

Good News in Ono

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It's necessary for this rotting body to be clothed with what can't decay, and for the body that is dying to be clothed in what can't die. And when the rotting body has been clothed in what can't decay, and the dying body has been clothed in what can't die, then this statement in scripture will happen:

Death has been swallowed up by a victory.

Where is your victory, Death?

Where is your sting, Death?

(Death's sting is sin, and the power of sin is the Law.) Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15: 53- 57

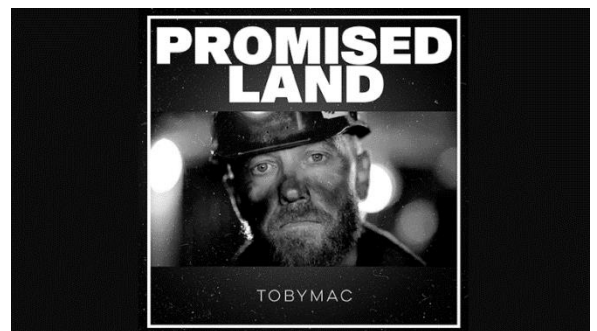
I have been told that I am a good loser and a terrible winner. Guilty. I enjoy games and I enjoy winning. I think having a positive attitude about games is important. At Day Camp, I told the children at my table that we were going to win Bingo. One child said he isn't very good. Another said that they never win prizes. I said to them if you sit with me, you are a winner! They laughed and we anxiously listened for letters and numbers and marked our cards. As we got closer and closer, the excitement built. I made sure we all knew what numbers would win for us. And then we won! They were so excited (and so was I) I was informed that I am good at Bingo- I didn't have the heart to tell them it is complete luck, we simply rejoiced together.

I think all Christians should have the mentality that we are winners- because we are! In most games like Bingo and cards, the outcome is unknown before the game begins. This gives the game a measure of excitement as you watch and wonder what the outcome is going to be. For Christians, we know how this game ends! I do not need to hope for a measure of "luck" or that I will play my cards right. I do not need to worry about making mistakes or being perfect. Instead, I simply rejoice in the victory that was won so long ago even though the struggles in this life remain. As a matter of fact, I think knowing we have the victory should change how we view the struggles. We should enter all of them with the confidence and joy that comes with knowing that we have the victory! Our positive attitude should not be about confidence in ourselves or our abilities, but in the one who has given us the victory!

The Christian artist TobyMac has a song called "Promised Land" that I love. He lost his son to an overdose and considered that he would not write songs again. Then came this one. It recognizes the struggles that we face in life - in his case a struggle I hope none of us ever has to fight. As he wonders about the Promised Land, he concludes that the Promise Land isn't a place, it is Jesus. I love this conclusion.

Anything I experience or hope for in this life is frail. I can lose here. I will lose here. My Promise Land isn't about this place, but about the victory that Jesus has already won. In that victory, I can rejoice even in the difficult moments. So let us all embrace this Gospel Truth- you have been given victory through Jesus Christ! His death on the cross has assured it! So, rejoice, good Christian friends, in the victory! And let us share that victory with all those around us in the hopes that they too will know the power and blessings of Jesus Christ!

~ Pastor Robb



- Youth Ministry -

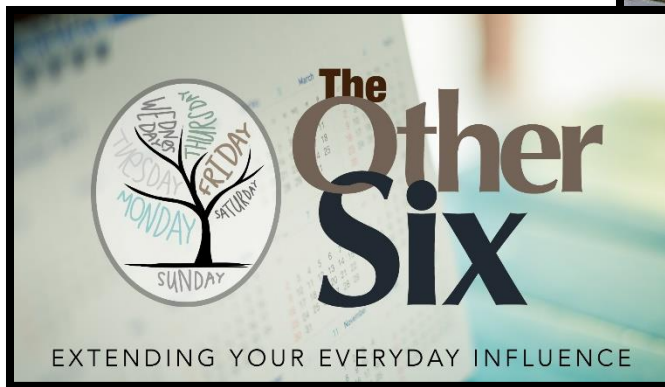


We are all so blessed to have a warm, cozy, comfy bed to sleep in each night. Many children do not have this luxury! Sweet Sleep seeks to provide true rest for children all over the world by giving beds, bug nets, and bibles to them! Thank you so much to everyone who support this summer mission project. We collected \$646 which provides 34 beds to needy children. www.sweetsleep.org



Sweet Sleep™

We wrapped up our summer Traveling Bible Study at The Millers on August 14. We were so blessed by many people who opened up their homes and hearts to the youth this summer. God challenged us this summer to live missionally every day – not just on a mission trip or when we are at church! God's mission for us is a 24/7 – 365 days a year call!



Congratulations to Ono Church Volleyball Team for earning the title of League Champions!

Free Food Box Saturday!

Saturday, Sept. 9th - 1pm till all are gone!



Join us!
see Becky Moyer



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, study Group -

Fellowship Hall (Leader Dee Faller)

Youth - Youth Room downstairs

(Leader Mike Govern)

Kids 2nd-5th Sunday School - Rm. 23

Kids pre-K – 1st grade - Preschool wing downstairs

Children's Church during 2nd Worship Service

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



9/2 Rhett Walker
9/3 Wyatt Schriver
9/5 Taylor Mclean
9/7 Jean Bragg
9/7 Sylvia Lentz – 82ND
9/7 Scott Piotrowski
9/8 Shirley Saich – 81ST
9/9 Daniel Shuey
9/12 Braelyn Stoner
9/14 Arlene Miller – 90TH
9/15 Christian Vander-Heyden
9/16 Shirley Boyer – 87TH
9/17 Krystin Blauch
9/17 Jim Myers
9/18 Kiley Longenecker
9/19 Todd Diamond
9/19 Daniel George
9/19 Mia Rock
9/22 Bonnie Gibble
9/25 Trey Moyer
9/26 Mary Evans
9/29 Karen Grubb

***We sure hope we didn't miss anyone, but if we did,
would you mind notifying us in the office so we can update our
file?***

SEPTEMBER

bucket list.....

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|  Go for a nature walk |  Go to a farmers market |
|  Pick apples |  Visit a corn maze |
|  Go to a local football game |  Make homemade jelly |
|  Make smores |  Go geocaching |
|  Give a gift to a teacher |  Make popcorn balls |
|  Go to a carnival |  Have a picnic |
|  Rake leaves |  Drink hot chocolate |
|  Make apple pie |  Go on a bike ride |
|  Eat a bowl of chili |  Make a leaf craft |
|  Go fishing |  Have family movie night |

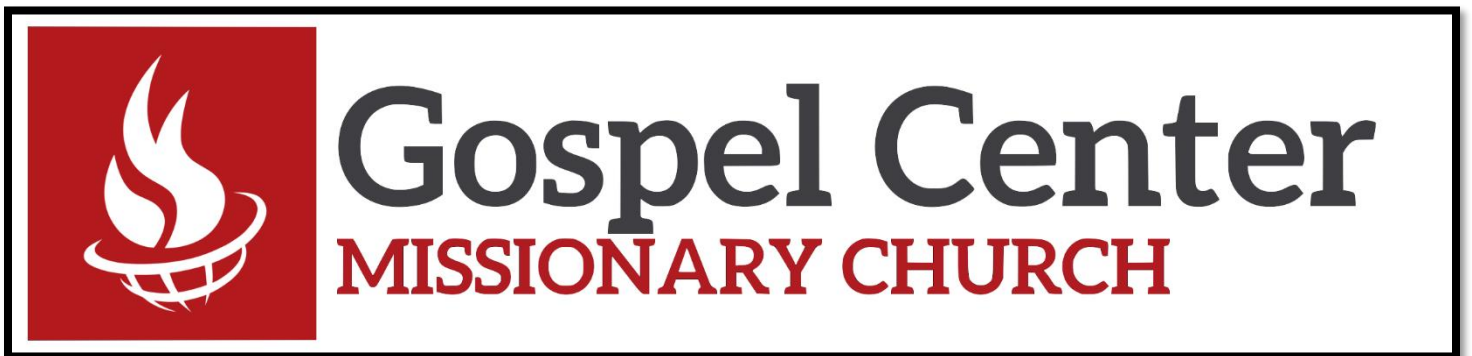


We had such a fun time connecting this summer! We learned how to paint a tree... made our own "balloon ping-pong paddles" with paper plates and balloons ... read a few really great stories ... talked about what it means to be a friend, making friends and when to say no ... had lunch together ... played some fun games and stayed connected with Jesus and each other!



September 3rd
8:00am and 10:30am

Holy Communion



Serving dinner on Saturday Sept. 2nd, 2023
(See Kim Moyer for details)



Backpacks Of Hope

Thank you Ono Family! Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver a substantial amount of school supplies to the Lebanon Co. Children and Youth office for the 2023/24 school year! Every little bit helps!

A big thank you, to all the volunteers that continue tending our church gardens this summer/fall! See Audrey Gongloff with any questions!



Thank you all so much for joining us at our weekly dinner and discussion nights! We had so many interesting conversations - some challenging, some sweet moments of reminiscing days gone by, meeting new friends and family and sharing some really yummy foods! It was surely good...to sit together, break bread and enjoy the cool of the evenings long shadows this summer!

Pastor Robb, Dee and Jackie



DINNER
and
DISCUSSION

Day Camp 2023!





Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Fredericksburg Lions Park.

10:30 worship will be held at the outdoor stage (Bring your lawn chairs!) and immediately following, we will have our picnic lunch. We will be serving hot dogs (sauerkraut option) or Hamburger BBQ, chips and drinks. Please bring fruit or dessert to share with the church family. In case of rain, we will meet at the church.

Please indicate in the pew pad how many from your family will be attending the picnic. – example – Grimes (4)

Operation Christmas Child – Answered Prayers from Shoe Box Recipients: Lighting the Way Home: Amir had to walk several miles to school every day. By the time he headed home after school, he was making the journey in the dark. Almir was so excited to find a flashlight in his shoebox gift that would make the long walk easier and safer.

There are only 10 weeks left until collection Sunday for your OCC shoebox gift. Start collecting your items now for your gift and remember to pray for the child you are packing for. Each gift is a gospel opportunity for the churches that distribute these boxes to the children. Wrapped boxes and labels will be available at the church, starting in september.



Ono's 2023 Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept.30th 4pm-7pm

So many FREE fun things to do!!!



BUSHELS of BLESSINGS

Events on the menu:

'Apple Cookies, Cakes & Crisps' Baking Contest
Pony rides
Yard games - Guessing games
Bingo - Face painting
Photo spot - Balloon animals - Juggling
Traditional Sweets Walk (everybody's favorite)
Autumn crafting - puppet show

and soooo much more!

...did we mention food?

Please see Cathy Boyanowski if you would like to help or have any questions.

Fall Festival time is quickly approaching! We will need to borrow several shade canopies and coolers for the food area that day. We will also need donations for the 'Sweets Walk' and entries for the "Apple Dessert Competition!" (sign-up sheets coming soon)

This event also requires plenty of helping hands to set up (2:00pm) and tear down (7:00pm).

If you would like to volunteer and be a blessing to our community, please contact:

Cathy Boyanowski at 717-367-8055. Thank you!



Ladies, as you are planning your fall calendars, remember that the Women's Retreat at Gretna Glen will be held Oct. 13-15, 2023!

Our speaker this year is Marcy Steffy

from Safe Harbor of Hope - SHHCounseling.org

To reserve your spot, please give your check (made out to: Ono UMC) for \$155.00 (total) to the church office *or* see Staci Murray.

Payment is due by Sept. 24th.



Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?

It's a significant holiday about giving a big thumbs up to the hardworking folks who keep things ticking in our society.

People started speaking up and demanding better treatment. Over time, this movement improved working conditions and labor rights.



**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**



**The
LORD** *Bless*
you

and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26