA
- 3 wedding upcoming (1 in the DUMC)
- Pastor Ron will be visiting Nursing Homes in the area
- Pastor Ron may be out of the Church occasionally due to family circumstances in Texas

Old Business – no report

New Business –

- Do we want to consider going to one service to promote synergy in the congregation?
 - PPCR will be contacted to poll the congregation via inserts in the bulletin and email
 - Brent Ward will contact George Lewis to determine the survey questions
 - Special meeting will be held in August to discuss the outcome.
- Next meeting will be 10/3/2010
- Meal will be provided by Peggy Stark and Jamie Ward

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peggy Stark. Seconded by Donna Clark. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Pastor Ron closed in prayer.

Present: Pastor Ron, Cathy Finch, Leigh Hayes, Ginger Campbell, Brent Ward, Donna Clark, Peggy Stark, Janice Cuba, Lyn Edwards

Mission Minutes by Ginger Campbell

WOW!! What a wonderful night we enjoyed with Tim Hannig and THANK YOU to everyone who came to the show!!!! Wasn't he wonderful! My greatest blessing was seeing our church filled with so many children, teens and adults! I thank God and you all for this blessing!!

Our committee has been really busy this past few weeks thanking God for the blessings he has given us in being able to help others also. Following are the other areas where we have been able to help out:

Missions	\$2121.00
Financial Needs	1100.00
Outreach	1905.00
TOTAL	\$5126.00

Our buckets for July totaled \$170.14

Thank you God for a great evening on the 24th!

If you become aware of a need please contact Ginger Campbell, Peggy Stark, Donna Clark, or Jamie Ward

**GALACTIC BLAST VBS
THANKS YOU**

**WHAT A GREAT WEEK WE HAD
AT VBS! THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE THAT HAD ANY
PART IN THIS OUTREACH
MINISTRY.**

**Everyone learned that God is:
Wonderful
Incredible
Amazing
Magnificent
and
Awesome
PRAISE GOD!**

Please encourage anyone that attended VBS to also attend Sunday School and Wednesday nights this Fall.

DOWN'S UMC YOUTH ADVENTURES

Sunday, August 1 Cornbelters baseball with Danny Oertli

4:00pm meet at the church: Game time 5:00pm

Location: 1000 W. Raab Road (East of Heartland College)

Cost: Reserved Bleachers with Backs \$8 each (buy tickets at ticket office)

Sunday, August 8th Kartville

1:00pm meet at church

Location: 919 Swords Ave; Peoria, IL

Cost: \$10 (5 rides and one Mini Golf) Need 10 people to get this discount.



Sunday, August 15

Teams Challenge Course (Hi & Low Ropes Courses)

1:00pm meet at the church (2:00-5:00 at the camp)

Location: 20 Timber Pointe Lane (Lake Bloomington)

Cost: \$25 for three hours (need around 12 people)

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE.

Andre McNaught is coordinating these events and needs confirmation of the last two events by August 4th.

Don't miss a single day in the Word! Be sure to share it with your friends, too! We have some new devotionals you may want to try. "The Word For You Today" They are in the back of the Sanctuary.

August Dates to Know

1	6:00pm	Bible Study
2	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex Trustee Meeting
3	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth
	6:00pm	Free2Praise Practice
8	7:30am	UMW
	6:00pm	Bible Study
9	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex
11	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth
	6:00pm	Free2Praise Practice
15	6:00pm	Bible Study
16	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex
18	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth
	6:00pm	Free2Praise Practice
22	10:30am	Free2Praise
	6:00pm	Bible Study
29	6:00pm	Bible Study
30	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex

Verse for the month:

Philippians 2:14
 Do EVERYTHING without
 complaining.
Consciously try this.

August Birthdays

2	Josh Bass		
2	Matthew Sutton		
5	Madalyn Bidner		
6	Jason Werner	20	Sherry Reed
7	Lyn Edwards	22	Marcia Adams
8	Cheryl Bach	23	Leigh Hayes
9	Blaise Campbell	27	Marla Brotherton
10	Micki Lishka	28	Joe Randall
11	George Lewis	29	Charles Scherr
11	Sydni Riordan	30	Dee Prosser
11	Hunter Walsh	30	Barb Gilhaus
13	Joyce Werner	30	Rita Harsh
13	Jessica Cuba		
13	Brett Lewis		



MILESTONES

13 Hunter Zachow Are all birthdays this month: ages
 14 David Jones 5, 10, 20, 40, 55 & 70.
 16 Lanette Draper **Congratulations & Blessings to**
 19 Luke Nalley **you all!**

Stewardship report— Giving for 2010

	Last 4 Weeks	YTD
Tithes & Offerings	10,235.50	80,924.90
Total Need	12,484.00	93,630.00
Difference	-2,248.50	-12,705.10
Building Fund	700.00	12,968.15
Mission & Special Project Giving		
Good Sam	1,558.14	12,846.12

2010 UMW Officers

- President—Donna Clark
- Vice President—Kay Hull
- Secretary—Sheri Mushrush
- Treasurer—Leigh Hayes
- Social Concerns Chair—Ginger Campbell

All women of the church are encouraged and welcomed to be a part of this Mission Ministry. The ladies meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month for breakfast.

The next meeting will be Sunday, August 8th.
 Hostesses are: Donna Clark & Jessica Cuba.
 Devotions are by Ginger Campbell

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH. They can be faxed to 378-2651 or emailed to officedumc@juno.com. Input is welcomed. It is your newsletter!

August Anniversaries

- 3 Nathan & Natalie Whitted
- 4 Greg & Darla Lanchester
- 4 George & Kim Lewis
- 5 Andy & Etta Whitted
- 8 Andre & Debbie McNaught
- 13 Jon & Karyn Spelde
- 15 Miles & Rosella Young
- 18 Rodney & Donna Kleinlein
- 19 Tom & Kitty Coulon
- 26 Rick & Leigh Hayes
- 27 Larry & Margaret Nagreski
- 31 Chuck & Diane Scherr

OPPORTUNITIES OF FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

Sunday Fellowship

Every Sunday after the 8:00am service

Breakfast items are served.

A freewill offering is taken to cover the cost of the food. Thank you for your support for this ministry, and to everyone that has volunteered to help with this ministry!

We are in need of people that can 'substitute' in this area. Please let the office know if you can be a part of this ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

*Confirmation class is completed and there is a Jr. Hi Sunday School Class that Rhonda Nalley is covering the month of August.

*The Adults are doing a study entitled: Christianity and World Religion. It is providing an understanding of other religions and comparing them to the Christian Beliefs.

*Watch the bulletin for the date of promotion Sunday. That will be announced shortly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Downs UMC has a class for ages 3 and up on Sunday Morning.

Ages 3-5th grade meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 for music and then go to classrooms in the education wing of the church.

Junior High (6-8th) meet in the Jr. High Room (2nd floor) in the Annex

Sr. High meets on the first floor of the annex and the Adults are meeting in the Old Parsonage

Sunday School is coordinated by Leigh Hayes 378-3008 and Jamie Ward 378-4621

GREETERS are always needed.

Contact Sherry Reed @ 663-2999 if you can serve in this capacity.

August Volunteers~~Thank You!

Power Point Operators

8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service

1	Blaise McNeese	No Service
8	Rhonda Nalley	Laura Walters
15	Kyle Connour	Tom Coulon
22	Sue Colclasure	Jean Riordan
29	HELP NEEDED	Lori Rogers

GREETERS 10:30 am Service

1	Betty Harvey, Madelyne Gelsthorpe, Marcia Adams
8	Dave & Darcie Jones/Kay Hull
15	Tim Riley Family
22	Tom Coulon Family
29	Jean & Colby Riordan/Sherry Reed

NURSERY SCHEDULE

10:30am Service

1	Michelle Forbes
8	Brian & Janelle Zachow
15	Sr. High Youth
22	Laura Bass
29	Jamie Ward

Fellowship Coordinators

1	Etta Whitted
8	UMW
15	Rick Hayes/Michelle Forbes
22	Jean Riordan
29	Peggy Stark

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Summer Office Hours

Tuesday 8-12pm
Wednesday 8-12pm
Thursday 8-12pm

2010 Official Role (Positions being Served)

Ad Board Chairperson:	Brent Ward	<u>FINANCE:</u> Bill Erlenbush, Larry Stark, Brent Ward, Janice Cuba,
Recording Secretary:	Lyn Edwards	Lyn Edwards, Donna Kleinlein,
Finance Chairperson:	Bill Erlenbush	Cathy Finch, Jon Spelde.
Sunday School Super:	Jamie Ward & Leigh Hayes	<u>TRUSTEES:</u> Jon Spelde; Dave Wysocki; Rick Hayes, Andre McNaught, Craig Solvie, Dave Caldwell, Kathy George, Darla Lanchester, Dave Bach; Brad Weichman; Jeff Curtis, Andy Whitted.
PPRC Chairperson:	George Lewis	<u>PPRC:</u> George Lewis, Darcie Jones, Kay Hull, Tim Riley, Jon Nelson, Lyndall Cuba, Becky Connour, Jim Finch; Chris Mushrush
Lay Leader:	Larry Stark	<u>NOMINATIONS:</u> Shari Riley, Cheryl Bach, Larry Stark, Jamie Ward, Kim Lewis; Sherry Reed; Rhonda Nalley
Lay Member to Confer.:	Cathy Finch	
Treasurer:	Janice Cuba	
Financial Secretary:	Lyn Edwards	
Nurture Chairperson:	Cathy Finch	
Outreach Chairperson:	Ginger Campbell	
Witness Chairperson:	Etta Whitted	
UMW President:	Donna Clark	
Youth Director:	Peggy Stark	
Youth Group Leader:	Michelle Forbes	
Camping Coordinator:	Carrie Cobstill	
Trustee Chairperson:	Jon Spelde	

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