

# Good News in Ono

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He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones: 'Dry bones, listen to the Message of God!'"

*God, the Master, told the dry bones, "Watch this: I'm bringing the breath of life to you and you'll come to life. I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am God!"*

*prophesied just as I'd been commanded. As I prophesied, there was a sound and, oh, rustling! The bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.*

*He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man. Tell the breath, 'God, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Come, breath. Breathe on these slain bodies. Breathe life!'" So I prophesied, just as he commanded me. The breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.-Ezekiel 37. 4- 10 (The Message)*



I absolutely love this story in Scripture. It is a story that for some reason I feel like I can envision. A whole valley of dry bones (perhaps my childhood memories of skeletons empowers this) just laying before Ezekiel. Hopeless. Nothing could possibly happen, because life was gone - long gone. These weren't recently deceased people who perhaps could be revived. They were truly hopeless. Hopelessness is one of those feelings that drives us into darkness. Hopelessness can drive us into depression. So often in life, we encounter situations that seem hopeless - terminal illnesses, loss of a job, loss of a relationship, change of schools or communities. The times can be dark and difficult. Where can our help come from?

Ezekiel was a prophet in exile. The Israelites were no longer in the promised land. They were lost in Babylon. Other god's were being served. The Israelites were being absorbed into a different culture and there appeared no solution. God had lost. The people whom He saved from Egypt would no longer exist and all that God had done would be forgotten. Surely, that would have been a dark place for the faithful. Sometimes, I hear modern Christians express the same concern- perhaps the "Church" is dying and we will be lost to history. Where is God in the midst of all the trials and tribulations? Where is God as people seem to be abandoning their faith and their churches? Where is our Ezekiel?

This story, however, is not about Ezekiel. The story is about God. It always has been, is and will be about God. God was demonstrating to Ezekiel that not only did He create us, He could create out of dust again! His power is not limited to our understanding or thoughts. People of faith should never feel truly hopeless, because we worship the God of hope. We worship the God who looks into a valley of dry bones and sees life! The Church should proclaim or prophesy to the breath! Come, come and breathe on these dead bodies and new life will be created. Speak into the dark places of your life and invite God's breath, His Holy Spirit to come and breathe life into your situations. Let us as a body of believers speak life and love and grace into the difficulties of this world- knowing that we worship a God who creates, redeems and sustains! Let us be the modern day Ezekiels! As the end of Revelation says, come, Lord Jesus, come!

*~ Pastor Robb*





Summer Mission Trip - Our team of 30 adults and youth are so excited for **Our Week of Love (O.W.L.)** in Cape Charles, VA at Splash Camp. We have 53 kids ages 6-12 signed up for our week. We are planning a daily VBS program for them and some fun field trips and ending with a talent show for the parents on Friday before we head home. Wednesday we will be providing a meal and all the care packages to the migrant farm workers and their

families. We are so grateful for all the support of this awesome congregation with your prayers and generosity! Please be in prayer with our team during this week for God to do mighty things for His glory!



**T.B.S.** Traveling Bible Study is underway for the summer for our youth group. We are grateful for the many people who open their homes and pools for us to come and have fun and be challenged in our faith. This summer we are doing a study called, *The Other Six*. It is a challenge to live missionally every day of the week, not just on Sundays...make the most of the other six days of the week! Just as The Father sent Jesus, so He sends us into our world, community, families, and friend circles. Receive the Holy Spirit to enable His power to work through you! John 20 :21-22


This summer the youth group is asking families to collect spare change to raise money for the organization **Sweet Sleep**. We are all so blessed to have a warm, cozy, comfy bed to sleep in each night. Many children do not have this luxury! **Sweet Sleep** seeks to provide true rest for children all over the world by giving beds, bug nets, and bibles to them.



August 11 we will have an overnight event to learn more about the mission of Sweet Sleep and collect the money we raised to help further their mission! Check them out at [www.sweetsleep.org](http://www.sweetsleep.org)



# KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES



**JULY 10TH-** 5:30P.M.- 7:30P.M. SWIMMING @ THE  
MILLERS- 181 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE  
FREDERICKSBURG, PA

(A PARENT/GUARDIAN IS ASKED TO STAY WITH CHILDREN THAT  
ARE NOT ABLE TO SWIM)

**JULY 19TH-** PLAYGROUND HANGOUT TIME @ LEVITZ  
PARK 5:00-6:00P.M. FOLLOWED BY B.Y.O. PICNIC  
DINNER AND OUTSIDE WORSHIP!

**AUGUST 13TH-** 3-5P.M SWIMMING @ THE HANHLENS-  
54 INDIANTOWN GAP ROAD ANNVILLE, PA  
(A PARENT/GUARDIAN IS ASKED TO STAY WITH CHILDREN THAT  
ARE NOT ABLE TO SWIM)

**AUGUST 17TH-** ONO DAY CAMP- 9A.M. - 3P.M.  
REGISTRATION TO OPEN SOON

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ANY QUESTIONS  
CONTACT JESSICA MILLER 717-679-5374  
OR JESS@JNJMILLER.COM**





There is something for everyone at Ono Church! Prayerfully consider which small group you would like to be a part of for learning, growing and fellowship!



Sunday Morning @ 9:30am

*Adult Small Group - Rms. 22/24*

*(Leader Dave Hahnlen)*

*Adult Discussion Group - Fellowship Hall*

*(Leader Eric Wentling)*

*Women's Discussion Group - Fellowship Hall*

*(Leader Dee Faller)*

*Youth - Youth Room downstairs*

*(Leader Mike Govern)*

*Kids 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday School - Rm. 23*

*Kids pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Preschool wing downstairs*

*Children's Church during 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service*









July 11<sup>th</sup> @  
7PM

Think you'd like to  
help plan this year?!  
Join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>!



Formally known as the  
Parking Lot Ministry, we hope to  
connect this summer in cool and  
casual ways!

...we'll learn some new Games  
...eat some great Lunches  
...create some cool Crafts  
...make some new friends  
...basically, hang out!

**7-19 and 7-26 from 11am-1pm**

We'll meet ya at the church porch!

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

See Kim Moyer with any questions!

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CENTER

love. hope.  
redemption.



## Backpacks Of Hope

We're thinking Back to School already! Should you see a good deal on school supplies, we will be gathering them in our *Collection crate at the Mission Corner near the elevator.* Thank you!

A big thank you, to all the volunteers that continue tending our church gardens this summer/fall!



Our Children's program is in need of leaders/helpers for the 3 and 4 year old class during July and August. Please contact Sharon Garcia if you would like to help in either of these months.

Sharon – 570-449-7358

Please see the sign-up sheets outside the Nursery doors for available slots to be filled!

*Thank you!*



# DINNER

*and*

# DISCUSSION



Pastor Robb and Dee are looking forward to hosting a few small gatherings for cook out dinners!

They will provide hotdogs, burgers and drinks. You're invited to bring a simple side to share!

Sign-up sheets can be found on the main narthex bulletin board. Can't wait!  
July's gathering is on July 26th @ 6:00pm.

## Summer Destination Worship

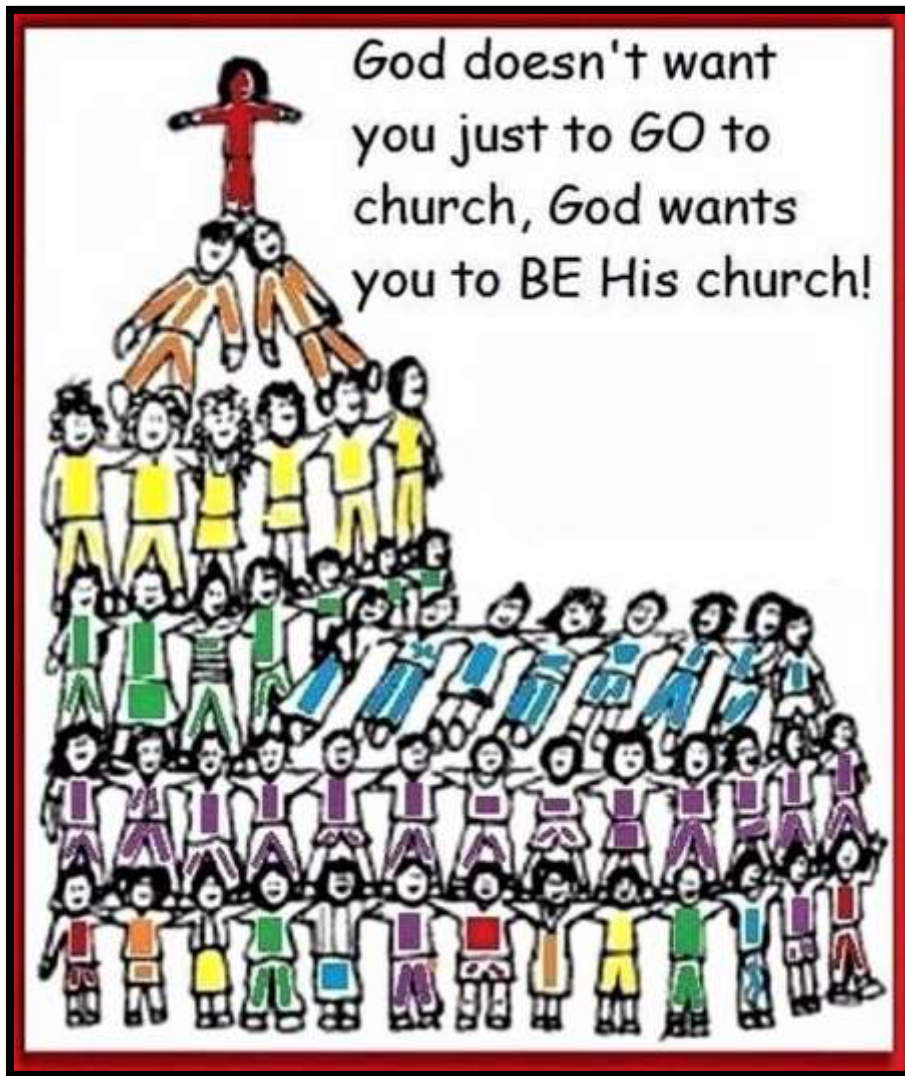
6:00 - Bring your own PicNic

6:30-Worship

Wednesday, July 19 – Levitz Park Pavilion

Wednesday, August 23 – TBA





Many talk about being the church, but few know how. We understand church as those who follow Jesus, not just in “doctrine” or “belief” but out into the streets, among the people, mingling with them and loving them where they are. Being the church is as simple as loving the person in front of you right

now.





7/2 Bob Adams

7/3 Bob Long

7/3 Tracy Gomez

7/5 Anna Gongloff

7/5 Jaxon Gongloff

7/6 Jeanna Seyfert

7/7 Danielle Blauch

7/7 Aiden Crawford

7/7 Kristopher Frazier

7/9 Ilene Schriver 81 st

Happy Birthday  
JULY BABIES



7/9 Justin Helms

7/9 Lori Kimmel

7/9 Rick Wise

7/10 Peighton Moyer

7/12 Karen Wentling

7/13 Ken Moyer

7/14 Joyce Zeigler 84 th

7/16 Janet Hahnlen

7/16 Andreanna Davis

7/17 Tammy Boyer

7/19 Carlie Zechman

7/28 Kevin Helms

7/28 Brett Kveragas

7/29 Laura Wiest

7/29 Mason Moyer