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"So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods! The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we've gone and in all the nations through which we've passed. The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

-Joshua 24. 14- 28 (VOICE)



Before Joshua left the earth, he challenged the people to choose who they would serve. Joshua understood that the people would make a choice one way or another. While back then, it was assumed you would be following a local god that people worshipped and served, today it is very different. Sometimes I think people believe that

they can serve no one, but I believe that is a false choice. If you decide that you serve no one, then truly you are simply serving yourself. While this might be different than choosing to serve a foreign god or no god at all, I would argue that it is simply making yourself God. Thousands of years after this event, I think we are still challenged to choose who we will serve. Will we serve ourselves? Our culture? Our finances? I hope we will choose to serve our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

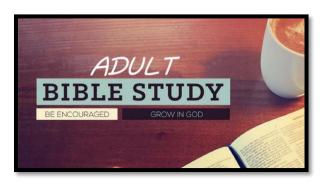
While I think it is important to remain future focused, our past should help inform our decisions. Joshua points out that the Israelites' ancestors served other gods. Faith in the Great I AM was not always a part of their story, but now they had an opportunity to serve the True God. I love how the people respond to his clarion call by recalling what God had done for them. It was God who delivered them from bondage. It was God who provided them with their new homeland. By recalling the past, they could make a clear choice in the present- to serve the One who made it clear He was worth serving. They would serve Him as their own God for there are no other gods above Him.

I have no idea how to predict the future. In sports and politics, the airwaves are overwhelmed with people predicting what will happen next. Nobody seems to care that they are frequently wrong, instead we listen alertly to their takes and insights. As people of faith, I hope we look at what God has done for us and simply choose to follow Him. Then we trust Him because He has demonstrated that He is worthy of trust. This New Year is a reminder that we are called to simply follow Him. The future is unknown to us, but fully known to Him. So let us lean into His presence and learn to fully trust and follow Him each day. May this New Year be a year of spiritual renewal and commitment that empowers our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe throughout 2025 as we bring glory and honor to Him!

Pastor Robb



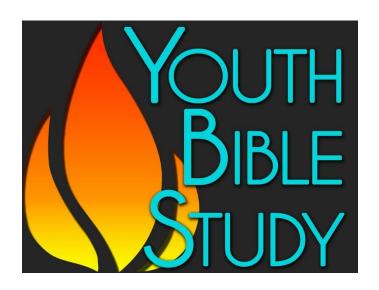
See ya on Jan. 26th



Join Pastor Robb as he leads us through God's Word, Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30.



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY And DESSERT! Sun., Jan. 5th and 19th @ 6:30pm



Sunday, Jan. 5th! Join us at 6:30 for our Youth Led Bible Study



YOUTH MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, Jan. 8th @ 6:30pm



Jan. 9th and 23rd 9:30-11:00am. Led by Jess G.in Fellowship Hall

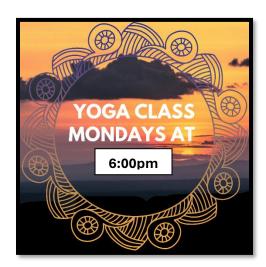


Free Food Box Saturday

Sat., Jan. 11th @ 1pm Jonestown UMC Please pass the word!



Sunday, Jan. 5^{th} at 8am and 10:30am



Yoga will be meeting on Jan. 6th, 20th and 27th.



Back by popular demand!

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 12th at 6:30pm for an evening of fun and fellowship! Make a team or join a team when you arrive! Bring a light snack to share and come prepared to have fun (3)

For our 4th and 5th Graders!



Friday, Jan. 31st – 6:30pm Bring a friend!!!!





The Ono Youth Winter retreat will take place on January 17-19, 2025 at Refreshing Mountain Camp in Stevens, PA.



We are so excited to welcome Tyler (TD) Davis as our guest speaker for the weekend. TD is a youth pastor from Houston, TX we meet and served with on our mission trip to Nashville. He is super stoked (his words) to come to PA and teach, challenge and encourage our teens in their faith journey. He will be using our theme for the year as his theme for the weekend God First (i am second). Please be in prayer of this weekend retreat coming up that God move in the hearts of the teens in a mighty way!



A special THANK YOU to the Monday night yoga class for baking and packing 43 cookie boxes for our Ono Preschool students and their families! We pray that each box was a blessing to them and a reminder of Jesus this Christmas.



The Ono Youth had a fun night at their Christmas Party! This year we had a Top Chef party and challenged the teens to make dishes or desserts to eat and compete in a contest! We had a lot of desserts and not many dishes, but everything was delicious! The winners were Maura Grubb (the best consistence) for her strawberry cookies, Mira Grimes (the best presentation of the dish) for her Christmas pizza tree, Caiden Weaber (the sweetest) for his homemade brownies with icing, and Emily Marinkov (most flavorful) for her Chocolate Lasagna. We shared in a fun gift exchange and a short time of devotion!

The **WONDER** of Christmas! So many **WONDER**ful times this advent season! Our special times of worship each Sunday as we looked at the WONDER of the Love, Joy, Peace and Hope of Christmas!



The outreach of

Christmas caroling

to our neighbors in Lebanon and to our sweet, limited mobility congregants were very precious times.

The **WONDER** of the Christmas greetings sent through the Ono Church Post Office which were sorted each week by our teens and some ladies of the church. And we all enjoyed being a part of the WONDER of Christmas as the Ono kids shared their WOW! play and the youth led us in worship and taught us about the real meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas. What a WONDER it was to hear the Christmas choir sing their beautiful cantata, Unto Us! And it always a time of WONDER as we light up the sanctuary of Christmas Eve services with candlelight! Father God, may the WONDER of this Christmas season ignite a flame in our hearts as we begin a new year and spur us on to a closer walk with you and a stronger faith to reflect Jesus to all! AMEN!



a poem for a new year!

Let Go

by Fourcedow

"Let go," He says. "Let go."

But my heart is stubborn, so I do not let go.

"What if it hurts?" I say.

"I know it will hurt," He says.

"What if I fall?" I say louder.

"I know you will fall," He says.

"But what if I can't get up?

What if I can't go on?

What if my heart breaks into a thousand pieces?"

"It's all right; just let go."

"No. I can't. I want to, but I can't."

"Let go."
"How? My heart will break. It is breaking already."

"So it will break. Let go."
"I can't. It hurts."

"Don't you know, my child? If you fall, I will pick you up.

If you can't go on, I will carry you.

Don't you know, my child? Don't you know?

It is when it breaks that I can make you whole

again.
It is when it breaks that I can pick out these broken pieces that are hurting you.
It is when it breaks that you can truly learn to

You can rise again. You will rise again. Let go."

love.









1/2 Rob Adams

1/2 Dale Gongloff

1/2 Linda Saich

1/3 Elizabeth Piotrowski

1/5 Blake Sallada

1/5 Drekin Ussery

1/8 Janel Weaber

1/8 Emily Marinkov

1/9 Margaret Bomgardner

1/9 Jared George

1/10 Marie Warner

1/11 Miya Broughton

1/11 Jim Edris

1/11 Dee Faller

1/11 Richard Grubb

1/12 Bruce Peiffer

1/14 Mike Wiest

1/14 Michael Meyer

1/15 Paul Wentling

1/17 Tom Zeigler

1/17 Mitchell Edris

1/17 Tom Zeigler

1/18 Mitch Walker

1/19 Dennis Hetrick

1/19 Maya Harmon

1/21 Eva McFeathers

1/22 Megan Atkins

1/23 Daryl Emrich

1/25 Jackie Sherlock

1/27 Steve Schriver

1/27 Linda Umbrell

1/28 Roger Funck

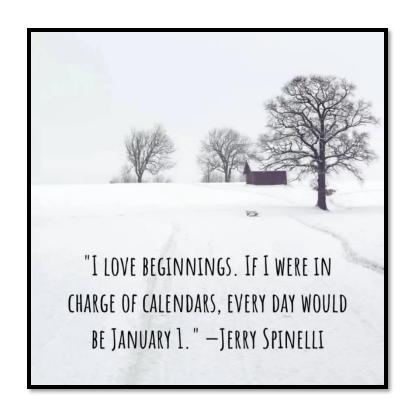
1/28 Rodney Meyer

1/28 Misty Edris

1/30 Rhoda Lauver

1/31 Mark Nichols

1/31 Joan Parker



52 Week Daily Bible Reading Plan Copyright by Michael Coley http://www.Bible-Reading.com

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*** 1	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Week	(Sunday)	(Monday)	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	(Thursday)	(Friday)	(Saturday)
1	□ Rom 1-2	☐ Gen 1-3		□ Ps 1-2	☐ Job 1-2	☐ Isa 1-6	☐ Matt 1-2
	☐ Rom 3-4	☐ Gen 4-7	☐ Josh 6-10	☐ Ps 3-5	☐ Job 3-4	☐ Isa 7-11	☐ Matt 3-4
3	□ Rom 5-6	☐ Gen 8-11		☐ Ps 6-8	☐ Job 5-6	☐ Isa 12-17	☐ Matt 5-7
4	□ Rom 7-8	☐ Gen 12-15		☐ Ps 9-11	☐ Job 7-8	☐ Isa 18-22	☐ Matt 8-10
5	☐ Rom 9-10	☐ Gen 16-19		☐ Ps 12-14	☐ Job 9-10	☐ Isa 23-28	☐ Matt 11-13
6	□ Rom 11-12	☐ Gen 20-23		☐ Ps 15-17	☐ Job 11-12	☐ Isa 29-33	☐ Matt 14-16
7	□ Rom 13-14	☐ Gen 24-27		☐ Ps 18-20	☐ Job 13-14	☐ Isa 34-39	☐ Matt 17-19
8	☐ Rom 15-16	☐ Gen 28-31		☐ Ps 21-23	☐ Job 15-16	☐ Isa 40-44	☐ Matt 20-22
9	☐ 1Cor 1-2	☐ Gen 32-35		☐ Ps 24-26	☐ Job 17-18	☐ Isa 45-50	☐ Matt 23-25
	☐ 1Cor 3-4	☐ Gen 36-39		☐ Ps 27-29	☐ Job 19-20	☐ Isa 51-55	☐ Matt 26-28
11	☐ 1Cor 5-6	☐ Gen 40-43		☐ Ps 30-32		☐ Isa 56-61	☐ Mark 1-2
12	☐ 1Cor 7-8	☐ Gen 44-47		☐ Ps 33-35	☐ Job 23-24	☐ Isa 62-66	☐ Mark 3-4
13	☐ 1Cor 9-10	☐ Gen 48-50	☐ 1Sam 11-15		☐ Job 25-26	☐ Jer 1-6	☐ Mark 5-6
14	☐ 1Cor 11-12	□ Ex 1-4	☐ 1Sam 16-20		☐ Job 27-28	☐ Jer 7-11	☐ Mark 7-8
15	☐ 1Cor 13-14	□ Ex 5-8	☐ 1Sam 21-25		☐ Job 29-30	☐ Jer 12-16	☐ Mark 9-10
16	☐ 1Cor 15-16	☐ Ex 9-12	☐ 1Sam 26-31		☐ Job 31-32	☐ Jer 17-21	☐ Mark 11-12
	☐ 2Cor 1-3	☐ Ex 13-16		☐ Ps 48-50	☐ Job 33-34	☐ Jer 22-26	☐ Mark 13-14
	☐ 2Cor 4-5	☐ Ex 17-20	☐ 2Sam 5-9	☐ Ps 51-53		☐ Jer 27-31	☐ Mark 15-16
	☐ 2Cor 6-8	☐ Ex 21-24	☐ 2Sam 10-14	☐ Ps 54-56	☐ Job 37-38	☐ Jer 32-36	☐ Luke 1-2
	□ 2Cor 9-10	☐ Ex 25-28	☐ 2Sam 15-19	☐ Ps 57-59	☐ Job 39-40	☐ Jer 37-41	Luke 3-4
21	☐ 2Cor 11-13	☐ Ex 29-32	☐ 2Sam 20-24		☐ Job 41-42	☐ Jer 42-46	Luke 5-6
22	☐ Gal 1-3	☐ Ex 33-36	□ 1Ki 1-4	☐ Ps 63-65	☐ Prov 1	☐ Jer 47-52	☐ Luke 7-8
23	☐ Gal 4-6	□ Ex 37-40	☐ 1Ki 5-9	☐ Ps 66-68	☐ Prov 2-3	☐ Lamentations	☐ Luke 9-10
24	☐ Eph 1-3	☐ Lev 1-3		☐ Ps 69-71	☐ Prov 4	☐ Ezek 1-6	☐ Luke 11-12
	☐ Eph 4-6	☐ Lev 4-6		☐ Ps 72-74	☐ Prov 5-6	☐ Ezek 7-12	☐ Luke 13-14
26	☐ Phil 1-2	☐ Lev 7-9		☐ Ps 75-77	☐ Prov 7	☐ Ezek 13-18	☐ Luke 15-16
27	☐ Phil 3-4	☐ Lev 10-12	☐ 2Ki 1-5	☐ Ps 78-80	☐ Prov 8-9	☐ Ezek 19-24	☐ Luke 17-18
28	☐ Col 1-2	☐ Lev 13-15		☐ Ps 81-83	☐ Prov 10	☐ Ezek 25-30	☐ Luke 19-20
29	☐ Col 3-4	☐ Lev 16-18		☐ Ps 84-86	☐ Prov 11-12	☐ Ezek 31-36	☐ Luke 21-22
30	☐ 1Thes 1-3	☐ Lev 19-21		☐ Ps 87-89	☐ Prov 13	☐ Ezek 37-42	☐ Luke 23-24
31	☐ 1Thes 4-5	☐ Lev 22-24		☐ Ps 90-92	☐ Prov 14-15	☐ Ezek 43-48	☐ John 1-2
32	☐ 2Thes	☐ Lev 25-27		☐ Ps 93-95	☐ Prov 16	☐ Dan 1-6	☐ John 3-4
	☐ 1Tim 1-3	☐ Num 1-4	☐ 1Chr 5-9	☐ Ps 96-98		☐ Dan 7-12	☐ John 5-6
	☐ 1Tim 4-6	☐ Num 5-8	☐ 1Chr 10-14	☐ Ps 99-101	☐ Prov 19	☐ Hosea 1-7	☐ John 7-9
	☐ 2Tim 1-2	☐ Num 9-12		☐ Ps 102-104	☐ Prov 20-21	☐ Hosea 8-14	☐ John 10-12
36	☐ 2Tim 3-4	☐ Num 13-16		☐ Ps 105-107	☐ Prov 22	☐ Joel	☐ John 13-15
37	☐ Titus	☐ Num 17-20			☐ Prov 23-24	☐ Amos 1-4	☐ John 16-18
38							☐ John 19-21
39	☐ Heb 1-4	☐ Num 25-28	□ 2Chr 6-10	☐ Ps 114-116	☐ Prov 26-27	☐ Obadiah	☐ Acts 1-2
40	☐ Heb 5-7	☐ Num 29-32		☐ Ps 117-118	☐ Prov 28	☐ Jonah	☐ Acts 3-4
41	☐ Heb 8-10	☐ Num 33-36		☐ Ps 119	☐ Prov 29-30	☐ Micah	☐ Acts 5-6
42	☐ Heb 11-13	☐ Deut 1-3		☐ Ps 120-121	☐ Prov 31	☐ Nahum	☐ Acts 7-8
43	☐ James 1-3	☐ Deut 4-6		☐ Ps 122-124	☐ Eccl 1-2	☐ Habakkuk	☐ Acts 9-10
44	☐ James 4-5	☐ Deut 7-9	☐ 2Chr 29-32	☐ Ps 125-127	☐ Eccl 3-4	Zephaniah	☐ Acts 11-12
45	☐ 1Pet 1-3	☐ Deut 10-12	☐ 2Chr 33-36	☐ Ps 128-130	☐ Eccl 5-6	☐ Haggai	☐ Acts 13-14
46	☐ 1Pet 4-5	☐ Deut 13-15	☐ Ezra 1-5	☐ Ps 131-133	☐ Eccl 7-8	☐ Zechariah 1-7	☐ Acts 15-16
47	☐ 2Pet	☐ Deut 16-19	☐ Ezra 6-10	☐ Ps 134-136	☐ Eccl 9-10	☐ Zechariah 8-14	☐ Acts 17-18
48	☐ 1John 1-3	☐ Deut 20-22	☐ Neh 1-4	☐ Ps 137-139	☐ Eccl 11-12	☐ Malachi	☐ Acts 19-20
49	☐ 1John 4-5	☐ Deut 23-25	☐ Neh 5-9	☐ Ps 140-142	☐ Song 1-2	☐ Rev 1-6	☐ Acts 21-22
50	☐ 2John	☐ Deut 26-28		☐ Ps 143-145	☐ Song 3-4	☐ Rev 7-11	☐ Acts 23-24
51	☐ 3John	☐ Deut 29-31	☐ Esther 1-5	☐ Ps 146-148	☐ Song 5-6	☐ Rev 12-17	☐ Acts 25-26
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