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Church seeks to joyfully
lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.

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Church Picnic (Please Note)

Our summer church picnic will be on Sunday, September 10th. It will be on "Rally Sunday" which is the first Sunday of our church year, as well as the beginning of our Fall Schedule.



PRIMETIMERS NEWS



In July, Prime Timers will meet at noon to eat and hear an Underground Railroad presentation by Jeannie Regan Dinius, director of Special Initiatives of the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources. She will cover Indiana's part in the pathway to safety and freedom for slaves. The date is July 18. The cost: \$9 per person.

When August 15 comes around, Prime Timers will gather in the church fellowship hall as usual to hear resident Susan Adams inform us about "Enjoying Nighttime in Ogden Dunes". Susan is a retired faculty member of Kent Law School in Chicago and an advocate for natural surroundings and beautification. This gathering at noon costs \$9 per person. Please note that all are welcome -- non-residents, visitors and guests of all ages.



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The Pastor's Pen



No one is immune from suffering and adversity. Our common reaction during these times are: "Why is this happening to me?" Or, "Where are you Lord? Why don't You do something about it?" Or, "It's not fair God."

Suffering and adversity can be deadly discouragements. But hardship is just a part of life. It can cause despair and even disillusionment with God. The experience seems so unfair, unbelievable and unbearable. So what's the point of adversity.

Here are a few suggestions:

- ★ Perhaps God is trying to get your attention or to keep your attention on Him.
- ★ Adversity can serve to remind you of God's love for you. You may become so accustomed to His love that He uses a "bump" to remind you.
- ★ Adversity can be the vehicle God uses to help you keep Him as the center of your life and by recognizing that you "live and move" because of God's power and not because of your own.
- ★ Adversity can serve as an opportunity for God to purify your faith. God wants you to make Him the sole object of your faith.
- ★ God may allow adversity to teach you to hate evil. Psalm 97:10 tells us: "Hate evil, you who love the Lord." We are not to manage evil or manipulate evil, but hate it.

What can we do to be sure we can advance through adversity? Here is an acrostic I came across:

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- Decide to follow Jesus' way of responding to trials.
- Veer to neither the right nor left from the path of obedience.
- Expect the Holy Spirit to help us grow in our difficulties.
- Remember how God has helped us in the past.
- Set our faces like flint to endure and not waver.
- Invest additional time in our relationship with God.
- Trust God, especially when we do not understand.
- Yearn to be made ready for our Savior's return.

The Apostle James reminds us — "Consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds because the testing of your faith develops perseverance." (1:2,3).

"Sometimes, the Answer Is No" (written by Stacy Layman)

Three year olds make a lot of demands. It is in their nature to ask questions to discover, learn, and to assert their newfound opinions. I have to say, though, that I was surprised at one particular inquiry from one of my kids at that age.

"Mommy, can we change my name to "Toilet"?"

Confused, and giggling silently to myself, I needed to hear the reasons behind this request: "Well, I like them and use them a lot." Sorry, child. I know you're proud of potty-training, but that's not a good enough reason to change your name. This child was disappointed with the denial of the request, but it was necessary for obvious reasons.

Now think of the requests we make to our Heavenly Father? While we have good intentions and eager ambitions, what we ask in prayer may not always be in our best interest. We do not see the greater picture. Sometimes, the Lord does not answer our prayers in the way we want, but He is good and faithful, and He knows what is best for us.

Sometimes we have to tell our children "No," and fail their expectations. That temporary disappointment is necessary in teaching them and preparing them in a life glorying to God. And sometimes, the Lord



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON...

- Sunday, July 2nd (both services)**
- Sunday August 6th (both services)**
- Sunday, September 3rd (both services)**



Music Is A Fair and Glorious Gift of God

Our 2017-2018 season of music at Ogden Dunes Church begins August 24th! Those who love music and would like to share their faith through music are welcome to join us.

Rehearsals:

- Chancel Ringers: Thursdays – 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Sanctuary Choir: Thursdays – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

"Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing!" Psalm 100:1-2

Summer Church Schedule

Please come and join us for our Summer Services. We have two services each Sunday.

- 8:30 a.m.— Service in the Garden
- 10:00 a.m.— Service in the Sanctuary



PARENTS KINDLY NOTE...A nursery attendant will be provided for both services.

News From The Church Office

- The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.
- All articles for the September Dunes News are due in the church office by August 15th. All articles must be submitted by email.
- We have a large church calendar hanging in the office to help people stay informed. You can submit information that you would like on the calendar to the office. Please do not write on this calendar. Thank you!
- Brenda will be on vacation on July 19th to the 21st.
- Pastor Sewdin's new email address at the church is: DunesPastor@outlook.com