# Worship

**Jerry Nelson, Pianist** – Internationally-celebrated concert pianist, Jerry Nelson, will be leading us in worship on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in both morning services. We are excited to worship with him, and we hope you'll mark your calendars and invite someone to be a part of this event. Check out the insert in your Worship Folder for more information!

# **Connect**

**Connecting Groups** – A small group atmosphere that focuses on relationship building. Below are our current groups.

# **Sunday Afternoon/Evening:**

Bob & Joyce Kennell/ Floyd Lauria Group	4:00 at 4344 S Vernon Rd (Durand)
Rob & Becky Wotring Group	4:00 at Various Locations
Brett & Heather Meyer Group(Childcare on site - \$5/family)	5:00 at 5434 S State Rd (Durand)
Melony Daley/Dawn DeVisser Group	5:00 at 315 Middleton Rd
Phil & Jan Bates/Mark & Julie Semans Group	6:00 at OFCN in Moss Hall
Greg & Karen Bontrager Group	6:00 at 169 E Haven Dr
Mark & Marcia Green Group	6:00 at 1214 N Water St
Paul & Patty DeMeritt Group	6:00 at 952 N Park St
Jerry & Vickie Meyer/Ruth Jandik Group	6:00 at 4895 Ojibwa Tr
Brad/Beth Stockton Group	6:00 at 271 E Haven Dr
David/Brianna Rice Group	7:00 at 1020 E Oliver St
Monday Afternoon	
Intercessory Prayer Group	1:30 at OFCN (Sanctuary)
Thursday Evening	
Schmidtfranz/Nethaway Group (Childcare on site - \$5/family)	6:00 at 9112 W Middleton Rd (Ovid)
Moms 4 Moms! 6:30 at Various Locations (Contact Brittani Hall for location: 989.329.0967)	

# **Grow**

**OFCN Membership Class** – Pastor Brad will be hosting a membership class Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 am – 1 pm in Room 8. If you are interested in membership, please fill out a **Connect Card**.

**NEW Spring Growth Classes** – We have new Growth Classes starting today, Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to take a look at the insert in your Worship Folder and think about a Growth Class you'd like to attend!

# Serve

**Adopt-A-Highway** – It's time to start cleaning up our section of M-52, and we need your help! Our first clean-up date is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in the Conference Room at 8 am. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Samson: 989.413.7908

**Pregnancy Resource Center Annual Dinner** – The annual Celebrate Life PRC dinner is on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the D'Mar Banquet Center. The evening will feature guest speaker Rebecca Kiessling. The doors will open at 6 pm and the dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Cathy Morrow: 989.277.1989

# **More Opportunities**

**Women's Ministries Presents: "Clean Sweep"** – Feeling a bit cluttered? Join us on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in Moss Hall for an event designed to help you get organized and regain a sense of calm and clean! We will have organizational demonstrations and tips, meal planning ideas, snacks, conversation, and time to sort things out. Bring a project to work on or an item to swap. Check out the Worship Folder insert for more details. Circle your calendar and invite a girlfriend for an evening of fun! Child care is provided, but please sign up TODAY at the Welcome Center.

**JOY Group** – We will be playing "Book Bingo" for our gathering on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at noon in Moss Hall. Please bring a passing dish and 3-5 wholesome used books or magazines to donate to the "prize pool." For every BINGO, you get to choose a book! If you have any questions, please contact Walt and Rosemary Howard: 989.743.5985

**Save the Date: Vacation Bible School** – This year our Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this exciting week!

**Birthday Card Shower** – Mary Helmer turns 88 on April 20th! Let's shower her with Birthday Cards from her church family! Cards can be sent to the following address:

Mary Helmer We Care-Assisted Living 3973 W. Grand River Road Owosso, MI 48867

# TREE HOUSE MINISTRIES

"Branching out to love God and love others." -Matt. 22:35



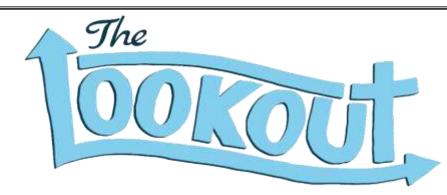
**Tree House Ministries –** 11 am in the Tree House.

Connect

**KidConnect** – Wednesdays at 7 pm

Grow

K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Growth Classes – Sundays at 9 and 10:15 am



# **STUDENT MINISTRIES**

(Grades 6-12)

# **Worship and Connect**

**Midweek Gathering** – Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15 pm **You Run The Lookout** – For the month of April (excluding 4/4 because of Spring Break) our youth program will be 100% student led. The games, music, message, and Connecting Groups will all be led by students. If you are willing to participate in some way, please contact Pastor Chris.

### Grow

**Sunday Gathering –** 10:15 am in the Teen Room **Teen Quiz Practice –** Sundays from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

# A Look At The Lookout

Over the last year, I have seen one of our graduating seniors bring in at least a dozen friends to our youth group on Wednesday nights. We have seen the majority of those friends stick around and assimilate into the group, but in the past couple of weeks, we have seen that even more (one of those friends will even be giving a message for our "You Run The Lookout" event). This girl drives a full van to group each week. It's exciting to see her tenacity in her final weeks of participation in this group, and it's equally exciting to see her entire friend group become part of her youth group because we are creating an atmosphere that students want to be a part of!



# Welcome to Owosso First Church of the Nazarene!

We want to say a very special welcome to our guests here today. We are glad you are here! We trust you will find this to be a warm, friendly, and caring place. Most of all, we pray the Holy Spirit's presence will warm your heart in the worship of our risen Savior! If it is your first time at OFCN, you can find a **Connect Card** in the back of the pews. Please fill out this card at your convenience with as much information as you feel comfortable. You can drop the Connect Card off in the offering plate, or return it to the Welcome Center. We would love to know your name!

Our mission as a church is to go make devoted followers of Jesus.



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**Sycamore Tree Preschool** 

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Monday – Thursday Classes 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Joyce Goff Memorial Scholarship Fund – Last year we established a scholarship fund which is intended for students who cannot afford to pay full tuition at Sycamore Tree Preschool. If you would like to give to this fund, please be sure to label checks or envelopes with "Sycamore Scholarship Fund". Any monetary gift will go directly to helping students and their families pay tuition. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to help students receive quality Christian Education!

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

# **SUNDAY, April 8**

9:00 AM Worship Service10:15 AM NEW Growth Classes

Getting Started at OFCN - Conference Room

**11:00 AM** Worship Service

# Monday, April 9

9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool

Walkers

1:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Group – Sanctuary

# Tuesday, April 10

9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study

5:30 PM Business and Finance Team Meeting – Conference Room

6:45 PM Ladies' Exercise Group – Gym 7:00 PM Church Board Meeting – Room 8

# Wednesday, April 11

9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool

Walkers

5:45 PM Midweek Dinner

Midweek Prayer

6:30 PM The Lookout – Worship/Connect – Teen Room

Grief Share - Conference Room

7:00 PM KidConnect

**NEW GROWTH CLASSES** 

# Thursday, April 12

9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool 12:00 PM JOY Group Luncheon – Moss Hall 8:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

# Friday, April 13

9:00 AM Walker

7:00 PM Women's Ministry Event: Clean Sweep – Moss Hall

# Saturday, April 14

# **SUNDAY**, April 15

9:00 AM Worship Service10:15 AM Growth Classes

Firm Foundations - Room 5

**11:00 AM** Worship Service



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