



The Dunes News

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The Pastor's Pen "A New Year"

No matter how dark the past year may have been, the new year presents a spotless future. It is a path unknown. Untried. Pure. As someone has rightly said: "Yesterday is a canceled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today (this year) is the only cash you have—spend it wisely."

Here are a few things to remember and to practice this coming year:

- **The Value of Time.** Time wasted is gone forever. Use it productively.
- **The Success of Perseverance.** Leave the Town of Quittersville. Move forward.
- **The Pleasure of Working.** Be thankful you are not debilitated.
- **The Dignity of Simplicity.** It is less stressful and more cheerful.
- **The Worth of Character.** No amount of money can buy a good name.
- **The Power of Kindness.** Your enemy will become your friend.
- **The Influence of Example.** It speaks louder than words.
- **The Virtue of Patience.** It will bring peace with your relationships including God.
- **The Joy of Originating.** Be God's Candle in this dark world.

Here are a few suggestions that you can include in your resolutions for this year:

Resolve to:

- Close your book of complaints and open the book of praise.
- Be content with what you have and don't pine for what you don't have.
- Enjoy the simple blessings of life and cease striving for artificial pleasures of the day.
- Maybe the best resolution we could make is one that King David made: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in me." (Psalm 51:10)

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It is my prayer that God will strengthen you to keep your vows for 2015, and in return “you will love the Lord with all your heart, soul, spirit, strength and might.”

Have a Blessed New Year!
Pastor Sewdin

REWARDS! REWARDS! REWARDS!

For those who have worked so diligently for God’s work at Ogden Dunes Community Church, be reminded that God will reward each one accordingly. The Bible tells us of various crowns He has for different ones:

- **The Imperishable Crown** (1 Corinthians 9:24-27): - This will be awarded to those who consistently bring their selfish, fleshly desires under the control of the Holy Spirit, refusing to yield to its evil desires.
- **The Crown of Exultation** (Philippians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20): - This crown will be received by those who faithfully share the good news of salvation, leading souls to Jesus Christ.
- **The Crown of Righteousness** (2 Timothy 4:7,8): - The Lord Jesus Christ will award this crown to all who live each day anticipating Christ’s second coming.
- **The Crown of Life** (James 1:12): - This crown is reserved for those who endure great suffering and trials and still loving the Lord.
- **The Crown of Glory** (1 Peter 5: 1-4): - This crown is reserved for “the faithful shepherd of the flock” who has carried out the responsibilities as set forth by First Peter in verses 2 and 3.

Reading Through The Bible in 2015

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of humanity and the way of salvation. Its doctrines are binding, its histories are true, its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. Christ is its Grand Subject, our good is its design, and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. Remember that “all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for connection, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Here are the Daily Readings for the Month of January:

Jan. 1 Genesis 1-3	Jan. 2 Genesis 4-7	Jan. 3 Genesis 8-11	Jan. 4 Job 1-5	Jan. 5 Job 6-9	Jan. 6 Job 10-13	Jan. 7 Job 14-16
Jan. 8 Job 17-20	Jan. 9 Job 21-23	Jan. 10 Job 24-28	Jan. 11 Job 29-31	Jan. 12 Job 32-34	Jan. 13 Job 35-37	Jan. 14 Job 38-39
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Jan. 29 Genesis 48-50	Jan. 30 Exodus 1-3	Jan. 31 Exodus 4-6				

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Annual Reports

Annual Reports from Committee Chairpersons and Staff are due in the office, in digital form (email, MS Word, etc.) no later than January 9th .

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Congregational business Meeting will be held on January 25, 2015 following the morning worship. All members please plan to attend.

Communion

Com-
munion will be served for the New Year on Sunday, January 4th.

Primetimers

There will be no PrimeTimers during the month of January or February. They will resume meeting in March.

CHILDREN DEALING WITH PARENTS WITH DEMENTIA

A Recent Article by Ken Abraham entitled *“When Your Parents become Your Child”* caught my attention. Below are a few nuggets of the truth he shared with Caregivers facing this formidable task:

- Don't argue with your parent; instead, change the subject. A few minutes later, your loved one won't remember what the fuss was about.
- Don't try to shame or lecture your parent into doing what's best for them; distract, divert attention and do what has to be done.
- Avoid the word “remember.” Instead, reminisce with your loved one, remind and reassure.
- Physical touch is important. Hug often.
- Monitor medications! A person with dementia may take too much or too little, so you need to dispense the meds.
- Get rid of clutter. Simplify even family photos. Your loved one's brains can no longer handle overload.
- Make spiritual input a priority. Worship together. Read scripture. Sing! Even if you can't carry a tune, the words of the song can still lift the heart.
- Take care of yourself. You can do so much. There is no shame for asking for help from others.
- Pray for strength and patience. Offer prayer of thankfulness to God for the opportunity to bless your parents.

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lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.**

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

January 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, Jan. 4
Sunday, Jan. 11
Sunday, Jan. 18
Sunday, Jan. 25

K,L,M,N,O
P,Q,R,S,T
U,V,W,X,Y,Z
A,B,C,D,E

Hostess

Jill Wirth
Cheryl Engel
Judy Spornick
Barb Homme

THANK YOU

The Deacons wish to thank everyone in the congregation as well as the Sandpipers for the wonderful Angel Tree gifts. Your generous gift giving was a beautiful blessing to the needy children this year.

