



"I have said these things to you so that, united with me, you may have shalom. In the world, you have tsuris. But be brave! I have conquered the world!"

• John 16. 33 (CJB)

Jesus tells his disciples that in this world you will have trouble. The Complete Jewish Bible uses the yiddish word "tsuris" there- aggravating trouble. Sometimes I wish that I was like the prosperity theologians... simply follow Jesus and life will be great! God will bless everything that you do and you will have a life of wealth, luxury and pain free! I have never been able to get there because of this verse and the reality of the early disciples' experience in this world. They were not wealthy, had little respect and yet they pursued Jesus consistently and the world changed because of their commitment. Yes, I can think of no truer statement than in this world there will be aggravating trouble. Sometimes that trouble can shake our faith. This is why our foundation becomes so important.

New York City has some of the world's tallest buildings right next to the ocean! You do not see this on the sandy shores of New Jersey. The reason is simple: Manhattan has a firm foundation of bedrock, not soft sand. This bedrock can support the stress of larger buildings and give them the ability to sustain the trials and tribulations of wind, rain and

earthquakes. Had those buildings been on a less stable foundation, then they would have failed long ago. Our faith is similar- we need to be built on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. It does not prevent storms and earthquakes; it simply empowers us to persevere through them.

Jesus' promise to the disciples was that they would have shalom, peace, as they unite with Him because He has overcome the world. Let's first look at shalom. Shalom is more than simply an absence of conflict. It is a term that indicates wholeness, completeness. Shalom comes when you have finally and fully completed your building- confident that it has been done and completed correctly. The peace Jesus offers is not that people will not be standing against you or that there will be no conflict in life. Instead, it is an offer that with His presence you can stand wholly complete. You lack nothing in the presence and sight of God. Therefore, united with Jesus as our firm foundation, we can have peace. This is not simply peace the way the world understands it, but it is a peace that is fully dependent on Jesus as your foundation (John 14. 27). As we grow in the presence of Jesus, we find shalom. As we grow together in Jesus' presence, we offer shalom to each other as well.

Finally, Jesus reminds us who has victory when everything is said and done. This world is falling away. It is slowly decaying and only leads to death- there are no other options, no other realities. Even the sturdiest of buildings will decay and fall. Jesus reminds His followers that His kingdom is not of this world (John 18. 36). No. His victory gives us an eternal Kingdom where true shalom shall exist. There will be no more conflict, no more death, no more tears. Jesus' victory is assured, not because we follow Him, but because He is enough. If we place our trust in anything else, it will fail. Therefore, we need to trust the only one who can keep us strong. Yes, in this life there will be trouble. Thank Jesus that we are not aiming for this world! May He continue to strengthen and uphold us as we prepare to receive His final victory.

~Pastor Robb

#### **Youth News**



Team Nashville had a great service filled week June 16 -21! Our teens and adults were divided up into different crews to head out into Nashville.



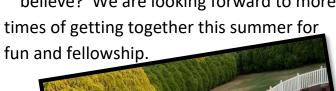
Some of teens served in summer kids camps, food pantry for homeless, other local ministries. We served alongside of other youth groups from Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Texas. We met many new friends and enjoyed sharing our faith with each other. On our night off we enjoyed a delicious dinner at local restaurant

specializing in Catfish and Ribs. Then it was off to the Grand Old Opry for a fantastic show of country music!

We praise God for nine young ladies who accepted Jesus for the first time when presented with the gospel message! And we trust God to continue to water the seeds of love and truth we planted all week.



We started our summer T.B.S. (traveling bible study) at the Miller's on Monday June 30. We shared a beautiful evening of swimming and Miller's Scoops Ice Cream. We ended with a lesson on 1 Peter 3:15 challenging us to always be ready to give a reason for our hope...do we know why we believe what we believe? We are looking forward to more







June started off with a bang, over kids participated in Camp Firelight learning about trusting God!



We couldn't be more thankful for all the volunteers that made this week happen!



We have several fun things scheduled for the rest of the summer including:







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We hope that your family will take advantage of the opportunities throughout the summer to keep your kids and family connected by participating in the different activities. Day Camp Registration will be opening in a couple weeks. So keep your eyes and ears open!



### **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Extending love to our neighbours





#### Free Food Box Distribution-July 13th, at 1pm

at Jonestown UMC

SPREAD THE NEWS!

Questions? Contact Becky Moyer. She'll be happy to speak with you!

#### **Backpacks Of Hope**

Thank you Church, we couldn't do this ministry without you!

Be on the look out for School Supplies!
Traditional school items are requested by Lebanon County
Children and Youth Services, you can place your gifts in the BOH
box at the Mission Corner located near the elevator. Thank
You!!



#### **Serving At The Gospel Center:**

A group from Ono shares worship and a meal with the folks at the Gospel Center in Lebanon Co. There are many ways you can share in this ministry! — donations of food, money or gift cards, bake a dessert, help to serve the meal, share a musical talent during the worship service or share a testimony! Please contact Jeannette @ 717-644-1831 or Kim @ 717-926-5077 for information.







Located at the former Jonestown Elementary School, the clothing closet is open for intake *and* selection of *free* clothing. July dates to visit are:

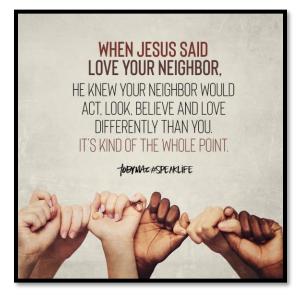
Tues, 7-09 10am-12pm Thurs, 7-11 4-7pm Mon, 7-15 10am-12pm Tues, 7-23 10am-12pm

Thurs, 7-25 4-7pm

Sat, 7-27 10am-12pm & 1-3pm



Call 717-454-3697 with any questions.



Our next 2024 Fall Festival Planning mtg is on Wed, July  $10^{th}$  @ 7pm! Thinking of being part of the team? Well then, we'll see you on the  $10^{th}$ ! See Cathy Boyanowski with questions or call her at 717-376-8055.



(We plan to have a scarecrow building station, could you help us by gathering children's clothing appropriate for participants to use? Thank you!)



#### **JULY BIRTHDAYS!**

- 7/2 Bob Adams
- 7/3 Bob Long
- 7/3 Tracy Gomez
- 7/5 Anna Gongloff
- 7/5 Jaxon Gongloff
- 7/6 Jaden Gerber
- 7/6 Nicole Leiss
- 7/7 Danielle Blauch
- 7/7 Aiden Crawford
- 7/7 Kristopher Frazier
- 7/7 Lindsay Wentz
- 7/9 Justin Helms
- 7/9 Ilene Schriver
- 7/9 Rick Wise
- 7/10 Peighton Moyer
- 7/10 Cameron Weaber
- 7/12 Karen Wentling

- 7/13 Ken Moyer
- 7/13 Mason Hostetter
- 7/14 Joyce Zeigler
- 7/16 Janet Hahnlen
- 7/16 Andreanna Davis
- 7/17 Tammy Boyer
- 7/19 Grace Hostetter
- 7/19 Carlie Zechman
- 7/27 Loren Steiner
- 7/28 Kevin Helms
- 7/28 Brett Kveragas
- 7/29 Laura Wiest
- 7/29 Mason Moyer





#### Our Young

Adults have been meeting approx. 2X a month, digging deep into God's word, contemplating what He says, how we interpret and what could He be saying to us...

July's meetings are Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm



#### Children's Ministry Movie dates

@ Flagship Cinema in Palmyra
Monday – July 8 @ 10am

<u>"Little Rascals"</u>

Monday July 22 @ 10am

<u>"Beethovan"</u>

#### **Kids Hangout**



July 15 and July 29 10am-12pm Lunch, crafts and games! See Dee with questions



Kids Swimming @ The Hahnlens!

July 14 5:30pm

#### **Youth Traveling Bible Studies**

will be on

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> & Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm



# Planning meeting scheduled for: July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Thinking of going to the movies? You won't want to miss this one, from the creators of "Chosen".

## 'THE SOUND OF HOPE'

Angel Studios' Sound Of Hope: The Story Of Possum Trot tells the true story of Bishop and First Lady Donna Martin, and their tiny Bennett Chapel church, in the town of Possum Trot in the woods of East Texas. Twenty-two families linked arms and courageously adopted seventy-seven of the most difficult-to-place children in the local foster care system, igniting a national movement for vulnerable children that continues today.



We're starting our

Summer of Construction sermon series in July! Wise builders create buildings that withstand the trials and tribulations of life. Let us empower each other to build faith that is securely in the arms of Jesus!

#### **July Topics:**

7-7: Jesus our sure foundation

7-14: Father

7-21: Holy Spirit our internal guide

7-28: Church our community of helpers

#### **August Topics:**

8-4: Bible God's directions

8-11: Family God's first leaders for us (stressing from a parent perspective)

8-18: Focus Can't get distracted

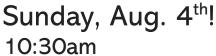
8-25: Time Can't quit

#### September Topic:

9-1: Storms Reveals flaws









This year we will be having our church picnic on Sunday August 4 at HM Levitz Park. We will have our 10:30am worship service outdoors under the pavilion and then enjoy a picnic and fellowship time together (around 11:30am). The Worship/Fellowship Committee will be providing hotdogs and water bottles for everyone! We are asking you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Please sign-up your family over the next few weeks when signing the pew pad during worship.

(Example: Grimes - 4 for picnic) or email the church office.



Everyone can do something.
What's your "something"?
Helping Orphans and vulnerable children across Pennsylvania and the world.

Keystone Family Alliance aims to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of Pennsylvania on the needs of orphans and vulnerable children, both locally and globally. We bridge the gap between the desperate needs in the child welfare system and Pennsylvania churches. By engineering wraparound Care Communities, Keystone Family Alliance provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid, resulting in foster families who are involved longer and stronger.

Discerning Ono Church's Future:
The committee organizing the
congregational meetings about discerning
Ono Church's future has scheduled the
following dates and times for a
presentation:

Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 7pm Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm

At each of the 4 times, the same presentation/information will be shared. The hope is that one of these times will suit your schedule and you will be able to attend. The key issues/factors involved in this discernment process will be presented. You will have time and opportunity to ask questions. At the end of each session, a form with a few survey questions will be available to be completed. The Administrative Council is seeking feedback and responses through these congregational meetings from you, the members. At each of these meetings, a few of the committee members will be present. There were 12 people who volunteered to organize this presentation. Thank you for your interest and attention to this information, if you have any questions or concerns before attending on of these meetings, please email me or text me at ekwent@comcast.net or 717-679-5381,

Thanks, Eric Wentling, Ono Church Lay Leader