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- **How to register for classes/events?** Go to www.hopeolmsted.org. Events.
- **When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in The Box.** Games can cast a powerful spell, but the wisest player remembers that the game is always going to end. So what can we take with us to the kingdom of God? Join Mike Zalar for our next Sunday morning John Ortberg study, 10:45, room 111, starting October 22nd. Please register on website calendar.
- **Women of Hope.** We had a great start! Join us for our next meeting **October 16th**, 7 pm, in Room 106 (MP Room). Please register on website calendar.
- **MUMs** Join them October 12th, 10-12 noon. See website for details.
- **Men of Hope. Saturdays** 7:30-9:00 am. Jesus and coffee! Contact Kris with questions at kjbosworth@yahoo.com.
- **Young Adult Ministry** -Are you age 18-35 and looking for growth and friendship? Join us here at the church on Tuesday **October 17th**, 7pm. Questions? Contact Dave & Jess Flegal at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com.
- **Hope T Shirts.** T shirts are now available at the Office. Cost is \$10.
- **Prayer meeting.** Thursdays 7-8 pm in room 109.
- **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!

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!
- **7th-12th Grade Fall Retreat at Stony Glen Camp!** Join us for a weekend in the woods with friends, night games, bonfires, hayrides, a costume party, group games, and good food. All that mixed with times of worship, learning from the Bible, connecting with God, and talking about what matters most in life with your friends and youth leaders. In summary: fall retreat is a blast. The cost is \$80. Register online today at <https://hopeolmsted.churchcenteronline.com>.



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



October 8, 2017

Pastor Joel Bubna

6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

(440) 427-4635

Sunday 9:00 and 10:45



Member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance

Hope Community Church

Living on Purpose: Forgiveness is Not Optional

Matthew 6: 14-15 / Hebrews 12:14-15 / II Corinthians 5:17-21 /

Ephesians 4:31-32

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Forgiveness is the central message of the gospel. The essence of the “good news” is that we can be forgiven and we can forgive.

God was in Christ reconciling us to Himself. Jesus paid the price of our sins so that they would no longer “be counted against us.” That is forgiveness!! The message is now entrusted to us.

Stewarding the message is not simply believing it; it is in living it out. Forgiveness is not optional.

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” C.S. Lewis - The Weight of Glory

I. The Weight of Forgiveness Matthew 6:14-15

“Sin can not be undone, only forgiven.” Igor Stravinsky

II. The Can't Wait of Forgiveness Hebrews 12:15 Eph. 4:31

“See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up...” Hebrews 12:15 *“Get rid of all bitterness...”* Eph. 4:31

III. The Gift of Forgiveness II Corinthians 5:19

*“Forgiveness is setting a prisoner free
And then realizing the prisoner was you.”* Louis Smedes

HCC News

• **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.

Serve

• **MUMs childcare.** Childcare assistance is needed for this Thursday, October 12th, from 9:45-12:15. If available, contact Samantha Swaffield at samantha.swaffield@gmail.com.

• **2017 Ministry Fair.** Want to join in serving, but don't know where to start? Meet those groups next Sunday, October 15th, and see where you can connect. See the Ministry Fair brochure for a preview.

• **Sound Tech workers needed!** The worship team is seeking sound board and slideshow volunteers. We will train volunteers on the sound board system and/ or ProPresenter slideshows. Saturday morning/ Sunday morning commitment on a rotating schedule. For details please contact Christy Bellamy at worshipteam@hopeolmsted.org.

• **ALPHA.** You're invited to “Experience Alpha” on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm! Join us for dinner, a talk & discussion and find out what Alpha is all about. This is your chance to experience Alpha for yourself, ask questions, get involved & support this outreach. Registration available on website calendar or by calling the church office 440-427-4635. Please RSVP by Sunday 10/15. Contact Dawn Pettry at 239-357-6081 or dawnpettry@gmail.com with questions.

• **Love INC Coat Drive.** Time to clean out those closets and donate your new or gently worn coats and jackets to Love In the Name of Christ. (If purchasing coats please purchase xx and larger). Bring your coat to Hope by October 22nd. The coats will be picked up, cleaned, and given to the homeless and poor throughout Cuyahoga County. Please help us reach out the hand of hope in a practical way as we extend Love In the Name of Christ. Thank you for partnering with Love INC.

• **Updated ONLINE Giving.** Go to <http://www.hopeolmsted.org/serve/giving> to donate, or TEXT to 84321.

• **Olmsted Falls Food Pantry--** Provide emergency food assistance for the Olmsted Falls community. There is an immediate need for BOXED CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER & PASTA. Donations of any non-perishable food items are appreciated. We can also re-use your plastic store bags for food distribution. Thank You for feeding his hungry. See full list at Welcome Desk.