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From Pastor Robb

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

-Matthew 5. 13- 16 (CEB)



The contrast of light and dark is frequently used in Scripture. In particular, John uses this contrast frequently in his gospel. He references the creation story of Genesis 1 while concluding that the light shines into the darkness and the darkness cannot overwhelm it. It is a powerful image and thought. When I go outside at night and gaze at the stars, I am reminded that the light from those stars has traveled many miles and for many years, yet the light still pierces the darkness. John reminds his readers that Jesus is like such a light. He shines into the darkest of moments and those moments cannot overwhelm Him. He stands in the fiercest of storms and the storms cannot defeat Him. No matter what our current situations are, we need to consistently seek His light in our lives.

After Jesus preaches the beatitudes, He then makes a stunning statement. People can shine their light as well! At times, I struggle with this idea, because some people do not seem to shine light at all. I am reminded that Jesus' placement of this statement is very strategic. If we are meek, merciful, peacemakers then we will shine His light into this world. If we are faithful to His teachings, then we cannot help but to shine His light into our communities. It is a powerful and wonderful calling that we have- we are to be the light of Jesus Christ in this world!

However, there is also a great warning in Jesus' statement. He points out that if salt has lost its saltiness, then it is worthless. If a light is hidden, then it limits its impact (I suppose under the basket would be bright!). How does this happen? Well, if we are not meek, merciful, peacemakers, then we are stuck in the darkness of the world. If we refuse to allow the transformative light of Christ impact who we are and our choices, then we are no different than the darkness that surrounds us. We must first conform to the light and then we will be capable of spreading the message of Jesus Christ. It is only after we conform, that we can be the salt of the earth- preserving and enhancing life. Our obedience to Christ allows our hearts and lives to shine into our communities and bring God's transformative presence to a world trapped by darkness!

Finally, we need to remember why we do all those things. If we do them so people will compliment and say good things about us, then we are not shining the right light. Jesus reminds people that showing the world light really means pointing them to their heavenly Creator. We should not be doing good things for any reason other than to bring glory and praise to Jesus. When we feed the homeless, we should remind people we do it for the Lord. When we help the broken hearted, we should remind people it is a reflection of Jesus. When we love the unlovable, we should point out that Jesus first loved us. Let us seek to reflect the light of Christ in all situations so that we can see more people praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

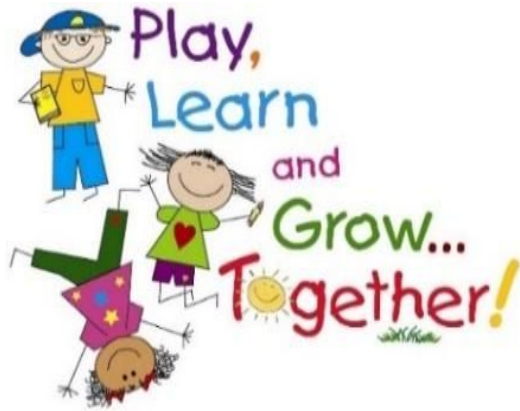
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ONO YOUTH

By: Jessica Grimes
Youth Ministry News



*The Ono youth took to the streets of Ono for reverse trick or treating on Wednesday October 24. Instead of taking treats from the community we went out to bless and give to them! We shared with a goodie bag and a personal invitation to attend our **His Hands Puppet Show and Trick or Treat** event on **Saturday, October 27 at 6pm!***



Ono Children's Ministry

Hello All. Winter is coming fast. And God is still awesome!

We had an awesome time at Laser Tag. It was a fun night of hanging out being guys. Were we competitive alittle? Oh yes we were.

Video Game Night on November 17th at the church from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. (Parents and children k thru grade 5 are invited.) Come show off your video Game skills!



Kids4Jesus is going well and the kids are doing their best to memorize the books of the new Testament. We are so blessed to have a few new kids coming.

We will be having a sleepover at the Church from December 7th starting at 6 p.m. and ending December 8th at 11:00a.m. the theme is Superheroes and is for kids 2nd through 5th grade.



Melissa and I are excited to see what God has in store for the children at Ono!

Mr and Mrs K

All Saints Sunday - November 4th

Join us as we remember those that have gone on to Glory this past year.

Veterans Day - November 11th

Join us as we honor our Veterans and pray over OCC Shoe Boxes.

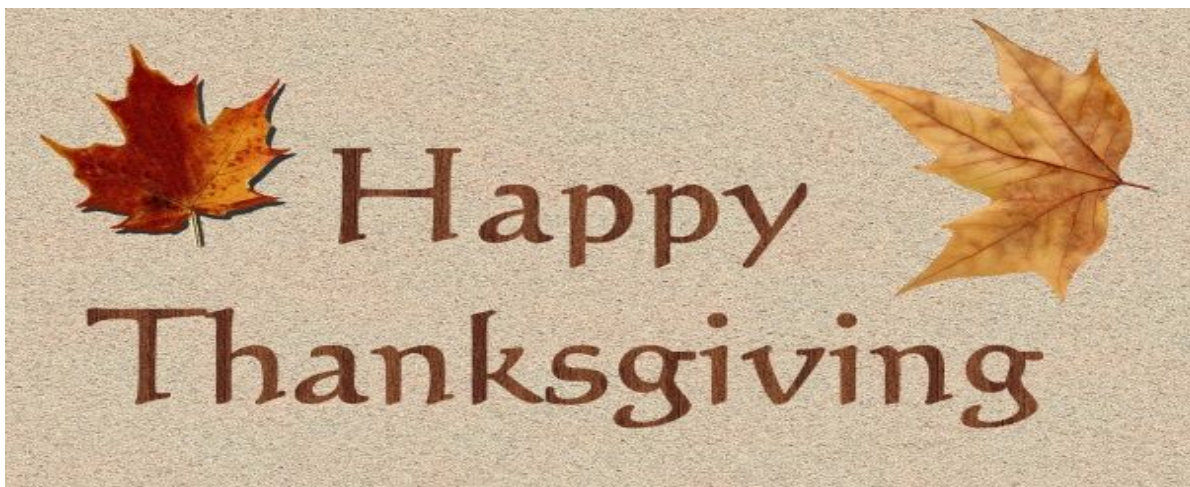
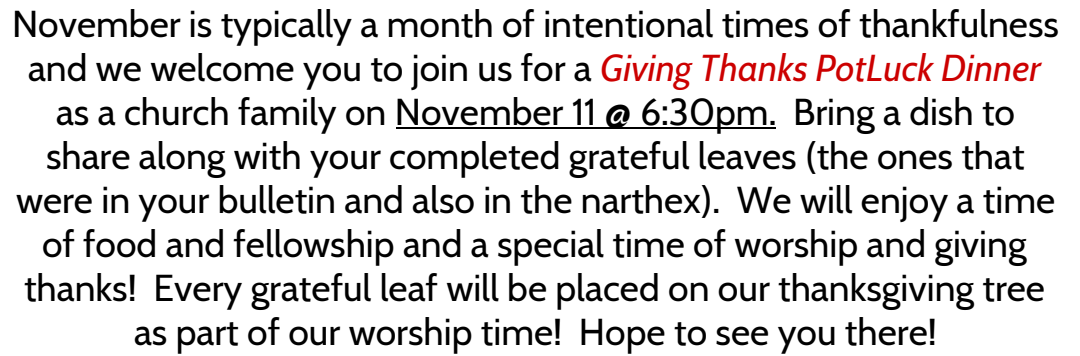
Ono Womens Ministry

2018 Fall Retreat!

The Ono women had a very blessed retreat weekend away at Gretna Glen on October 19-21. We sat under the teaching of author and Ono native, Gwen (Grubb) Jackson. The ladies enjoyed times of worship, sharing, studying God's word and fellowship! Saturday afternoon was a relaxing time of foot soaks, facials, and massages all while enjoying peaceful music and sweet relationships!



What makes you thankful?





The Christmas choir has begun practicing to be able to share with the congregation the cantata,

"We Sing Noel"

The choir is made of singers from all ages and will feature - solos, worshipful dance and motions and a special slideshow of our Ono church family. Don't miss this Wonderful time of worship during each morning service on *December 16*.

Women with Whimsy

Sat. November 17th

9am-11:30am

*This month, we are wrapping **God's Perfect Gift** ornaments for our Living Nativity guests!
Everyone is invited to come help us “wrap it up!”*



All supplies and light refreshments will be provided!

From February 23rd to
Methodists from around
a conference to
Forward. I ask everyone

unity and direction of our denomination. Bishop Johnson has encouraged us to use the time
from 2:23 – 2:26 am and/or pm everyday as a focused time of prayer.



February 26th, United
the world will be holding
determine a Way
to join in prayer for the

NOVEMBER 28th - 6pm

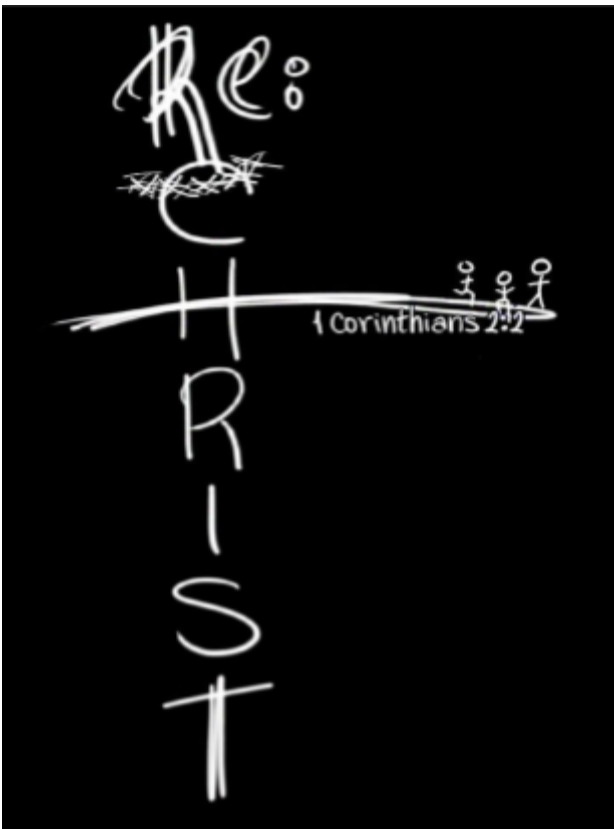
Do you enjoy decorating?

Well then, won't you join us on

November 28th at 6pm

as we fill Ono's halls with the sights, sounds and tastes of Christmas!

November Sermon Topics



4: Encounter Christ: Redeemer

11: Encounter Christ: Revealer

18: Encounter Christ: Savior

25: Encounter Christ: Bountiful