



Ogden Dunes Community Church

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The Pastor's Pen

Easter Isn't Over

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year. But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. The season is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily He offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now.

With this great event still lingering in my mind, I thought of sharing with you how the Lord Jesus Christ affects our lives from birth to death. He does so in three ways. First, He is the Creator of all things. Second, He is the Sustainer of all things. Third, He is the Consummation of all things. What this means in simple terms is this: as Creator, Jesus is involved in our origin (not evolution) and in our past. As Sustainer, Jesus is responsible for our continued existence is our present. For our future (even after death). Jesus is responsible for our final outcome, i.e., where we will spend eternity.

There are two great passages in the Bible which contain these great truths about the three-fold work of Christ that affects our lives.

Colossians 1: 16-20

- By Him all things were created...(deals with the Past)
- By Him all things consist (sustains)...(deals with the Present)
- By Him all things are reconciled (in the end)...(deals with the Future)

Hebrews 1: 2-4:

- He made the worlds (Creator)
- He is upholding all things (Sustainer)
- He becomes heir of all things (Inheritor)

Your life wasn't an afterthought in God's mind. You were deliberately, intentionally created by God the Son. He didn't make

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junk! He has no waste baskets in heaven. He is never wrong. He makes no mistakes. You were in His Mind. You are still in His mind. You will always be in His mind. Even when things around you may be falling apart—economic meltdown, relational and family upheavals, seemingly unanswered prayers, bouts of discouragement and depression, and health misfortunes—you can be assured now (today) that the Lord Jesus Christ will sustain you when you go through the flood and fiery experiences of life.

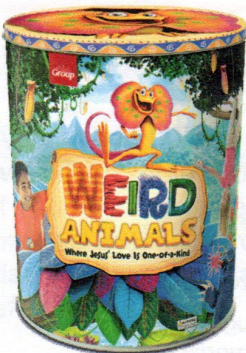
To neglect the Creator means building your life on quicksand—no foundations, no belief system, no standard. To neglect the Cross, means living a care-free life filled with guilt and sin. To neglect the Consummation, means living a life with no hope in sight. On the other hand, to be full aware and to accept the three-fold work of Christ means that you can put your past, your present and your future into God's unchanging hands and not worry about any meltdown and changes.

So, agree with Apostle Paul, and declare: "For of Him (Jesus)...and through Him...and to Him...are all things TO WHOM BE GLORY FOREVER. Amen. (Romans 11:36)

May the Blessings of The Three-fold Work of the Risen Christ be upon you!

Pastor Sewdin

Vacation Bible School



When: June 9th thru June 13th
from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Ogden Dunes Community Church

Theme: God's Memorable and Adorable Creatures

Congratulations To Graduates

The members of Ogden Dunes Community Church want to express their congratulations to those who are graduating this year, as well as, those who will be going into new grades. We are proud of you! Our prayers are with you as you go forward into the next phase of your lives with excitement and anticipation.



PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, May 20, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for this month will be "The History of the American Circus" presented by Bill Warrick.

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 Karel Kears at 763-6493.



A HEART FOR MOM

(Mother's Day—Sunday, May 11th)

Give It Now

If you have a smile for Mother,
Give it now,
If you have a kindly word,
Speak it now,
She'll not need it when the angels
Greet her at the golden gate;
Give the smiles while she is living,
If you wait 'twill be too late.
If you have a flower for Mother,
Pluck it now.
Place it gently on her bosom,
Print a kiss upon her brow.
What cares she when life is over,
For the flowers that bloom below.
She will have her share up yonder,
Scattered at her feet galore.



A Love Cake For Mother

1 can of "obedience"
Several pounds of "affection"
1 pint of "neatness"
Some holiday, birthday and everyday surprises
1 can of running errands (the willing brand)
1 box of powered "Get up when I should"
1 bottle of "Keep sunny long"
1 can of pure "Thanksgiving"
Mix well, bake in a hearty oven and serve to mother every day.

Thoughts on Memorial Day

"There never was a good war or a bad peace!" (Benjamin Franklin)

Remember to remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them. "That's the day the swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom. Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes and heroines on May 26th.



Gabriel's Horn

There is a collection box for Gabriel's horn (Portage Women's Shelter) at the front entrance of the church.

Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, diapers (sm-med size) laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, pillows, blankets, gas card certificate (for purchase of gas **only**), Mr. Clean multi-surface, Lysol wipes, cleaners and toilet bowl cleaner. Thank you for your donations.



Sermon Titles

Sunday, May 4	"The Case for Grace"
Sunday, May 11	"The Faith of Desperate Mother" (Mother's Day)
Sunday, May 18	"Pulling An Eddie"
Sunday, May 25	"A Need to Remember" (Memorial Weekend)

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The deadline for the next Dunes News is May 15th.

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May Refreshments

After the 10:00 am. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall following worship. If your last name begins with the letter of the day, please provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone's enjoyment after the service.

Sunday, May 4	K, L, M, N, O
Sunday, May 11	P, Q, R, S, T
Sunday, May 18	U, V, W, X, Y, Z
Sunday, May 25	A, B, C, D, E

Hostess

Jeri Kris
Judy Spornick
Joy Newton
Debby Bailey

Please call Jeri Kris at 926-8451 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.



National Day of Prayer

The first Thursday of May is designated as the National Day of Prayer. This year it will be May 1st. This day is dedicated for everyone to pray for our country, its leaders and for right, godly policies to be implemented. So, kindly take the time to pray for our country and our very own local government. The poet reminds us that "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."



Church Cleaning



The Deacons will be having their annual Church clean-up on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring a bucket and come help!