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The Pastor's Pen **"Should Christians Be Environmentalists?"**

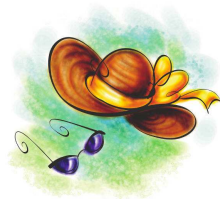
If we look around us, the world reveals the greatness of God. Care for the environment lies deeply rooted in our belief-system as Christians. Stewardship of the planet and its creatures is part of humanity's God-given mandate. We should care what happens to the place God called "good" (earth). Though our future hope includes a new heaven and a new earth, God has not absolved us of the responsibility to manage this one well.

It is true by our sin, creation fell into disarray and we can't restore it. But we do bear some responsibility. Remember when God made Adam, God gave him a specific command: TO WORK THE GARDEN AND TO TAKE CARE OF IT (Genesis 2:15). As the landlord who holds the deed, God gave humans the responsibility for caring for what He had made, but still it is His. David wrote: "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). People. Land. Water. Birds. Animals. Reptiles. Everything.

Behind much of the damage done to the environment is a consumer-driven mentality of entitlement. Becoming better stewards requires more than recycling, turning off lights, and changing the thermostat—essential as these are. We must shift from having a consumer mind-set to a "manager" mentality.

The link between consuming less and caring for the environment becomes clearer when we consider what the makers of Dixie Products have identified as an "Environmental Hierarchy."

- REDUCE the amount of materials and energy used.
- REUSE products—design them for multiple vs. single use.
- WASTE-TO-ENERGY. Incinerate used products to capture inherent energy value.
- COMPOST. Reduce volume to landfill.
- INCINERATE. An alternative method to reduce volume to landfill or litter.
- LANDFILL. A cache of materials for harvesting in the future?



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- LITTER. Not an option.

As Christians, we have impoverished ourselves and supported a culture broadly careless about the stewardship of the earth and negligent of the arts and the creative centers of society.

As followers of Christ, we must contribute to the conversation of environmental issues. We can begin by acknowledging our failures and then demonstrating the depth of our repentance by embracing the truth—with all its ramifications—that God has called humanity to have dominion over the earth.

Have a blessed summer!
Pastor Sewdin

SPEECH GOOFS

- *Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country* (Former Mayor Barry, Washington, D.C.).
- *I am a jelly donut* (John F. Kennedy, addressing a German-speaking audience in German, attempting to say: “I am a Berliner!”).
- *Smoking kills. If you are killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life* (Brooke Shields, during an interview on being named spokesperson for a federal antismoking campaign).
- *I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever* (Miss Alabama, in 1994 Miss Universe Contest when asked: “If you could live forever, would you and why?”).

Our Summer Schedule Continues Until The End Of August!!

Come and join us on Sundays! For those who want to spend the day at the beach, join us for our EARLY SERVICE at 8:30 a.m. outside of the building in the Memorial Garden!

For those who want to sleep in late, come and join us for our INDOOR SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

JUST A REMINDER... You can reach the church office via email at office@ogdenduneschurch.org and the pastor at pastor@ogdenduneschurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP

We thank everyone who has been faithful to keep up with their pledges and offerings during the summer. If, per chance, you have fallen behind in your giving, kindly make a special effort to get caught up. Thank you for understanding and for your generosity!

ATTENDING CHURCH

How Would You Like It If....

- Your watch ticked one time and missed the next?
- Your heart beat one time and missed the next?
- Your child missed every other day at school?
- The engine of your car only hit on half its cylinders?

Irregularity in any area of life causes problems. It was said about the Early Christians, "...they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, in fellowship, the breaking of bread and in prayer." Whenever someone misses church frequently or is "off and on" in attendance, everyone is hurt because that person is an important part in God's House. So, plan to be in church on Sunday! You are loved! You are missed!



Church Picnic

It is official! Mark your calendar! The Deacons will be hosting the annual church picnic on Sunday, August 24th after the 10:00 a.m. service. Since this is a potluck picnic, we are requesting the following food items:

A-I	Fruits and Vegetables
J-R	Salads
S-Z	Desserts

Meats and beverages will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



PRIMETIMERS NEWS

★ Come join the Prime Timers' at noon on Tuesday, August 19, in the Church fellowship room for a catered lunch (\$8.00), a great program and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

★ Guest speaker will be Wayne Woolrich, a world traveler and producer of resultant travelogues. He will present a program about New Zealand.

★ Visitors are welcome! For reservations or questions call Karel Kearnl at 763-6493

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Sermon Titles

Sunday, August 3	<i>"A Faith That Has No Limits"</i>
Sunday, August 10	<i>"Don't Stay Trapped In Your Problems!"</i>
Sunday, August 17	<i>"Being An Eagle Christian" (Part 1)</i>
Sunday, August 24	<i>"Being An Eagle Christian" (Part 2)</i>
Sunday, August 31	<i>"Being An Eagle Christian" (Part 3)</i>

A WINDOW INTO THE WORD

"How God Dealt With Elijah's Nervous Breakdown"

At the peak of his success, the prophet Elijah suffered close to a nervous breakdown (Read 1 Kings 19). God's remedial treatment of Elijah had certain elements to it. Here they are:

- God prescribed sleep and food (vv. 5-8).
- God allowed Elijah to verbalize his feelings openly (vv. 9-11).
- God encouraged Elijah (vv. 11, 12).
- God assigned Elijah companionship (v. 19).
- God helped Elijah through the process (vv. 5-8) and He will help you too!!