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LET'S GO!

By *Pastor Ron*

Read Genesis 12:1–3, Matthew 28:16–20, and Mark 16:1–8. *What similarities do you see?*

Go is a powerful little word. We use it constantly. Without it we would never get anything done. Whenever we move from one space to another, in a sense we go. We go to school, go to college, go to work, go to church, go places to get whatever we need. Interestingly “G.O.” are the first two letters of the name, “GOD.” The first three letters of the name “Satan” are “S.A.T.” If we just sit, we never get anywhere. The word “go” occurs some 1,165 times in the Bible.

Once there was a congregation whose members could not figure out how to draw more young people. No matter how long they waited, the young families in the community didn't seem to come through the door. “We have to go out and bring them in,” said the pastor.

“I wonder how many of the families moving into that new housing development are members of a church?” said another member. “There's only one way to find out,” said another. “We've got to go and meet them and look for the opportunities to get to know them.”

“This community seems to have no programs for the poor. They don't have enough food,” said a member of the congregation. “Perhaps it is up to us,” said another, “to go and see how we can help them.”

God's people have always done a lot of going. Abraham was told to go to a new country – a land of promise. The disciples, at first contentedly following Jesus, were told then to go to every town and village and preach the coming of the kingdom of God. Gathered with Jesus after the resurrection, Jesus' then told them to go into all the world and preach and teach everything that He had taught them. The women at the empty tomb were also told to go and tell what they had witnessed.

God still sends. We are still told to go. If we

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look at our congregation and we seem to be “not moving,” certainly the message of God is the same, “GO”. And if we look at our lives and see not much happening, a kind of drift or sameness to it all, surely God's message to us once again is to **get going again**. Because when God's people get going at His Word, things always happen. We move into what God has ready for us. We engage His Spirit as our guide and power. And we move down new paths into a more exciting future.

Sometimes God's Word to us seems complex. Sometimes it seems difficult to discern God's will in our busy lives. As the generations before us, sometimes we spend a lot of time wandering and wondering. But Jesus' message is simple and clear: “Go!” Go and tell... Go and help...Go and give...Go and learn...Go and grow...Go and serve...Go and heal...Go and teach...Go and inspire...Go and encourage...Go and organize...Go and befriend...Go and invite...Go and share what you have... Go!...and be My disciples.

Jesus said and continues to say, “You did not choose me but I chose you. . . .” (John 15:16). As chosen ones, we go.

Prayer: O God, send the wind and fire of your Spirit to move us into the future you have set for us. Fill our hearts with a desire to go, our ears with the call to go, and our feet with the need to go and reach and teach each one. In the name of the One who was willing to go to the Cross for us. Amen.

Pastor Ron

Trustees Meeting Minutes
Downs United Methodist Church
Aug 02, 2010, 6:04 PM

□ **Present:** Darla Lanchester, Ron George, Jeff Curtis, Dave Bach, Brad Weichman, Craig Solvie, Andre McNaught, Dave Wysocki

□ The Sept 6 meeting is cancelled. Any necessary updates will be discussed at the upcoming workday on Sept 11 (which starts at 7:00 am).

□ Brad made a motion to approve July meeting minutes. Dave W. seconded. Motion carried.

□ **New Business:**

↓ **Chairperson:** Brad nominated Dave Bach for the position of interim chairperson. Craig seconded. Motion carried. The group celebrated.

↓ **Statuses/Updates:** Dave B. mentioned it would be good to provide updates on all projects to the chairperson or to another member before the meeting if you can't attend, and you're in charge or working on a project.

↓ **Old Parsonage:** If rented and we aren't using it, we would have to pay real estate taxes.

↓ **Church Entry:** Plaster is crumbling. Waiting on bell tower fix.

↓ **Ladies Restroom:** Last stall needs a latch.

□ **Old Business:**

↓ **Bell Tower:** Rick called Lily Construction (Jim Scott). Will get together after holiday. *Update: pending until Rick returns.*

↓ **Landscaping:** Weeding—under the ramp, and by the annex, and by the old parsonage—we have someone who will be helping out for a few hours. Ron will coordinate.

↓ **Parking Lot:** Weeds covering the lot. Dave B. will check with Keith to see who handled last time.

↓ **Heating and AC:** Mike performed our summer check, but we seem to be having a problem now. The small compressor by wheelchair ramp seems to not be working. New parsonage will be added to contract in the fall.

↓ **Downs Sewer Project:** Dave B. got a call from Mike Capodice. Guidelines to hand to contractors are still forthcoming. Dave B. will attend the village board meeting to determine if there is anything new. He also thinks we need to get a contract with someone before rates go up (likely) in May.

↓ **Dehumidifier:** Brad looking into getting a pump to pump out water via or near same system furnace uses.

↓ **Signs for Parking Lot:** Dave B. installed these. Thanks, Ron and Dave!

↓ **Church Work Day: Saturday, September 11, at 7:30 am is the chosen work day.**

□ There will be a 30-minute Trustees meeting from 7:00 am - 7:30 am that day.

□ **Annex Roof:** Five porch roofs need re-shingled. Install flashing, ice and water shields.

□ **Fascia:** Also on the schedule is the fascia replacement for the old parsonage.

□ **Barn:** Andre will be in charge of cleaning out the barn before the work day.

↓ **Loft:** Moisture issue resolved. Ron was wondering about keeping it cool during the summer with window fans. They are not quite \$20 each. Brad will pick these up when he's at Mernard's. Ron has the paint for the steps and the carpeting. He may have a volunteer for this task.

↓ **Handicapped Ramp:** Pended.

↓ **Old Parsonage:** Separating gas and water from church's. *No update.*

□ Ron closed in prayer.

□ Dave W. made a motion to adjourn. Brad seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Mission Minutes by Ginger Campbell

Fall is upon us. Thank you for your continued support during the summer months. We have not been real busy this past month, but know there will be many needs as the cooler months come and there are heating bills to deal with.

Following are the areas where we have been able to help out in August:

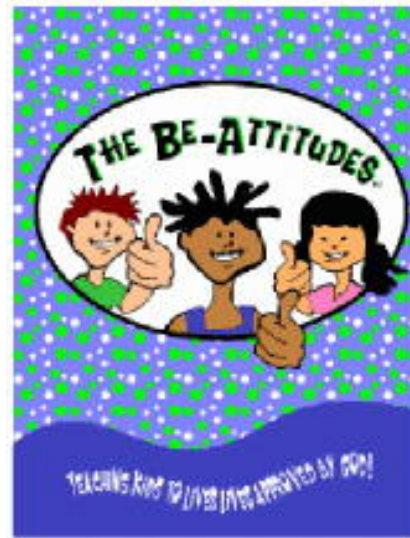
Financial Needs	900.00
Outreach	120.00
TOTAL	\$1020.00

Our buckets for August totaled \$152.53

Remember that the second Sunday each month we do our "Bucket Collection". We pass buckets to collect change and whatever individuals are led to give. These monies are put in our Good Sam account to have on hand when there is a need. When we are aware of a specific need, we have that announced prior to the bucket collection.

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

FAMILY NIGHT AT DOWNS UMC IS BACK!



Wednesdays
Preschool through 5th grade are doing the study entitled "The Be-Attitudes" Teaching Kids To Live Lives Approved By God.

The format includes a lesson, crafts and snacks.

FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 6:00pm** **Choir Practice**
- Meal**
- 6:45pm** **Students meet in Fellowship Hall for prayer**
- 7:00pm** **Praise time in Sanctuary**
- Adult Class Starts**
- 7:15pm** **Youth Classes start**
- Free2Praise Practice**
- 8:00pm** **Youth Groups and Bible Study ends**

VBS UPDATE

The mission this year was through Heifer International. Our total offering was \$850 so the following items were purchased:

1 Llama	\$150
1 Flock of Ducks	20
2 Trees	120
2 Sets of Bees	60
3 Sets of Chicks	60
1 Goat	120
1 Pig	120
3 Sets of Rabbits	180
1 Flock of Geese	20

Thank you to everyone for their support.

UMW ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Sunday, September 26th

4:30-7:00pm

- *Workers of all ages are needed—sign up in the sanctuary
- *Items are needed—sign up in the sanctuary
- *Tickets need to be sold outside of the church—get them from Donna Clark or the office
- *Proceeds are used for local and Methodist Missions.



Don't miss a single day in the Word! Be sure to share it with your friends, too!
Devotionals are in the back of the Sanctuary.

September Dates to Know

3	6:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
4	3:00pm	Coone Wedding
7	9-1:00pm	Home Extension
8	6:00pm	Family Night
11	7:00am	Trustee Meeting
	7:30am	Work Day
12	7:30am	UMW
	6:00pm	Bible Study
13	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex
15	6:00pm	Family Night
19	6:00pm	Bible Study
20	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex
21	7:30am	Tri-Valley Testing
22	6:00pm	Family Night
26	10:30am	Free2Praise
	4:30pm	Spaghetti Supper
27	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Annex
29	6:00pm	Family Night

Family Night needs juice bottles, bottled water and soda. Please limit soda to Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Root Beer and Mt. Dew. Thank you for your help!

September Birthdays

1	Donna Clark	
1	Etta Whitted	
2	Kay Hull	
4	Laura Walters	
5	Andre McNaught	30
8	Sam Coulon	30
10	Keith Campbell	
12	Travis Goveia	
12	Trevor Goveia	
14	Natalie Whitted	
14	Ron George	
17	Celia Whitted	
20	Scott Romine	
20	Alicia Solvie	
24	Jon Nelson	
27	John Young	
28	Tom Stark	
29	Conrad Riordan	



MILESTONES
 This month we have someone turning 15, 20, two turning 30 and 1 turning 50. One couple is celebrating 30 years of marriage.
Congratulations & Blessings to you all!

Stewardship report— Giving for 2010

	Last 5 Weeks	YTD
Tithes & Offerings	12,955.55	93,880.45
Total Need	15,605.00	109,235.00
Difference	-2,649.45	-15,354.60
Building Fund	835.00	13,803.15
Mission & Special Project Giving		
Good Sam	1,152.53	13,998.65

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, September 12th. Hostesses are: Donna Kleinlein, Carrie Cobstill & Leigh Hayes.

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!

September Anniversaries

- 3 Jeff & Leanne Sutton
- 3 Mike & Cindy Halloran
- 4 John & Michelle Forbes
- 5 Dave & Bridget Caldwell
- 15 Don & Sue Colclasure
- 20 Lyndall & Janice Cuba
- 28 Bob & Barbara Gilhaus

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE
CHANGING EFFECTIVE** Tuesday,
September 14th.

Hours will be:

Tuesdays: 1-3pm

Wednesdays 8-12pm & 1-3pm

Thursdays 8-12pm

Until then the hours are 8-12 Tuesday-Thursday

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.

September Volunteers~~Thank You!

Power Point Operators

8:00 am Service 10:30 am Service

5	Blaise McNeese		Ron Bass
12	Rhonda Nalley		Laura Walters
19	Kyle Connour		Tom Coulon
26	Sue Colclasure		Jean Riordan

GREETERS 10:30 am Service

5	Betty Harvey, Madelyne Gelsthorpe, Rhonda Nalley
12	Andre McNaught Family
19	Jon Nelson Family
26	Jim & Cathy Finch, Diane Scherr

NURSERY SCHEDULE

10:30am Service

5	Michelle Forbes
12	Brian & Janelle Zachow
19	Jen Nelson
26	Leanne Sutton

Fellowship Coordinators

5	Etta Whitted
12	UMW
19	Rick Hayes/Michelle Forbes
26	Jean Riordan

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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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