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

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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 1	Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 8	U,V,W,X,Y,Z
Sunday, April 15	A,B,C,D,E
Sunday, April 22	F,G,H,I,J
Sunday, April 29	K,L,M,N,O



PRIMETIMERS NEWS



Join with the Prime Timers for their April 17 luncheon and program. Police Chief Jim Reeder will be the guest speaker. Among topics he will cover will be new town regulations and rules. Also, he will bring us up to date on the latest scams to avoid over the phone, internet or in the mail. We will meet at noon in the church fellowship hall. The price for lunch is \$9. Yearly dues of \$10 can be paid at this time. People do not have to be Ogden Dunes residents to attend. All are welcome no matter what your age. Please call Jayne Mann at 1-219-218-3670 to reserve your spot in line. New members are needed.



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EASTER
SUNDAY

April 1st

Easter Breakfast
from
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
(Hosted by Deacons)

Traditional Easter Service
in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This Year There Will Be No Sunrise Service

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Points of
Interest:

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Summer Camp at Geneva Center 2018

Anyone wanting to attend camp, all expenses will be defrayed by the church — a member has graciously offered to help with the expenses in addition to the church's contribution. If interested in attending, sign up online at www.genevacenter.org by April 30, 2018. After you are registered and receive the invoice, bring it to the church office so that it can be paid. All fees must be paid 2 weeks before camp begins, so please make sure that you get the invoice to the church office for payment promptly when you receive it.



Responding to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Today we live in a world filled with skeptics in matters of faith. Many will only believe based on irresistible logic and verifiable facts. But the resurrection of Jesus did not originate from primitive beliefs and dogmatic suppositions. It did take place. There is an empty tomb.

After the death of Jesus was confirmed by the centurion's spear, two of Jesus' secret disciples in the Sanhedrin requested permission to take care of His Body. But what good is the dead to the living?

Belief in a living Christ is very crucial to Christians because it has broad ramifications and profound impact. The implications of the resurrection are not limited to history or philosophy. To deny the resurrection is to deny the Bible. To deny the Bible is to deny the existence of God. To deny the existence of God is to deny the reality of truth or meaning. Even those who reject the resurrection understand this. People who are confronted with the resurrection of Jesus generally respond in one of four ways:

- **Some Believe with Indirect Evidence:** *When the disciples viewed the empty tomb and saw the grave wrappings, they knew Jesus had risen (John 20:1-10).*
- **Some were Slow to Believe:** *They initially responded to the Lord's presence with fear and then slowly accepted the reality of His resurrection (John 20:19-23, 26-28).*
- **Some Believed with Direct Evidence:** *They were either confused or doubtful until they saw the risen Lord with their own eyes (John 20:11-18).*
- **Some Believed Without Evidence—Indirect or Direct:** *They believed based on the premises of the Old testament, the predictions of Jesus, and the testimony of credible witnesses (John 20:29).*

Note that after His resurrection, Jesus appeared only to believers. It was not because they doubted the truthfulness of His claims; they merely thought it was too good to be true.

Faith and evidence are not unrelated in the Christian life; they are crucial elements. Trust in God must come first; then evidence is helpful. Apart from belief, evidence is useless.

The greatest proof of the resurrection is the transformation of lives. Every disciple (apart from John) died in horrific ways. If they were not fully convinced that Jesus was alive, why would they choose to die in such terrible ways and circumstances?

Miracle on Easter

It was Easter Sunday at the Ibuga Church of Western Tanzania. While the service was going on outdoors, a huge lioness came from the forest wild and mad. The lioness growled furiously and took an attack posture. The preacher told the congregation, "Folks, don't be afraid, the God who saved Daniel from the lions is here. The Risen Christ of Easter is here." Then with a God-given faith and authority, the preacher

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NOT ASHAMED

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

- Romans 1:16, ESV



1

Shall atheists dare insult the cross
Of our Redeemer, God?
Shall infidels reproach His laws,
Or trample on His blood?

Then let our faith grow firm and strong,
Our lips profess His Word;
Nor blush nor fear to walk among
The men that love the Lord.

-Isaac Watts

2

Whatever happens, we must, each
one, extol the Lord! Whether the world
grows atheistic or devout, our duty and
our joy are one and the same—we are
still to magnify the Lord our God.

- C. H. Spurgeon

3

Let me never be ashamed of the truth
of the Gospel, that I may bear its
reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its
essence, know in it the power of the
Spirit. Amen.

- A Puritan Prayer

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and said: "You lion, I curse you in the Name of Jesus Christ!" Then the most amazing thing happened. Suddenly a bolt of lightning struck the lioness and she dropped dead in her tracks. The preacher ran and jumped up and down on the carcass and then used it as a platform to preach. The community was stirred as they carried the carcass to the police station. The local policeman muttered: "the God of these "Murgu Mwana" people surely is a God of miracles!" (Taken from The Convention Herald and cited by Paul Lee Tan in his book, Signs of the Times).