

## WELCOME!!!

We are excited that you have chosen to join us for worship as we celebrate our Lord Jesus and God's loving plan for us.

Our prayer is that God will encourage you and give you hope, that He will bless you through His Word, and that you will know you are welcome here. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning our beliefs or practices.

*For your convenience, restrooms are located in the hallway immediately to the right of the front entrance.* While the children are in class, only the handicap accessible bathroom will be available.

*The children will be dismissed to their class by the Pastor during the service.*

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### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:30am	WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:40	FELLOWSHIP
11am	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY, 6:30pm	MEN'S GROUP
TUESDAY, 10am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP
6:30pm	COFFEE & A TASTE OF HONEY BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, 7pm	NIGHT OF WORSHIP at NEW LIFE
THURSDAY, 7pm	TETELESTAI BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY, 6pm	YOUTH DODGE BALL
SATURDAY, 4:30pm	BONFIRE FOR ADULTS

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2, ESV)



## OPEN DOOR CHURCH

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

November 5, 2023

Call to Worship	Chip Winnard
<i>"Be Praised"</i>	
<i>"You Are God Alone"</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Jim
Biblical Truth Skit	Pastor Jim & Jason
Prayer	Pastor Jim
<i>"Wonderful Name"</i>	
<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	
Prayer	Chip Winnard
Dismissal of Children to Class	
<b>"IS IT TOO MUCH?"</b>	
<b>1 Corinthians 9:1-23</b>	
Opportunity for Decision	Fiona Vuolo
Offertory Prayer	Pastor Jim
Worship in Tithes and Offerings	Fiona Vuolo
Benediction	Pastor Jim

## THANK YOU!

Martha and I appreciate all of you. Your gracious words and generous gifts last Sunday were very humbling. It is always our desire that our Lord Jesus receive all glory and honor and praise, but we appreciate every expression of love on a very special "Pastor Appreciation Day." Thank you for the privilege of serving at Open Door Church for the past 11 years. You are a joy and a blessing.

## NIGHT OF WORSHIP at NEW LIFE

You are invited to a Night of Worship at New Life Church in Pittsfield this Wednesday.  
The worship service begins at 7pm.

## ARE YOU OUT OF THE LOOP?

Please be sure to download our church app so you can find others and others can find you. There is no cost to getting the app but a major cost in not having it since that is where you can learn of events at ODC, post prayer requests, and find the contact information for those affiliated with our church. If you need to know more, see Mark Harris or Mitch Arseneau.

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

*Attendance Last Sunday--68*

**Offering Last Sunday--\$1,698    Budgeted--\$3,556**  
**Offering This Fiscal Year--\$131,850    Budgeted--\$124,460**

## “IS IT TOO MUCH?”

(1 Corinthians 9:1-23)

### Introduction:

#### I. CONTEMPLATE THE OMISSION

<sup>1</sup> Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup> If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

#### II. CONCEDE THE OBVIOUS

<sup>3</sup> My defense to those who examine me is this: <sup>4</sup> Do we not have a right to eat and drink? <sup>5</sup> Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? <sup>6</sup> Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working? <sup>7</sup> Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

#### III. CONTEXTUALIZE THE OXEN

<sup>8</sup> I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things? <sup>9</sup> For it is written in the Law of Moses, “YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING.” God is not concerned about oxen, is He? <sup>10</sup> Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher *to thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*. <sup>11</sup> If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

<sup>12</sup> If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the *food* of the temple, *and* those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar? <sup>14</sup> So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

#### IV. CONCENTRATE YOUR EFFORTS

<sup>15</sup> But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one.

<sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

<sup>17</sup> For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; <sup>21</sup> to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law.

<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

**CONCLUSION:** <sup>23</sup> I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.