

Good News in Ono

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God's love demonstrated

Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still helpless, at the right time, the Messiah died on behalf of ungodly people. Now it is a rare event when someone gives up his life even for the sake of somebody righteous, although possibly for a truly good person one might have the courage to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in that the Messiah died on our behalf while we were still sinners. Therefore, since we have now come to be considered righteous by means of his bloody sacrificial death, how much more will we be delivered through him from the anger of God's judgment! For if we were reconciled with God through his Son's death when we were enemies, how much more will we be delivered by his life, now that we are reconciled! And not only will we be delivered in the future, but we are boasting about God right now, because he has acted through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, through whom we have already received that reconciliation.

-Romans 5. 6- 11

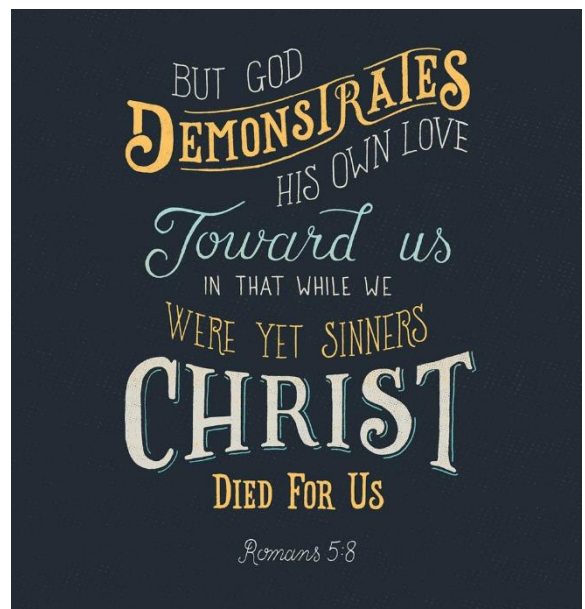
At Mt. Tabor UMC they read a prayer of confession followed by this statement: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. This proves God's love for us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Every single week it gave me goosebumps. No matter how often I hear it, I am flabbergasted that God would look at humanity and decide that we were worth saving- especially as we so consistently rebel against Him. Who would do that? Who looks at their "enemy" and says I am going to help you? Nobody. Certainly not anybody I have ever met. That is why the gospel is so counter cultural! God does what humanity does not! He loves unconditionally! He offers a solution to problems created by others! He sacrifices for those who are not willing to sacrifice for Him. I stand in awe of His grace. I rest in peace because He chose to fix my failures so that I may experience Him!

How does this impact my life? Two things: first, it allows me to follow God. It's all about grace- without

it, I would still be against Him. Glory be to God alone because He is the only reason that we can be connected to Him. We cannot take credit for anything. Second, it helps me seek to love all people- even those who want to be my enemies. Why? Because my hope remains that I become more God-like. And God loved His enemies with the desire that they would become friends- in other words, reconciled. From my perspective, I count nobody as my enemy. They might be against me, but I want to be for everyone. Reconciliation is our ministry and our calling! We, the Church, as the Body of Christ are called to be in this ministry to seek to draw all people into God's presence.

This fall I am going to do something I haven't done in awhile. We are going to walk through Romans on Sunday mornings. The Book of Romans is probably the book of the Bible that has impacted the theology of the Church the most. As Paul wrote it, I doubt he had any idea of the impact it would have in history, but God spoke mightily through him. Above all things, Romans reminds us of this simple truth- it is all about the grace of God. We are a broken people who need to be made whole. Thanks be to God that He saw our brokenness and did what we could not do! He restored us to His presence! He reconciled our relationship to Him. I trust that when we are finished going through Romans, that God's grace will help us to draw closer to Him so that we will glorify Him in everything we do! I look forward to this journey with you!

Pastor Robb



The Ono Middle School Youth had a great weekend of service and fun August 9-10. We began the trip by going to **Blessing of Hope** and helping to shop for the food for the foodbox distribution on Saturday! They teens helped to pick out nutritious and delicious items to fill the boxes. Next we spent the afternoon at **Jubilee Ministries** in



Lebanon. We were given a tour of the facility and learned about how the ministry began. Did you know Jubilee started from a group of teenagers at youth group feeling called to visit prisons and share the gospel? After the tour we went to their warehouse where we sorted, and sorted and sorted through bags and boxes of donation items arranging them with like items to be priced and sold in their stores. We ended our day of service by helping to fill the boxes in preparation for the **Food Box Distribution** the next day. After a quick trip to Frostbotz for ice cream we went swimming to relax!



Saturday morning we helped some of the **Ono Pearls** with small jobs they needed help with and we tighten each and every screw in all of the chairs in the fellowship!

Many hands does truly make light the work! After lunch we headed to Jonestown UMC to hand out the food box at the distribution. Then it was back to Ono to plan our worship service and prep the meal for the gospel center. We had a great time worshipping with our gospel center community and it was a pleasure to serve them! It was a packed two days fo service! Our middle schoolers served with such willing hearts and truly made a difference in our community!



See You at the Pole Wednesday, September 25 – The annual student-led prayer time gathered around the school flag pole is a great time for focused prayer for the school, the adminstration/staff, students and teachers. The Lebanon County youth network will also be hosting a rally for all Lebanon County youth groups on **Sunday September 22** to come together and pray and worship prior to See you at the pole. ***Jess Grimes***

Summer Hang Out Time

We had such a great time hanging out every Monday morning this August! Making crafts, playing games (UNO!), talking about and learning that Jesus asks us to pray without ceasing!



And Oh did we shine!!!!

Here's just a few moments from Day Camp





We are so excited to start the 2024/25 school year with a Hangout time for kids, parents and everyone else attending our 1st Wednesday Small Groups! Join us for games, snacks and just a time of chilling with each other before small groups begin.
5:30-6:30 pm with small groups to follow.

Hope to see ya'll then!



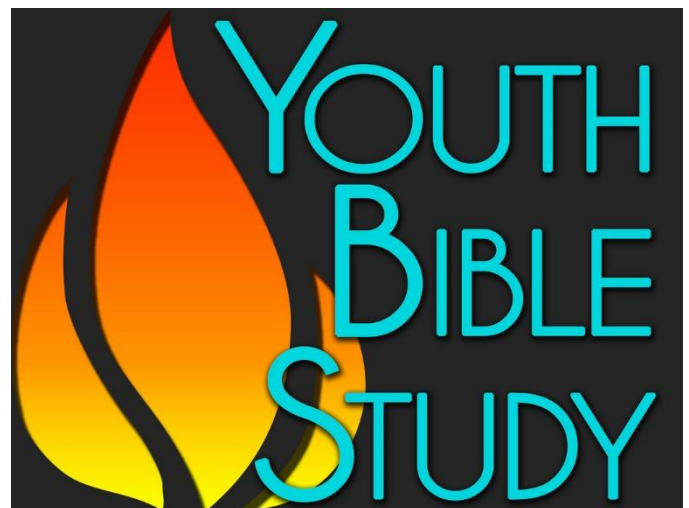
Our Youth start each month of in the prayer room as Jess Grimes leads them deeper into an intentional prayer life.



Join Pastor Robb as he leads us through God's Word



For all you Chosen fans, we will begin the viewing of season 4 on Wednesday, Sept. 18th 6:30-8:00pm! Looking forward to where this season brings us!



September 11th and 25th.
Join us at 6:30 for our Youth Led Bible Study



A creative time for you to shine in your gifts and talents!
Starting up on Sept. 18th @ 6:30pm

Sending the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

Four years ago, a 9-year-old girl in the Middle East received a shoebox gift, complete with items that quickly became her favorites: a stuffed bird and The Greatest Gift Gospel storybook. God stirred her heart as she read the stories, and she soon enrolled in discipleship classes through her church.

"After hearing the story of the cross and how Jesus died for me, I gave my life to Christ," she said. "I trusted Him fully."

Recently, she gathered 13 of her friends on the street and began teaching them the discipleship lessons she had learned. As a result, six of these boys and girls accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

When the girl's family moved a couple streets away, she started a second discipleship group with 13 new boys and girls. This time, five others came to faith.

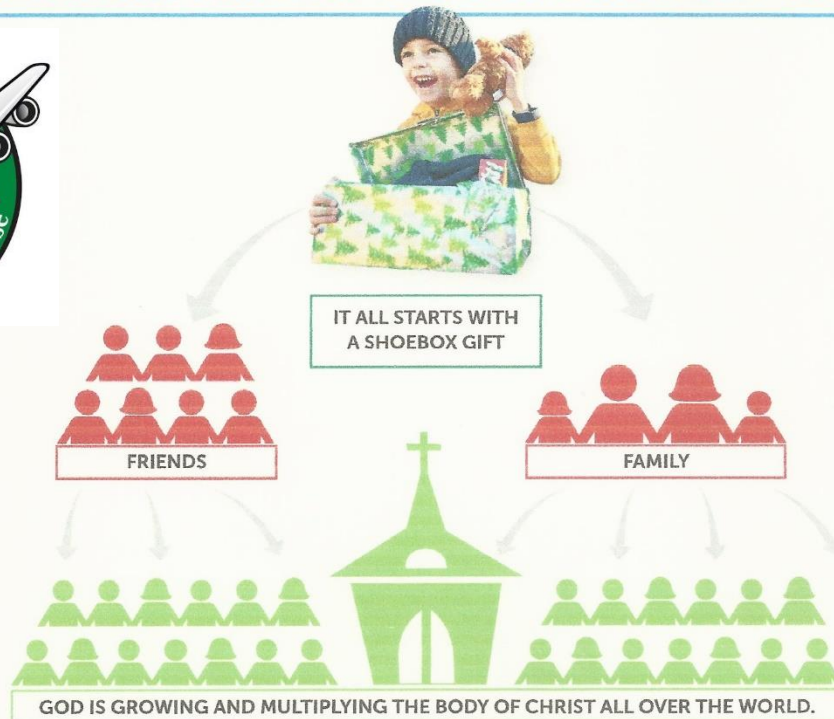
Through one shoebox gift, a dozen children are now sharing Christ with others!

Reaching young evangelists like these sometimes means sending shoeboxes through [Build a Shoebox Online](#). These shoebox gifts are packed with special care to avoid cultural, religious, or customs challenges. Over 25 hard-to-reach countries have received shoeboxes built online.

Samaritan's Purse plans to deliver shoebox gifts in
1,000+ UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS
by 2028.

1,000+ PACIFIC ISLANDS
have received gift-filled shoeboxes
over the past few years.

EVANGELISM. DISCIPLESHIP. MULTIPLICATION.





9/2 Rhett Walker

9/3 Wyatt Schriver

9/5 Taylor Mclean

9/7 Jean Bragg

9/7 Sylvia Lentz

9/7 Scott Piotrowski

9/8 Shirley Saich

9/9 Daniel Shuey

9/14 Arlene Miller

9/15 Christian Vander-Heyden

9/16 Shirley Boyer

9/17 Krystin Blauch

9/17 Jim Myers

9/18 Kiley Longenecker

9/19 Daniel George

9/22 Bonnie Gible

9/25 Trey Moyer

9/26 Mary Evans

9/29 Karen Grubb

PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for preserving me through this vacation period. Thank you for keeping me out of trouble. I am grateful for your guiding hand on me. Thank you for keeping me and my family safe.
I'm about to go back to school now. Please help me prepare for school
Help me get all I need for school. Grant me your favor in these times. Please take me to school safely. Grant me traveling mercies throughout my journey to school
Help me resume my education smoothly
Help me with my studies. Grant me your protection and guidance through this term. Thank you for listening to my prayers,

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER



✦ ✦ **DEAR GOD,** ✦ ✦

PLEASE BLESS ALL TEACHERS AND
LET THEM FEEL YOUR PRESENCE.
HELP THEM KNOW THEY ARE NOT
ALONE, & INFUSE THEM WITH YOUR
STRENGTH, PATIENCE, & LOVE.
SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR
PROTECTION & GRACE.
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN! 🙏



A parent's back to school Prayer

Dear Lord
Help them find where they need to go
and go only where You will lead.
To lead boldly, even where few will follow,
and follow only the path You reveal.
Reveal kindness to those who yearn,
yearn for excellence in all they accomplish.
Accomplish in themselves the promise of all you've given.
Give them a desire for truth and passion for real learning.
Have them learn to give, to love, to forgive and encourage.

Stay by their sides and light up their souls.
Fill them, guide them, protect them and enliven them.

And by all this,
have them become the masterful creations
You formed and longed for them to be, even in their mother's womb.

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

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back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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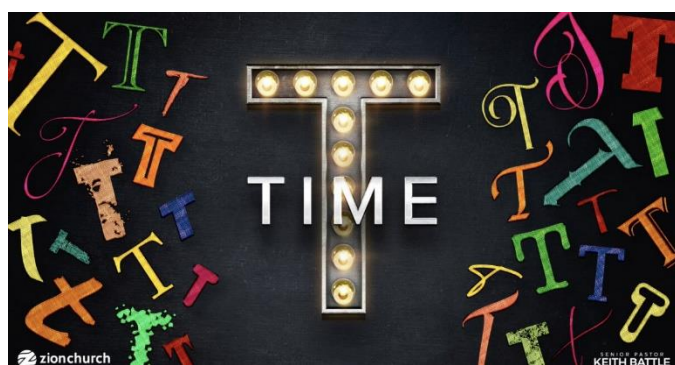
Back by popular demand...Spoons Game Night!
 Sunday, Sept. 8th @ 6:30pm
 Bring the whole family!
 (and a snack to share)



Lebanon Co. Youth Rally 9/22 @ 6-8:30pm



Free Food Box Saturday
 Sept. 14th @ 1pm
 Jonestown UMC
 Please pass the word!



Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 5:30pm
 Pot Luck Dinner
 Followed by Small Groups
 Mens, Womens, Teens, Kids!



Youth Hike!
 Meet at the Church on Sun. 9/15 @ 3:00pm
 See Jess Grimes for details.



Dinner at 6:00pm
 Please be sure to indicate that you are joining us for
 dinner by using the pew pads in the sanctuary. TY
Meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Fall Festival



Saturday, Sept. 28th – 4:00 to 7:00pm

We're looking forward to another year of celebrating our presence in the community with family and friends!

We surely can't do this without the help of many hands and hearts!

Please take a minute to look over the sign-up sheets located in the main narthex...we're sure there is something that is just for you to shine in!

Keep your eyes open for updates!

Please keep this event in your prayers as we prepare to meet and welcome our friends and neighbors!

The Pumpkin Dessert Contest!

Scarecrow Alley

(we still need "small" clothing items for our guests to use in constructing their scarecrows)

Pony Rides!

Kids Games and Prizes!

Bingo!

Sweets Walk!

Home Made French Fries!

Plenty of food!

Story time w Ms. Cindy!

Simon Says w Mr. Gene!

Face Painting!

Photo Opportunities!

Questions?

See Cathy Boyanowski

She'd love to chat! ☺



Fall Festival 2024!

Artists name: _____