



Good News in Ono April 2026

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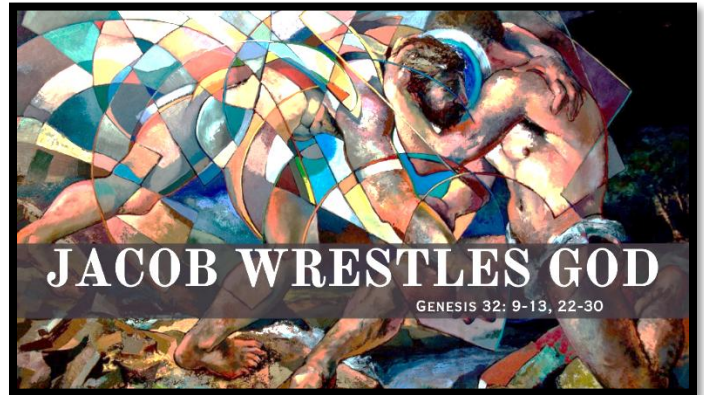
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Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks."

But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

-Genesis 32: 24- 26 (NKJV)



Sometimes I get the impression that people think faith makes life easy. The statement of simply lean into Jesus can become a pleasant, elementary piece of advice. While a part of me will agree with this concept, Scripture points out that this is not always a simple process. Faith is not present to make life easier; it is present to help engage with a God who is beyond our comprehension. Leaning into Jesus is not always passive- frequently, it requires that we wrestle with God. While some may interpret this wrestling as a lack of faith or trust, Scripture often uses these times of tumult to bring about a blessing. If we want to be blessed, we need to be willing to wrestle.

Jacob had left his brother Esau in a hurry and knew that Esau could be rightly angry with him. He also knew that Esau was a better hunter and therefore would probably win any physical confrontation. He resorted to sending gifts ahead in the hopes they would soften his brother's heart and win back the relationship. The night before he would see his brother, we have this intriguing story of Jacob wrestling with God all night! Jacob was persistent- he would not let go until he was blessed! Despite enduring a physical injury, Jacob was not going to quit. It was in that place that God changed Jacob's name to Israel and God blessed him. The whole of human history will know Israel's name and it begins with his wrestling with God.

I have frequently stated that I do not find faith easy. Life has ups and downs. There are moments when I feel like God is right with me, moments where He has felt far, and moments when it felt like He was against me. I have learned that each of these moments have indeed eventually been blessings. They help me learn something new- sometimes about God, sometimes about life and frequently about me. Over the next several weeks, we are going to look at the struggles that life presents and how faith has helped others. Each week, we will use a different Biblical character to see how life has a lot of difficulties, but God's presence still prevails. Perhaps what I have appreciated learning the most of

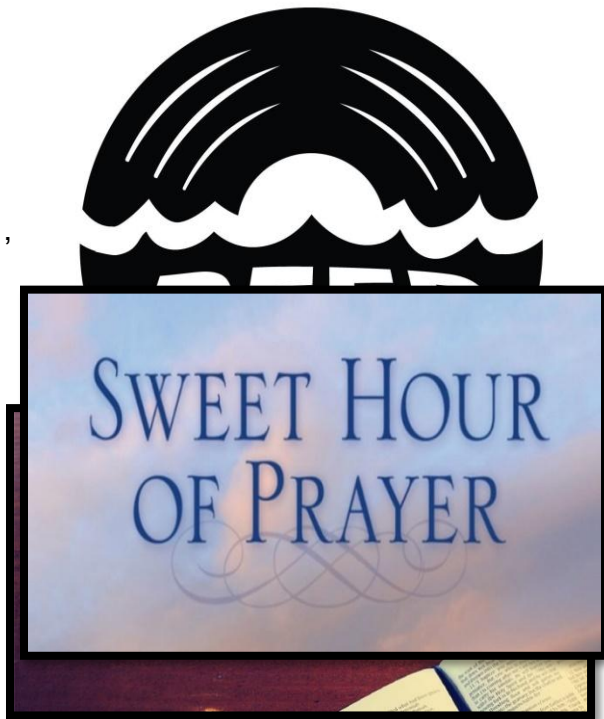


my faith journey is that God is always present - even when I am wondering where He is. I trust that these moments will help speak to our current struggles in life and help us to be persistent in wrestling with God until He blesses us as He did Jacob!

Pastor Robb

April 26th

Pot Luck at 5:30pm – Groups to follow.



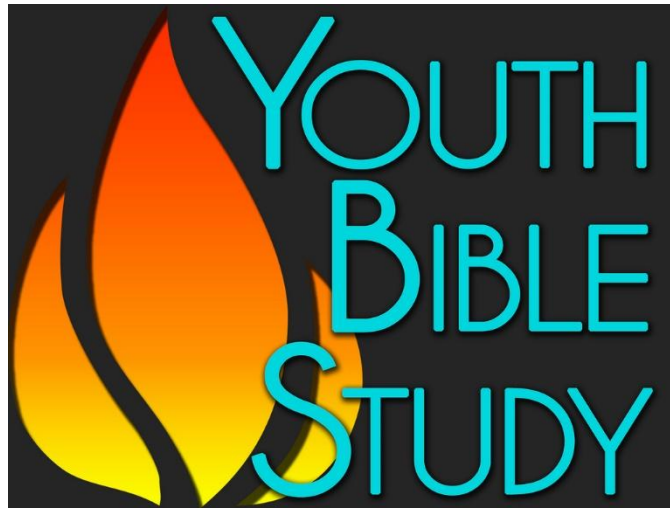
**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
And DESSERT!**

April 19th @ 6:30pm

YOUTH MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, April 1st @ 6:30pm

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



Sunday, April 19th!
Join us at 6:30pm for our
Youth Led Bible Study



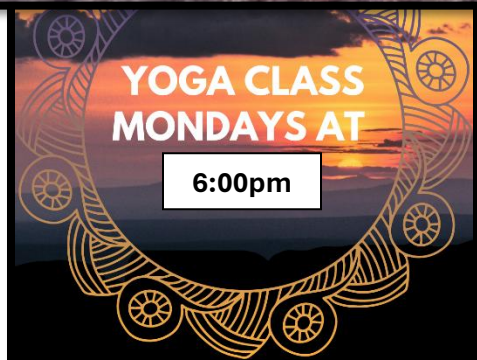
April 2nd and 16th
9:30-11:00am.
Led by Jess G. in Fellowship Hall

Free Food Box Saturday
Sat., April 11th @ 1pm
Jonestown UMC
Please pass the word!

Sunday, April 5th at 8am and 10:30am
services.

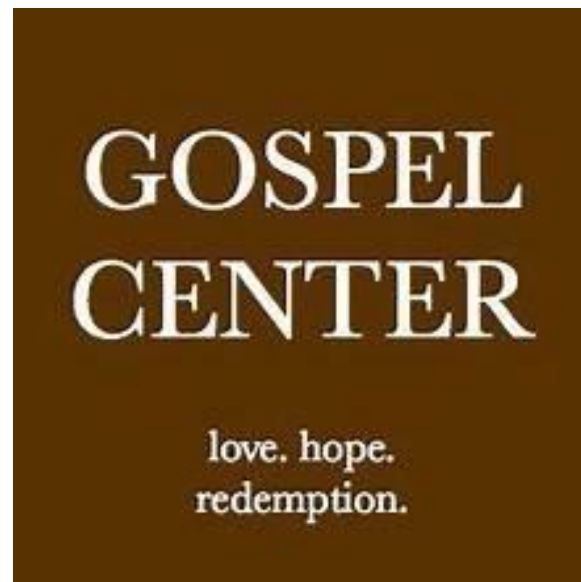


Yoga will be meeting on
April 6, 13, 20 and 27th
All are welcome!





Meets here April 20th @ 6:30pm



GOSPEL CENTER April MEAL

April 11th

Please contact Jeannette Shuey or Kim Moyer for more information.

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What is it? Along with the child packets you will receive in the mail for your

COMPASSION *sunday*



Compassion Sunday event, the link above is one more tool to get kids sponsored. This allows people interested in sponsoring to go online and see all the children who need sponsors. Rather than directing potential sponsors to the general compassion.com website, you can send them to this link, which is exclusive to *your church*. When someone uses the link to sponsor a child, we'll know where the sponsorship came from, letting you track your church's influence!

How is the link unique? This link lets us see who sponsors from your church specifically. That way we can count up all the sponsorships from your church over time. The children you see on this webpage are not on any child packets or other websites; they are unique to your church's custom link.

How do I use it? Ask your church leadership if it can be displayed during your Compassion Sunday presentation, posted on your church's social media or even appear permanently on your church website. Your custom link can be used long after an event and is not constrained to a time frame. Members of your church can even use the link on their own social networks to find sponsors for children in poverty. Be creative with how you use this link!

I hope this link makes you feel even more prepared for your Compassion Sunday event! Thank you again for stepping out in faith for children living in poverty.

Tim Anderson - Relationship Specialist

Compassion International



Gather your friends, neighbors and family together for 2026 Trivia Night! Sign yourselves up on the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. Did ya run out of time? Bring your team and we'll be ready for ya!

Our new trivia host will be none other than...

Robb Faller



That's right, he's finally putting his VAST knowledge of EVERYTHING to good use! So come on out, bring a snack to share and enjoy a night of good fun and fellowship!

Sunday, April 12th @ 6:30pm

Save the date!

Wed., May 20th
6:30pm

All Church invitation!
Mini Golf @ The Wetlands



Ono Church will pay ½ of your child's camp cost, up to \$195.00.

Example:

If a camp costs \$400., Ono will pay \$195.,

If a camp costs \$200., Ono will pay \$100.

If you register your child online, please remember to give the paperwork to the office to receive the credit. We need a copy of the paper showing the camper's name, name of camp and the cost of the camp.

Thanks!



Ono Youth

The youth group has great night celebrating spring's arrival on March 29. We went to Get Air Jump Park and jumped and jumped



and jumped. Then we had dinner together at the new chicken fast food place called Raising Canes. It was night for fun and fellowship!

Our teens spent some quality time learning about lent and were challenged to participate in times of feasting, fasting or serving during the 40 days leading up to Easter. One of the activities we did together was to make lenten pretzels together. We learned about the origin of how pretzels were first made by a monk with leftover dough. He made them as a treat for the children who recited scriptures correctly. He twisted the dough to resemble the children's hands as they prayed and the three holes in the pretzel was a way to teach them about the trinity. Our pretzels turned out great and were very delicious!



Thank you

A big thank you to the Easter choir for sharing and singing about God's marvelous love for us on Easter Sunday morning. A simple message but one we all need reminded of from time to time... Jesus loves you!

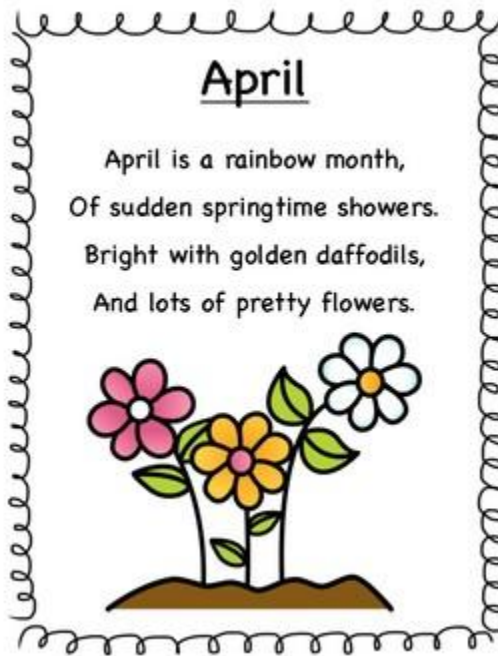
Hallelujah,
what a Savior!





4/1 Mary Bitzer
4/1 Jarrod Strickler
4/1 Cheyann Lengle
4/2 Jerry Fessler
4/3 Allison King
4/5 Daryl Funck
4/5 Carter LaPorte
4/7 Jess Grimes
4/8 Arlene Dove
4/8 Carlene Snyder
4/8 Frank Moore
4/9 Leah Staley
4/12 Michelle Seibert
4/13 Lyndsy Zechman
4/15 Jericho Andino
4/15 Leann Snyder
4/16 Erin Marinkov
4/20 Stephanie Meyer
4/20 Mike Govern

4/23 Cheryl Barr
4/23 Becky Atkins
4/23 Riley Sallada
4/24 Dillon Blauch
4/24 Teresa Helms
4/25 Deb Adams
4/25 Charlie Symanski
4/26 Mike Edris
4/27 Jean Howard
4/29 Ashley Blauch



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

for Spring



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- Picnic in the Park
- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Planting a Family Garden
- Hiking on Nature Trails
- Bird Watching
- Biking on Scenic Routes
- Fishing Trip
- Outdoor Painting
- Camping in the Backyard
- Flying Kites



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Visit a Science Museum
- Library Story Time
- Cooking Class
- DIY Science Experiments:
- Stargazing



GETTING ACTIVE

- Join a Fun Run
- Family Yoga
- Obstacle Course
- Dance Party
- Roller Skating or Ice Skating:



WATER ACTIVITIES

- Canoeing or Kayaking
- Beach Day
- Water Balloon Fight
- Visit a Water Park
- Puddle Jumping



ARTS AND CRAFTS

- DIY Bird Feeders
- Spring-Themed Craft Day
- Rock Painting
- Pottery Painting
- Scrapbooking Spring Memories



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Volunteer Together
- Attend a Spring Festival
- Farmer's Market Trip
- Visit a Farm
- Neighborhood Garage Sale



AT HOME FUN

- Movie Marathon
- Bake-Off Challenge
- Board Game Night
- Start a Family Book Club
- Indoor Camping



SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS

- Easter Egg Hun
- Mother's Day and Father's Day Project
- Plant a Tree on Earth Day:
- Spring Equinox Party:
- May Day Baskets