



Ogden Dunes Community Church

The Dunes News

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Devotional by Mrs. L.B. Cowman (missionary in China)

He knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. (Job 23:10)

Faith grows during storms. These are just four little words, but what significance they have to someone who has endured life-threatening storms!

Faith is that God-given ability that, when exercised, brings the unseen into plain view. It deals with the supernatural and makes impossible things possible. And yes, *it grows during storms*—that is, it grows through disturbances in the spiritual atmosphere. Storms are caused by conflicts between the physical elements, and the storms of the spiritual world are conflicts with supernatural, hostile elements. And it is in this atmosphere of conflict that faith finds its most fertile soil and grows most rapidly to maturity.

The strongest trees are found not in the thick shelter of the forest but out in the open, where winds from every direction bear down upon them. The fierce winds bend and twist them until they become giant in stature. These are the trees that toolmakers seek for handles for their tools, because of the wood's great strength.

It is the same in the spiritual world. Remember, when you see a person of great spiritual stature, the road you must travel to walk with him is not one where the sun always shines and wildflowers always bloom. Instead, the way is a steep, rocky, and narrow path, where the winds of hell will try to knock you off your feet, and where sharp rocks will cut you, prickly thorns will scratch your face, and poisonous snakes will slither and hiss all around you.

The path of faith is one of sorrow and joy, suffering and healing comfort, tears and smiles, trials and victories, conflicts and triumphs, and also hardships, dangers, beatings, persecutions, misunderstandings, trouble, and distress. Yet "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

Yes, "in all these"—even *during storms*, when the winds are the most intense—"we are more than conquerors." You may be tempted to run from the ordeal of a fierce storm of testing, but head straight for it! God is there to meet you in the center of

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DIDuKnow?

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- **Souper Bowl Sunday**
- Sunday, February 5th after the
- 10:45 service. Souper Bowl
- Sunday is a fundraiser for the
- Food Pantry.
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- **Pancake Breakfast**
- Saturday, February 11th from
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This
- breakfast is a fundraiser
- for the Youth Ski Trip and
- Mission Project.
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Sandpiper Open House



Do you want your child to experience a very nurturing and fun learning environment? Join the Sandpiper Preschool for their Open House for the Fall 2012/Spring 2013 school year on Wednesday, February 29th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Space is available for the 2-day class (must be 3 years old by August 1) and the 3-day class (must be 4 years old by August 1). For more information, call Peggy Lawrence at 219-775-4100 or go to www.sandpiperpreschool.com

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each trial. And He will whisper to you His secrets, which will bring you out with a radiant face and such an invincible faith that all the demons of hell will never be able to shake it. *E.A. Kilbourne*

—*submitted by Dave Larson*

February Pulpit

Feb. 5	Chuck Smothermon
Feb. 12	Rev. Phil Smith
Feb. 19	Rev. Phil Smith

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for this month is "Bletchley Park: No Longer an Enigma" presented by Dennis Norman.

The luncheon will be catered by Town and Country. Join us and bring a friend. We welcome guests and potential new members. Please honor your reservation. If you have any questions, call Anne Muntean at 763-4989.

Session Highlights

January 10, 2012

Congregational Petition: Despite previous information provided to Session by Presbytery's representative that presenting the Congregational Petition concerning Rev. Morrison to the Presbytery Council at its January 24th is the most effective way to get the Presbytery to respond to it, Session has since been advised by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery that the Council cannot overturn the decision of the Committee on Ministry. She advises that the consideration of the petition we are seeking is under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery Assembly which next meets February 28th. Nonetheless, Session plans to send a delegation to the January 24th Council meeting to stress the importance of the matter and dismay that no meaningful response has been received on a Petition that Session moved to be presented to Presbytery and Synod on October 11, 2011.

Interim Pastor Search: Session expressed its continuing disappointment that Presbytery, which knew in August 2011 that Rev. Morrison's interim contract would not be renewed by it and which is preventing formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee until an interim is in place, has to date provided only one candidate for the position - on January 8th. A motion was made and seconded that Session convey the following to the General Presbyter, Frank Vardeman:

- Submittal of only one potential candidate for the interim position is inadequate
 - When can we expect more?
- Is there a problem? If so, please provide clarification.

Committee Changes and Assignments:

Christian Education – Jane Dickey, Mark Lecy and Chuck Smothermon
Stewardship and Mission – Ruth Dyerly, Chuck Smothermon, Mark Lecy and Karen Compton (Stewardship Committee combined with Mission Committee and finance functions removed)
Worship – Jayne Mann, Jeri Kris and Julia Hoham
Evangelism and Hospitality – Jeri Kris and Dave Harbaugh
Property – Dave Harbaugh and Tom Cornwell
Finance and Endowment – Tom Cornwell and Paul Rake (Committee added)
Personnel – Paul Rake and Karen Compton
Technology – Karen Compton and Julia Hoham
Clerk of Session – Bruce Klimek

Corporate Trustee Slate: The following Corporate Trustee slate will be presented for a vote at the annual Congregational meeting January 22nd:

- Bill Bailey
- Tom Cornwell
- Allen Johnson
- Paul Rake

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**Ogden Dunes Community
Church seeks to joyfully
lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.**

**The deadline for the next
Dunes News is Feb. 15th .**

February Refreshments



♥ Hostess:

♥ 8:30 Service

10:45 Service

♥ Judy Selund

Feb. 5

Sue Squire

♥ Judy Selund

Feb. 12

Liz Daniel

♥ Judy Selund

Feb. 19

Judy Tarpo

♥ Judy Selund

Feb. 26

Judy Tarpo

♥ Refreshment Providers (last names beginning with letters shown):

♥ Feb. 5 —E, F, G

♥ Feb. 12— H

♥ Feb. 19 —I, J, K, L

♥ Feb. 26—M, N, O, P, R



♥ If you are providing refreshments, please offer to help the Hostess
♥ setup (8:30 service) or cleanup (10:45 service).

