



Ogden Dunes Community Church

The Dunes News

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Won't You Be a Good Neighbor?

(A Pastoral Word)

Jesus answered the question of "Who is my neighbor?" through the parable of "The Good Samaritan." In it, a man was robbed, beaten and left to die. Three persons saw his predicament. Only one responded. He was a Samaritan. The story brings to the forefront the question: "Who is my neighbor?"

Who is my neighbor? How should I love him or her as myself? We can begin modeling God's compassion by making stepping stones from the walls we've built between us.

Be available. Build into your schedule the casual opportunities to visit with your neighbors. Never be so consistently busy that you're limited only to your own interests.

Be involved. This spring, you can model God's grace and love in community service. (Coach a Little League team, or volunteer at a local shelter or at the Food Pantry, etc.)

Be accepting. Those who don't know the Lord will usually not live according to God's standards. Don't put them down or try to clean up their lives. Live right and they'll be attracted to the difference. "Let your gentle spirit be known to all men" (Philippians 4:5).

Be vulnerable. Your neighbors already know you're not perfect. (Admit that you're leaning hard on the Lord in specific areas of your life.) It's okay to tell them that you don't have all the answers. Remember, you're trusting in the One Who does.

Be compassionate. Behind the "got-it-all-together" masks your neighbors wear, know that they are searching for an answer to that "something's missing" feeling. Pray for them to respond to God's tug on their hearts

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Being a good neighbor by Jesus' definition means understanding that your faith is lived out against the backdrop of everyday relationships that come across your path. Consider the community God has placed you in. Draw mental rings around the people you impact every day. Begin with your home; circle wider to include your street or apartment complex; circle your town, then the greater area. Everywhere you find

Cultivating a Fruitful Life:

(Taken from Galatians 5)



Love—Help us to love others through Your eyes, unconditionally desiring the very best for them.

Joy— We willingly embrace Your will and sovereignty and desire the deep satisfaction and exuberance that come in letting You be

in control.

Peace— Even in adverse circumstances, when we fix our eyes on You, You give us a calm heart, an inner repose, and quietness that defy human understanding.

Patience—Help us, Lord, to take a long-range view of our circumstances, especially when it's not going as we have planned.

Kindness—Because of Your great love toward us, give us a consistent compassion and helpfulness toward everyone we meet.

Goodness—Enable us to deliberately choose right over wrong and give us the fortitude to resist anything not morally in line with Your way.

Faithfulness—Produce in us the “sense of stickability” and good stewardship of what You have entrusted to us.

Gentleness—Help us to give up the need to force our way through life and instead humbly submit ourselves to You and to others.

Self-Control—Cause us to remember that it is Your favor we want most of all. Help us to marshal and direct our mental, physical, and emotional energies wisely.

Youth Ski Trip

2016 Youth & Family Ski Trip Blessings:

- 20 Awesome Kids
- Center Lake Bible Camp
- Inspiring Host
- Challenging midnight sledding
- very fast!
- Caberfae Ski Resort
- Winter Playground
- Great French Fries
- Late night fireside games & laughs
- All awake for Sunday worship
- Safe arrival Home



WANT TO BE A GODLY FRIEND?

Ask yourself the following questions in regard to your relationship with one of your friends.

1. Is your *love* for your friend stronger now than it was a few months ago? (John 13:34)
2. Do you sincerely *consider* your friend's needs to be more urgent than your own? (Philippians 2:3-4)
3. Do you readily *forgive* your friend when he or she irritates or offends you? (Colossians 3:13)
4. Do you *challenge* your friend in a positive way to live a pure, holy, and obedient life? (Romans 14:19; Hebrews 3:13)
5. Do you *pray* for your friend? (Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16)

Use these questions as a prayer guide, and ask God, "What can I do in these specific areas to be a better friend?"

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

(John 13:34)

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Join with friends and neighbors at Prime Timers April 19, 2016 at noon in the church fellowship room. Phil Foremen from the Indiana Attorney General's office will update attendees about the latest scams, fraud schemes, etc. He will offer suggestions about keeping one step ahead of identity thieves. Bring your neighbors, friends and family. There are NO AGE LIMITS to being a Prime Timer. It's an attitude not a number. Cost? A mere \$8. Membership fee for 1/2 of a year is \$5.



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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 April 15th.

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April Refreshments

Following the 10:00 a.m. Worship service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall. 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, April 3	P,Q,R,S,T
Sunday, April 10	U,V,W,X,Y,Z
Sunday, April 17	A,B,C,D,E
Sunday, April 24	F,G,H,I,J

Judy Spornick

Hostess

Lauren DeFauw

Deanna Lecy

Jeri Kris



Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.

A Friendly Reminder

The Property Ministry Team appreciates all the volunteer work done for the church grounds. Routine lawn care (e.g., grass mowing, trimming, etc.) is provided by a contractor. If any one directs the contractor to provide additional service, the Property Team requires him to clear it with one of the team members before undertaking the work. If you wish to have the contractor do something beyond his normal scope of work, please check with David Harbaugh, Butch Kleweg or Bruce Klimek first - thanks! Also, please do not touch the new furnace controls. Any slight changes with the controls can cause problems and result in

Historical Society Program

Join the Historical Society of Ogden Dunes on Sunday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m. at the Hour Glass for "Diana of the Dunes: Myth, Realty and Historical Significance" presented by David Larson, Ken Miller and Dick Meister. Refreshment will be served.