

HCC News

Serve

- **Olmsted Falls Food Pantry**-- There is an immediate need for MAC & CHEESE and CANNED FRUIT. Donations of any non-perishable food items are appreciated. We can also re-use your plastic store bags for food distribution. See full list at Welcome Desk.
- **Updated Giving.** Text [insert amount] to 84321. There is a first time only set up required.
- **A Way to support Hope in the new year!** Hope Community Capital Development In 2018 we hope to make some significant capital investments beyond what the budget will permit. By faith we are asking God for \$50,000. This would also be a great year end kingdom investment and give us a running start. You can do this by using a Hope offering envelope; in the other line write HCC Capital Development, or selecting that line item in online giving.

Student Ministries

- **The Way (High School Youth Group)** All High Schoolers are welcome at The Way! We meet from 6:00-8:00PM every Sunday night in the Multi-Purpose Room (Gym) at Hope. We play creative group games, laugh, learn about Jesus, and we're discovering The Way to Contagious Abundant Life together. You're always welcome to bring friends along with you! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Josiah at josiah.stumbo@hopeolmsted.org.
- **Wildfire (Middle School Youth Group).** Attention Middle Schoolers! Join us at Wildfire every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:30. You'll make friends, play games, eat snacks and grow in your faith—all in one place! And as always, feel free to bring friends with you!
- **WHITEOUT:** Winter Youth Camp. Join the 6th-12th graders from Hope and other churches in our region for WHITEOUT at Beulah Beach Camp in Vermilion, OH the weekend of February 16th-18th. The weekend will include top-notch programming and a day at Kalahari Indoor Waterpark. Visit our events page at www.hopeolmsted.org or talk to Pastor Josiah for more info!



January 7, 2018

Pastor Joel Bubna

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Sunday 9:00 and 10:45



All our events can be found on our website:
www.hopeolmsted.org
App store: Hope Olmsted
You can also connect with us on social media:
Facebook: Hope Community Church
Twitter: @hopeolmsted



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God, is there only one way to Heaven?

Acts 4:12 / John 1:17 -14:6 – 15:6 - 18:37 / I Timothy 2:5-6

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The Scriptures teach that what pleases God is faith: when we trust what He says and we trust who He is. That is not always easy. The God who reveals himself in the Scriptures that we call the Bible is Spirit. He is transcendent, He is sovereign, and He is infinite. How can we know a God we cannot see, and trust a God we often don't understand?

There are times we have questions. There are times we have doubts. Often doubt is not the absence of faith, but evidence of its existence.

There are 2 kinds of doubt. Pursuing doubt and excusing doubt.

Pursuing doubt occurs when someone who is sincerely pursuing God encounters an event, causing a question that seems contradictory to what they believe about God.

Excusing doubt is used as an excuse to not believe or obey God.

God is not put-off by sincere doubt.

Life presents lots of circumstances that can provoke questions:

- “Why do the claims of Christianity have to be so exclusive?”
- “If God is loving how can He send people to Hell?”
- “If God is loving why is there so much suffering?”

Today I would like to look at the first question: God, how can there only be one way to heaven?

I. Truth by Nature is Exclusive John 18:37

Our culture has embraced pluralism, which embraces the idea that all religions can connect us to God.

“One of the biggest mistakes we make is to believe there is only one way (to God), there are many diverse paths leading to God.” (Oprah Winfrey quoted in Christianity Today)

The scriptures proclaim unequivocally that Jesus is the only way to God.

II. Love Demands Freedom John 15:6

III. Truth and Love Meet in a Person John 1:17

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• **Visiting Hope for the first time? Welcome!** Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby. We want to say hello and we have a small gift for you.

Connect

- **How to register for classes and events?** On the website calendar www.hopeolmsted.org. Events.
- **Ready to get connected in the new year?** See the full list of Spring Classes brochure in the bulletin.
- **Lunch with the Pastors. DATE CHANGE.** New to Hope in the last six months? Join the pastors for lunch on January 28th at 12:15 to learn more about Hope's staff and mission. Please register online via the website calendar.
- **MUMs.** MUMs will resume January 11th. Questions, contact Lesley Placeway at jlplaceway@yahoo.com.
- **Women of Hope.** First meeting for this year is Monday, January 15th, 7 pm in the MP Room. Please register on website calendar link
- **Young Adult Ministry** -We will kick off the beginning of the year together with a game night...SATURDAY January 13th 7pm. Dan and Meridith Paulson are graciously opening up their home to us. Email Jess Flegal for the address at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com. Bring some friends and an appetizer/dessert to share. Hope to see YOU there!”.
- **Young Adult Ministry** - Resume meetings January 16th, room 109. Questions? Contact Dave & Jess Flegal at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com.
- **EPIC (50s+). Potluck and Game Night, Saturday, January 20 at 5:00 (Note earlier time).** Bring a large food dish (not dessert) to share and a favorite box game. Don't like games; just come to talk and fellowship. Time of prayer as well. Please sign up on the church website calendar.
- **EPIC (50s+). District CMA Retreat for Seniors:** March 14-16 in Sugarcreek, OH. Brochures at the Welcome Desk. Reservation/payment due by **February 2**.
- **Men Of Hope (MOH) Bible Study.** Jesus and coffee, January 13th, 7:30-9:00 am. Monthly breakfast meetings resume January 20th. Questions? Email Kris Bosworth at kjbosworth@yahoo.com.
- **2018 FamilyLife “Weekend to Remember.”** The marriage conference is coming to Cleveland on March 2-4 and Akron on March 23-25. Please see Scott and Cindy Grove or email them at slgrove@cox.net for more information.
- **Prayer meeting.** Thursdays 7-8 pm in room 109. All are welcome!
- **Weekly Prayer Letter/Prayer requests.** If you'd like to be included on the prayer letter distribution list, or have prayer requests, praise reports email to prayer.request@hopeolmsted.org.
- **2017 Sunday Music Playlist** Want access to the music we are using at our Sunday services? Go to the Media tab on our website (www.hopeolmsted.org/) to find a youtube playlist you can listen to all week!

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