

HCC News

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- **Prayer meeting.** Thursdays 7-8 pm in the office. 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.
- **2018 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!

Serve

- **2017 Giving Statements.** Statements have been mailed. If you have not received yours, contact the office at 440-427-4635.
- **ESL Help Needed.** The ESL Thursday evening program has taken off and is in need of homemade snacks each week. If you can help, please see Yvette Eldabaa or sign up under Registrations on the website under Portal.
- **Symphony Nursing Home.** Join us for this monthly volunteer opportunity. February 19th, 2:00-3:00 pm, we'll have a worship service and spend time with the residents. ALL are welcome to join, including children. Contact Karen Gardner with questions, gardnerk4@aol.com.
- **Olmsted Falls Food Pantry--** There is need for mac & cheese and canned fruit, and YOU! HCC volunteers the **fourth Tuesday** of every month from 6:15-8:00 pm in the Olmsted Falls City Hall, 26100 Bagley Road. Please join us! Donations of any non-perishable food items and your plastic store bags are also appreciated. See full list of needed items at Welcome Desk.
- **Support Hope in the new year** by donating to the Hope Community Capital Development Fund. We hope to make some significant capital investments beyond what the budget will permit. By faith we are asking God for \$50,000. You can contribute by using a Hope offering envelope; in the "Other" line write HCC Capital Development, or selecting that line item in online giving.



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



February 11, 2018

Pastor Joel Bubna

6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

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Sunday 9:00 and 10:45



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Hope Community Church
God, why do bad things happen to good people?
Psalm 73

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When “good things” happen to good people – that is good.
When “bad things” happen to bad people – that feels right.
When “good things” happen to bad people - we can accept it.
When “bad things” happen to good people it is hard to understand.

One of the battles of faith is believing the truth about God. The Scriptures declare that God is good. One of the enemy’s greatest ploys is to undermine God’s goodness. He asks the question on every front. If God is good, then why...?

The Psalms take this question from being a theological and cognitive question to a heart question. The Psalms are poetry. Poetry engages the intellect and the heart.

I. The Declaration and the Heart Question Psalm 73:1-2

The declaration:

”Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.” Psalm 73:1

The heart question:

“But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.”

II. The source of Asaph’s Question Psalm 73:13-15

Asaph is jealous. Jealousy is refusal to believe that God is good. It is impossible to say that God is good and at the same time be jealous.

Asaph’s conclusion: “Surely in vain I kept my heart pure” Psalm 73:13a

What is the answer?

III. The Answer is God Himself

A. The answer is found in God’s presence. vs 17

“...when I entered the sanctuary of God”

B. Asaph misunderstood the plight of the wicked. vs 17-20

C. Goodness is in the big picture. vs 23-26

“...you hold my hand...and afterward you will take me into glory.”
vs 23-24

D. Glory gives meaning to our suffering.

Suffering is not our enemy. Our enemy is everything that keeps us from seeing the glory of God. Often suffering is the only way God has to get us to listen.

CONCLUSION

“But as for me, it is good to be near God.
I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds.” Psalm 73:28

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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.

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• **How to register for classes and events?** On the website calendar www.hopeolmsted.org. Events.

• **HCC Spring Membership Class.** Want to know more about Hope? Who we are? What we believe? Thinking of joining us in membership? Sign up for the March 3rd 9 am class. Attendance is required for membership, but attending does not require you to join! See website calendar for registration.

• **ALPHA. Got questions about life?** Explore life & the Christian faith with ALPHA! We meet for dinner, a talk & conversation around the table. Bring a friend who wants to know more about faith. **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** for 11 weeks. Free.

• **Women of Hope February Gathering.** Please join us at Pinot’s Palette in Grand Pacific Junction. A night of faith, fellowship, and food. Whether an artist or not, you’ll enjoy a night out painting with step by step instructions from a talented instructor. Feel free to invite other women. Pre-registration is **required**. See website calendar for registration link with **updated** payment alternatives. February 19th, 6:45. Cost \$35.

• **EPIC (50+) PIZZA and MOVIE NIGHT** has been changed to this **FRI-DAY NIGHT, February 16th at 6:00**. Please sign up on the website by this Tuesday, February 13th if you plan to attend in order to have a count for the pizza. Donations will be taken that evening. If you are willing to bring a tossed salad or dessert, please contact Renee at rnd0919@gmail.com. The movie is “The Case for Christ.” Bring a friend.

• **MUMs.** Next meeting February 15th, 10 am. Join us as we continue to dig into who we really are in order to revitalize our spiritual life and lead us to the fulfillment of our God-given destiny and vocation. Questions, contact Lesley Placeway at jlplaceway@yahoo.com.

• **Men Of Hope (MOH) Bible Study.** Jesus, coffee, and BREAKFAST on February 17th, 7:30-9:00 am, featuring a message from our guest speaker, Pastor Scott Lessing from Grace Church. Questions? Email Kris Bosworth at kjbosworth@yahoo.com.

• **Young Adult Ministry.** Meeting Tuesday, February 13th, 7 pm, room 109. Questions? Contact Dave & Jess Flegal at jessicaeflegal@gmail.com.

• **2018 FamilyLife “Weekend to Remember.”** The marriage conference is in Cleveland on March 2-4 and Akron on March 23-25. Use the group name **hope olmsted** when registering online to save \$100 off the regular registration rate. Please see Scott and Cindy Grove or email them at slgrove@cox.net for more information.