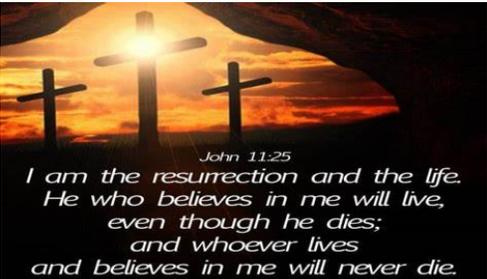


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This year our Easter Sunday is going to be off the hook! Or for those of you who are over 40, it's going to be really good! Our theme for this year is: 'God's Love Never Fails!' The Worship Team has been working on some very special music for you. We have gifts for every child and after church we'll have an Easter Egg Hunt. Once again, Sister Pam will be leading a Sunrise Service @ 7:00am at the Belleville Cemetery. Make plans to

join us for Easter on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am at the cemetery and 10:30am at church. Be sure to invite your friends and family too!



Our Good Friday Community Service will be on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:10pm @ Central Christian Church.

### KIDS GROUP

Our Kids Group will continue meeting each Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:30pm with our last meeting for the Spring on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Join us if you are between the grades of kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Each Wednesday we enjoy a Bible lesson, games, prizes, memory verses and snacks.



We would appreciate any donations of candy or eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. Drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will continue to meet each Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30pm. Supper is at 6:00 with the lesson and games following. Youth Group is for anyone 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Join us!



**Our Mission: "To Love God and lead others to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."**

THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME OF OUR YEAR IS HAPPENING ON APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>! On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> after church we will have a pot luck meal. Then we will hold our Annual Local Church Conference where we elect new officers and determine a budget for the next year. You are highly encouraged to attend.

### Pastor Mark's Minute:

Our Search for Significance has been a wonderful study on how God loves us and how He sees us as valuable and important. My hope is that each of you have more clearly seen yourself as He does.

Here is your identity in Christ: "Because of Christ's redemption, I am a new creation of great worth. I am deeply loved, completely forgiven, fully pleasing, totally accepted by God, and absolutely complete in Christ. There has never been another person like me in the history of mankind, nor will there ever be. God has made me an original, one of a kind, really somebody!"

Remember the four lies of Satan and God's Four Laws of Truth?

The first lie of Satan: The Performance Trap / The Fear of Failure. I must meet certain standards to feel good about myself.

God's Truth: I am completely forgiven by and fully pleasing to God. I no longer have to fear failure.

Satan's second lie: The Approval Addict / I must have the approval of certain others to feel good about myself.

God's Truth: I am totally accepted by God. I no longer have to fear rejection.

Satan's third lie: The Blame Game (Guilt) / Those who fail are unworthy of love and deserve to be punished.

God's Truth: I am deeply loved by God. I no longer have to fear punishment or punish others.

Satan's final lie: Shame / I am what I am. I cannot change. I am hopeless.

God's Truth: I have been made brand-new, complete in Christ. I no longer need to experience the pain of shame.

*You are forgiven! You are pleasing to God! You are accepted! You are deeply loved! You have been made brand new in Christ! You are significant!*



We will be delivering Meals-on-Wheels the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Rita Goodwin to sign up to help.

## THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Samaritan's Purse has established an Emergency Field Hospital on the outskirts of Lviv, in western Ukraine, to care for those suffering as war rages on. Our very first patient who arrived on March 14<sup>th</sup> was a woman named Marina from Malyn, a city west of Kyiv. She fell and injured her arm while escaping into a basement/bomb shelter. She suffered for nine days before arriving at our field hospital. She cried tears of relief as one of our doctors told her: "We can fix this for you."

The field hospital has two operating rooms, with capacity for 14 major surgeries or 30 minor surgeries per day. There are nearly 60 total inpatient beds, including four intensive care unit beds. The emergency room can handle 100 patients per day. The facility also has a pharmacy and its own water and sanitation system.

"God calls us to go into crisis areas to help those who are most vulnerable," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse.

We received a video from one of our church partners, whose city was under bombardment night after night. Nevertheless, several children came to church on Sunday to study Bible lessons from The Greatest Journey. They were understandably scared that their hometown had become a battlefield, yet their faith remained strong. As children hid God's Word in their heart, they learned to trust Him during times of trial. "We know that the Lord has already won," Their teacher said.

Our DC-8 cargo plane airlifted our Disaster Assistance Response Team members—including doctors, nurses, and logistics and other personnel. After landing in Poland, the team and equipment were transported overland into the war-torn nation of Ukraine. An additional DC-8 flight on March 8 and a chartered 747 flight on March 10 brought more materials for the hospital. A March 17 DC-8 airlift carried medical supplies destined for Ukrainian hospitals. Samaritan's Purse is also operating a 24-hour medical clinic at a train station in Lviv. We are seeing dozens of patients a day at that location, which serves as a triage center and stabilization point.

In southern Ukraine, we opened an Emergency Outpatient Clinic on Friday to provide basic medical services and triage.

We are also providing hygiene kits, blankets, and other important items for refugee families and delivering food to local churches who are distributing it to fleeing Ukrainians.

"We want to meet the needs of these families in their darkest moments while pointing them to the light and hope of Jesus Christ."

Samaritan's Purse has a partner network of 3,200 churches inside Ukraine.

The United Nations reports that more than 2.5 million refugees, primarily women and children, have already left Ukraine seeking shelter in nearby countries. An additional 2 million are displaced within Ukraine.

**"Please join me in praying for the people of Ukraine and for this conflict to end quickly."** - Franklin Graham

**BWC Family** - Your church board has already sent \$500.00 to Samaritan's Purse to help with the Ukrainian Refugees. If you would like to add to that total, just write 'Ukraine' on your gift and drop it in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

\*This article has been adapted from Samaritan's Purse monthly newsletter.

You will be pleased to join us on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to welcome back Dr. Mark Weeter.

**DR. MARK WEETER** University Provost, Professor of Ministry



Dr. Mark Weeter is one of the longest-serving faculty members at OKWU, having taught here for over 30 years. He received his Bachelor of Theology from Circleville Bible College, his M.Div. from Wesley Bible Seminary, and his Doctorate of Ministry from Reformed Theological Seminary, eventually going on to receive his Ph.D. from the University of Wales. He became University Provost in 2019.

Originally, Dr Weeter worked as a full-time pastor, gaining the experience that he would one day impart on his students. Since graduating college, he has worked continuously in a church body, and he continues to pastor today at Fellowship Community Church. He has authored numerous publications and curriculums and has preached the Word in 36 states, Canada, India, Mexico, and Russia.

God reminds us in His Word to; *“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances...”* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

So, can I ask, for what are you thankful?

That is not a rhetorical question. We really want to know! And here is how you can answer; beginning in April, we will have a ‘Thankful Board’ in the church foyer. When you are thankful, take a moment and write it on the board so we can celebrate and be thankful for what God is doing in your life. Remember: we need each other and we are so much better together!

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