



Good News in Ono

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Bring the whole tenth into the storehouse, so that there will be food in my house, and put me to the test," says Adonai-Tzva'ot (LORD of Hosts). "See if I won't open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour out for you a blessing far beyond your needs.
-Malachi 3. 10 (CJB)

A friend of mine has been challenging me on saying that Open Arms (a church Dee and I planted and they attended) failed because I am a terrible fundraiser. It's true though. I have done a lot of financial leadership training and understand well things that help increase giving. I actually put a lot of those things in practice. I understand that people tend to give to causes which is why we stress all the ministries that happen at Ono. I want people to realize that their giving makes a difference in this world. We have programs to lead our children, youth and adults into faithful relationships with Jesus. We serve the community with support for food programs and clothing programs. We recently hosted the Lebanon County Firefighters memorial service. All these things are done so that we can be the light of Christ in Northern Lebanon and I feel privileged to be a part of this faithfulness. So why am I so bad at fundraising...

The experts remind me that you have to ask. When churches do building campaigns, someone has to ask for the money. Some pastors are great at this. My theology gets in my own way. I believe we should simply give out of what God has given to us. The prophet Malachi even provides this promise that if the people give faithfully, God's provisions will be abundant! My unpopular opinion is that

greed is the biggest detractor in our country than any other sin issue. My support for this- the average American donates 1.7% of their disposable income to charity. For Christians, that number goes to 2.5%. My heart aches at those numbers. Why do we struggle to give more?

Personally, I started tithing when I became a Christian. It was super easy because I made almost no money. However, I noticed that anytime I needed something, God seemed to provide. In college I needed a hundred dollars to pay a bill. I finally concluded I would need to ask my parents. I got home to make the call and there was a letter in the mail from WVU. Any student who was in the Honors program and had no other scholarships had a check for \$125 waiting for them! I ran to that office, paid my bill, gave \$15 to the church and then took my roommate to Taco Bell! Simpler times. Eventually, Dee and I started at Jarrettsville and money was tight, but we did whatever we had to do and tithed on our housing allowance and salary because that's what we believed was right. God was faithful and we never went hungry. Eventually, I decided to break our tithe down to the first ten months so that when Christmas came we would have extra money. November came and I realized we were still in good shape. God is faithful so I wrote the same checks for November and December and have been over tithing ever since.

I never want anyone to feel bad, guilty or anything because of their giving habits. I simply want to encourage people to be faithful and trust that God will lead you. Part of that faithfulness is me reminding you the Bible asks you to trust God through your tithes. For some of us, it is less challenging than for others. For all of us, this promise remains: God will pour out a blessing that goes beyond your needs! Let us trust God's provisions together!

Pastor Robb

Ono Youth News!

The youth group had a great day at Dorney Park on Wednesday, July 24. We enjoyed all the roller coaster and rides and then headed to the water park to hang out in the wave pool and water slides! We also met a mother and her daughter from Harlem, NY who really connected with us and ended up spending the day with us. We had a chance to talk with them about our faith and it was cool to be open to God putting people in our path to get to know and talk about Jesus with! God blessed us with a great weather day and a great time together!



Our partnership with the **Gospel Center** is a special one indeed! Not only do we share with them a meal that we prepare and serve them, we also lead a time of worship before the meal. We sing songs and pray with them for the concerns going on in their lives and each time we share a message.



This past time, **Dottie Allison**, came along with us and shared her testimony and her love of Jesus! It was truly wonderful to see God at work through her as she shared her life, her faith and her desire for everyone to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Do you have a story of God's faithfulness you could share with our friends at the gospel center? ***If so please see Jeannette Shuey to get on the schedule!***

Jess Grimes

We're getting our carpets cleaned!

August 1st – Furniture being moved on one side of the main floor.

8am

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Summer Day Camp Work Nights

Aug. 5 and 12 @ 6:30

Aug. 13 Decorate and Dessert Night!



Sunday, August 4th!

@ H. M. Levitz Park

10:30 Worship with communion

Picnic to follow!

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

See ya there!



Free Food Box Saturday

August 10th at 1pm

Jonestown UM Church



Summer Hang Out Time

Monday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 10am-12pm

K-5th grade

Come on – hang out with us!!

Gospel Center

4pm on August 10th



Next meeting is on 8-14 at 7pm

Everyone is Welcome!



8/1 Josie Moyer	8/24 Amy Meyer
8/1 Jim Snyder	8/26 Grace Boyanowski
8/3 Don Parker	8/26 Bob Shuey
8/3 Laurie Eisenhower	8/27 Marlin Good
8/6 Joseph George	8/27 Eric Wentling
8/7 Marlene Newburn	8/28 Polly Funck
8/12 Hope Dissinger	8/28 Elly Richards
8/13 Dakota Moyer	8/28 Evan Ditzler
8/14 Zak Marinkov	8/29 Ken Gerberich
8/14 Keith Peiffer	8/29 Alaina Govern
8/15 Lorraine LaPorte	8/30 Glenn Barnhart, Sr.
8/15 Loretta Longenecker	8/30 Jessica Miller
8/15 Ryan Longenecker	8/31 Jordan Nichols
8/15 Allie Sallada	
8/15 Bob Walker	
8/21 Hannah Pho	
8/24 Andreanna Davis	
8/24 Thomas Shuey, IV	
8/24 Caleb Hostetter	

SHINE

DAY CAMP @ ONO UMC

AUGUST 15TH
9AM-3PM
CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE

THOSE WHO LOOK TO **HIM** ARE RADIANT...
PSALMS 34:5

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