



Ogden Dunes Community  
Church

# The Dunes News

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## Session Highlights

### Church Information Form:

With a few exceptions, regular business was suspended so that Session could review the draft Church Information Form submitted by the Pastor Nominating Committee. This document has to be approved by Session and the Committee on Ministry before it is posted on the Presbytery web page for pastors who are interested in pastoral openings. Once posted, the PNC will begin getting applications. Butch Kleyweg, acting on behalf of the PNC, led the review. Several items were discussed and some revisions were agreed upon which Butch will take back to the PNC for use in developing its next draft. Session plans to hold another meeting August 28th to review the revised document with the expectation that it can be approved at that time. If this occurs, the document can then be submitted for approval by the COM in time for its next meeting.

### Nominating Committee Meeting:

Session designated Chuck Smothermon as its nominee for Chairperson of the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates for elders and deacons with terms commencing 2013. Chuck will recruit two more members for Session's consideration at the next regular meeting. At that time, Session will establish a formal slate and set a Congregational meeting date to vote on the nominating committee.

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### Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Worship Services
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**Ogden Dunes Community Church  
Come Join us as we Worship God  
Worship Services  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
(beginning September 9, 2012)**

Experience the joy of participating in the Worship of our Lord. Each of the opportunities below is open to you, to take an active role in Worship. Worship is the "work of the people". Now is your chance.

**By being a Liturgist:** The Liturgist leads the prayers in the bulletin, scriptures of the day, prays over the offering. There is help to do this. If interested contact Carol Smith, 219-938-4225.

**By joining Choir:** Sanctuary Choir sings each Sunday. Rehearsals are Thursday at 7:30 p.m. All high school students/adults are welcome.

**By joining the Handbell Choir:** Chancel Ringers play the second Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are Thursday at 5:45 p.m. Beginners are welcome. (Some music knowledge is helpful.) Contact Libby Larson, 219-762-1899.

**By being an Usher:** An Usher is the pulse of the service, doing all that needs to be done, including handing out bulletins. Contact Sue Klimek, 219-762-1156 or Roger Winsor, 219-762-4746.

**By being a Greeter:** A Greeter comes 15 min. before service and welcomes everyone entering the church and Sanctuary. Contact Margo Hartmann, 219-787-8808.

**By serving Communion:** People who have been Elders or Deacons may serve Communion. Contact Julia Hoham, 219-764-1186.

**By preparing Communion Elements:** Preparing and setting out the Elements on Communion Sunday. Contact Judy Selund, 219-763-4900.

**By decorating the Chancel:** Contact Sue Klimek, 219-762-1156.

**Children and Youth:** Working to include them into our Worship. Children K-4<sup>th</sup> grade will leave service for Sunday School. Kenny Easton, 219-762-1184.

**Worship Chairman:** Jayne Mann, 219-763-3322. Please contact her with any questions not answered above.

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***"O Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things...Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth!" Psalm 98***

**Sanctuary Choir/Chancel Ringers**

**Our 2012-2013 season of singing/ringing and sharing our faith through the music of Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Ringers begins this month!**

**We welcome everyone—high school through adult—to sing with our Sanctuary Choir! Those interested in being a part of Chancel Ringers and who have some prior musical knowledge, please call Libby Larson at 762-1899. Start-up times are listed below:**

**Thursday, August 23—Chancel Ringers: 5:45 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 30—Sanctuary Choir: 7:30 p.m.**



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## "...An Elder shares..."

Psalm 14:1, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'". Dinesh D'Souza, public intellectual, author, and Christian apologist who is currently the President of The King's College in New York City, using science, philosophy and human experience, demonstrates the timelessness of God's Holy Word. In his book, Life after Death, The Evidence, he takes on today's celebrity atheists who insist that we are material beings, nothing more, and once our material bodies cease - that is it - there is nothing more. According to them, those who believe otherwise are irrational, ignoring the clear implications of modern science and clinging to outmoded religious superstitions.

D'Souza takes his readers deeper into the very premises on which the materialists base their conclusions and washes away the foundations on which modern, outspoken, sophisticated atheists in academia and the media build their criticism of believers in an afterlife and the supernatural. Personally, I am struck by the breadth of D'Souza's comprehension of the latest developments in science along with history, philosophy and religion and his ability to synthesize them concisely and understandably. You do not have to be a rocket scientist to follow him when he covers developments in brain science and attempts to establish consciousness as a function of deterministic materialism, quantum mechanics and cosmology. He covers the formulation of life after death among the various religions and even examines "near death experiences". I was particularly interested in his section on philosophy; wherein, he explains Kant, Shopenhauer, Hume and Berkley. Kant, considered the greatest of Western modern philosophers, established a rational foundation for another realm beyond the physical realm of which we are aware - a foundation on which the others built. The rationale has never been disproved. D'Souza then covers the experience of the only one to ever arise from the dead unto eternal life - Jesus Christ - and how believing this as a historical event, is no more irrational than believing Genghis Kahn invaded China.

This is not a text book. It is very readable. If you read it, the next time someone cites Hitchens, Dennet, Dawkins or Harris as authoritative you can say "They are fools" and have the evidence to prove it.

Bruce Klimek

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## News from the Christian Education Committee Kenny Easton, Youth Leader

We are excited to announce a few of our upcoming youth activities, starting with a reminder about "Thursdays with Kenny". Each Thursday during the school year beginning on Sept. 6, 2012, Kenny will be at ODCC for an after school program with our youth. Kids are welcome to get off the bus in front of the church, or come after the bus drops them at home. From 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., we will be working on homework, tutoring, singing songs, playing games and building lasting relationships. This program is open to 1st through 6th grade youth. Last year we had more than 15 regular attendees who had a great time making crafts, doing homework, playing games and learning some great things about God's love!

### Upcoming Youth Events

Saturday, September 29th		White Sox vs. Rays
Saturday, October 20th		Six Flags Great America
Sunday, October 28th		Youth Mission Project
Friday, November 16th		Food Pantry Collection
Saturday, November 17th	10:00 a.m.	Kids Got Talent and Thanksgiving Brunch
Saturday, November 17th	6:00 p.m.	Teen Thanksgiving Dinner





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lead people to the  
transforming love of  
Christ.**

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

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## September Refreshments

Beginning with the Sept. 9th 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.

### Hostess

Sunday, Sept. 9—A,B,C,D

Sunday, Sept. 16— E,F,G,H

Sunday, Sept. 23— I,J,K,L

Sunday, Sept. 30—M,N,O,P

Patty Harbaugh

Jeri Kris

Patty Harbaugh

Judy Spornick

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

## Ogden Dunes Church Family RailCats Game



Thank you for joining us on July 29th for our annual church family outing at the RailCats. We had great

weather and

watched a great game. We look forward to another great outing next year. Shown is a picture of the kids getting their baseballs signed by the RailCats mascots.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**To all those everywhere who call on the Name of our Lord Jesus: Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 1:2-3)**

- Join 1 Corinthians Adult Bible class starts 9 a.m. Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Continue to read and discuss Paul the apostle's inspiring letter to strengthen the Church of Corinth, Greece.

**My love to all of you in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 16:24)**