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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 7	F,G,H,I,J
Sunday, April 14	K,L,M,N,O
Sunday, April 21	Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 28	P,Q,R,S,T



PRIMETIMERS NEWS



Prime Timers will meet at noon, April 16, to hear Pauline Petrouch from 5/3 Bank speak to us about Identity Theft

and what can be done to prevent it and/or deal with it.. A tasty luncheon will be served for \$9 payable at the door of the Ogden Dunes church fellowship Hall. Yearly dues of \$10 will be accepted as well. Please note that everyone is welcome-- residents, visitors and guests of all ages. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Jayne Mann at 1-219-218-3670 or Judith Petrou at 763-2186. Walk-ins are welcome.



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EASTER SUNDAY

April 21st

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

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

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Meaning of Passover

Messiah in the Passover begins with the traditional Passover Seder table complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion. **Come and enjoy a Jewish explanation of the Passover on Wednesday, April 10th by Kirill Swiderski.**



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?

Ogden Dunes Lions Club Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th
9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. Breakfast
Adults \$5.00/Children \$3.00
10:30 a.m. Egg Hunt (Pre School– 4th Grade)

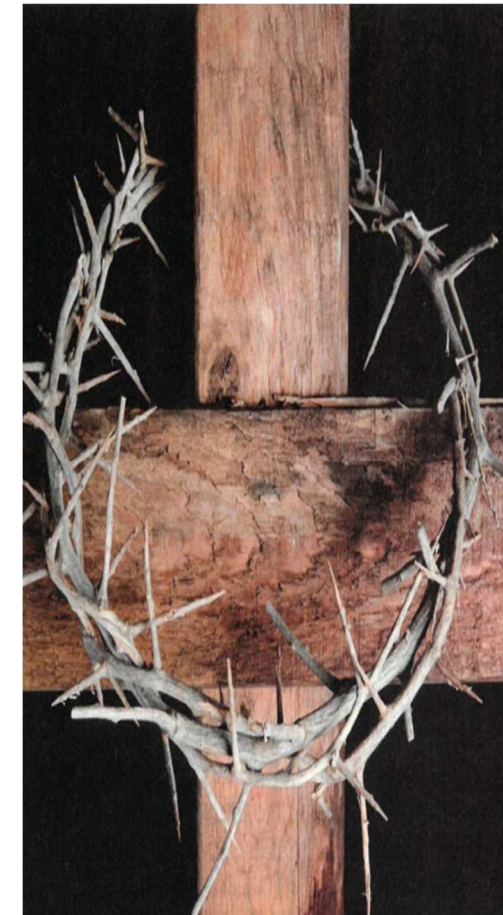


NOT ASHAMED

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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



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

Lenten Weekly Meditation

Every Wednesday from 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

- April 3 — ***“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”***
- April 10 — ***Special Presentation by Rabbi Swiderski on the Meaning of Passover***
- April 14 (Palm Sunday) — Sermon: ***“Lessons From A Donkey”***
- April 18 — Maundy Thursday — ***A Tenebrae Service*** — 7:30 p.m.
- April 19 — ***Good Friday Prayer Vigil*** — 7:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. (Half-Hour Slots)