



Ogden Dunes Community Church

The Dunes News

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The Pastor's Pen **"Lest we Forget...lest we forget"**

As a nation, we have extended our courtesies to countries everywhere. We are still the greatest nation in the world and the champion of democracy and freedom. This is not a mere high-sounding rhetoric. Let's look back for a moment. Out of the 56 men who signed The Declaration of Independence:

- 5 were captured and tortured by the British before they died.
- 12 had their houses sacked, looted and burned.
- 9 died in the war.

These men considered liberty more important than personal security. They paid the price with tears, fears and death. Freedom was won and we are the recipients for their sacrifices.

Today, that sacrifice continues with our men and women serving in hostile countries, surrounded by unwelcoming peoples. Nevertheless, oftentimes, the struggles and tears of these men and women are transformed into triumphs and victories. After all, FREEDOM IS NOT REALLY FREE!

Let us celebrate the 4th of July with thankful hearts as a nation. May we never forget that it is only "righteousness (right living and right actions) that builds a nation."

Have a fun-filled summer. Come and join us for our early service in the Memorial Garden at 8:30 a.m. and in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Sewdin



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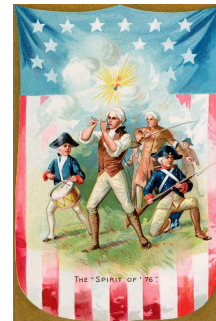
Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ PrimeTimers
- ◆ Summer Church Schedule

Summer Church Schedule

Service Times will be:

- 8:30 a.m. service in the Memorial Garden
- 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study



Vacation Bible School

Questions the kids who attended Vacation Bible School would like to ask Jesus:

Grades 1 and 2:

- How does God spend His free time?
- Why does my dog get old so fast?
- Who made God?

Grades 3 and 4:

- How many people did You make?
- Do you eat fish or Big Macs?
- Do you know everyone in the world?
- Why do we have hair?



Grade 5

- Which church is true?
- How do people go to heaven?
- Why did You create us to get sick sometimes?
- Why did I have all brothers and no sisters?
- Am I really made of flesh or are we machines?

Everyday Acts of Courtesy To Practice This Summer

- Say..."Please." "Thank you." "Excuse me." "I'm sorry."
- If you are walking with someone who can't keep up with your pace, slow down.
- Greet people you don't usually take the time to acknowledge.
- Listen. People appreciate it when you pay attention.
- Watch your language. Off-color remarks, curses, crude jokes are neither mature nor appropriate.
- Invite a neighbor over for a hamburger or even a steak.
- Ask...a neighbor if anything is needed on your next trip to the grocery store, especially if they are elderly/or incapacitated...a co-worker if he or she could use a hand...a friend if you could help in anyway.
- Thank God for food, clothing, shelter, family. For a new day. For life.

CHUCKLES



- The sermon this morning is : "Jesus walks on the water."
- The sermon tonight is: "Searching for Jesus."
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth into Joy!"
- Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.

COUNSELING INSIGHT

“Dealing with Loneliness”

Since the Garden of Eden, humanity has struggled with loneliness. God’s antidote to Adam’s loneliness was a relationship. Throughout Scripture, God paints for us the human condition of loneliness, but never without the promise of His love and presence.

There are 2 lessons we can learn from loneliness:

- Loneliness makes us aware of the importance of others.
- Loneliness forces us to turn our concerns totally to God.

HOW CAN WE CONTROL LONELINESS? We can’t get rid of loneliness altogether but we can control it. The Apostle Paul suggests 4 things in 2 Timothy 4:9-11 concerning loneliness. He wrote them in his loneliest hours:

First, *invest time with intimate friends*. Companionship does not solve everything, but it’s helpful.

Second, *take care of bodily needs*. The lonely person tends to give up on life.

Third, *stretch your mind with good books*. Paul wanted books to read while he was in a dungeon.

Fourth, *spend time with the scriptures*. Read a portion of scripture each day and say: “God speak to me through your Word today.”

SURVIVING LONELINESS

- Live creatively in your time of loneliness. Ask yourself:
Who can I help?
What can I do now that I can’t do at other times?
- Concentrate on today! Don’t worry about the future or dwell on the past.
- Seek to understand other people’s needs.
- Accept other people— warts and all!
- Forgive generously!
- Share your personal struggles with a trusted few.
- Pray for God’s help!

Sermon Titles

Sunday, July 6	“Don’t Waste Your Set Backs”
Sunday, July 13	“The Power of Deep-Water Faith”
Sunday, July 20	“Lord! Have You Forgotten Me?”
Sunday, July 27	“Stumbling Along the Way”

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lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.**

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

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Budgetary Shortfall

The 2014 budget has a deficit. At this point in the mid-year there is a \$32,000 shortfall concerning the overall budget. So kindly, give prayerful consideration in meeting this need. Thank you!



PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, July 15, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

Guest speaker will be Major John Johnston, retired Marine, then retired Director of Portage High School JROTC. Major Johnston has been responsible for providing JROTC participation in the annual Memorial Day celebrations in Ogden Dunes for several years and is a dynamic speaker.

Visitors are welcome. Come and enjoy lunch (\$8.00), a great program and fellowship with friends and neighbors. For reservations or questions call Karel Kears at 763-6493.