

OLD NORTH CHURCH
ANNUAL
REPORT
2025-2026



CLARITY IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NICK

Church Family,

“Chaos” is defined as *“A state of utter confusion.”* We live in a culture that can currently be defined as chaotic in many respects. Consider it with me:

- News media reporting wildly different versions of reality
- Promises made, not delivered
- Wild economic swings
- The introduction of AI and what that could mean
- A rapidly changing workforce
- Cultural narratives that create particular expectations for young people
- Political battles of the highest order
- A geo-political scene riddled with tension
- The introduction of new wars
- The ever-increasing pace of all these things

In a world of chaos it is easy to become anxious, jaded or even discouraged. But God provides tremendous **clarity** regarding how *His purposes in the world relate to our purpose*.

• **John 16:33**, I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

• **2 Corinthians 4:16–18**, So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NICK

• **Colossians 3:2**, Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

• **Matthew 5:14-16**, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Friends, the **clarity** that we find in Jesus guides our lives in wonderful ways. This past year at Old North Church we have continued to see people grow in this **clarity** that produces joy and hope and share it with hundreds of others. Our church is growing because the Gospel continues to grow the Kingdom of God in the world filled with chaos.

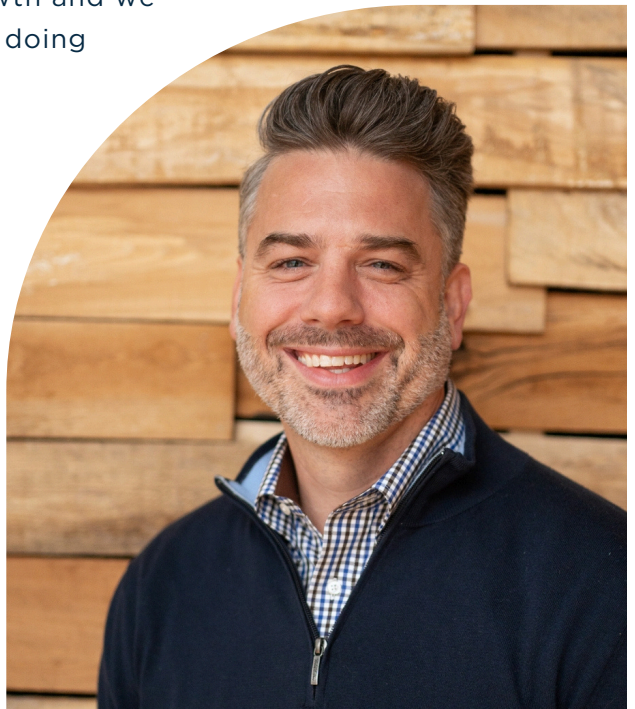
This report reflects elements of that growth and we celebrate all the wonderful things God is doing among us.

It is a great privilege to serve the Lord alongside of you. Let’s keep going!

You are loved,



Pastor Nick



ONC MINISTRY LEADERS



CHRIS DROMBETTA

Executive Pastor

“With growth comes change - and change can be challenging! God has been so kind to continue growing our church in breadth and depth. It reminds me of the Gospel growth we see in Acts 6, where the apostles identify the need for more leaders and organized systems to serve the growing needs of the church. Similarly, we’ve had the opportunity to grow both our leaders and systems this year, with the end goal of serving our people faithfully and glorifying our great God. I’m so grateful to our staff and congregation for your support, encouragement, and active engagement through this season of growth!”



RICK ENLOW

Pastor of Care & Connection

“This past year was a busy year for our Welcome Team! The increased numbers in our church come with more responsibility for our team. Our Greeters, Ushers, Connection Center Workers, Coffee and Sunday Prayer Team have done an amazing job! Get To Know, Membership Matters and Party with the Pastors have been instrumental in assimilating many newcomers into new members. The Care Ministry did a great job of caring for our shut-ins through visitation, phone calls and sending cards. As we move into a new year, I just want to encourage you all to reach out to our church family when they are suffering. Your kind words and cards go a long way. Also, reach out to those who you see are new to Old North. Help them to feel welcome and at home.”

ONC MINISTRY LEADERS



JUSTIN KNIGHT

Pastor of Adult Ministry

“Our Adult Ministries serve to train people in God’s Word so they might better know the Gospel and be equipped to minister to others. This year, all Growth Groups and many Midweek classes studied Romans. Through the Summer Institute and Sunday School classes, we covered topics such as Why Doctrine Matters, The Holy Spirit, The Reformation, and Church History. We also studied numerous books of the Bible through which God reveals His character and plan for salvation. Additionally, we launched a new Men’s Ministry book discussion group called Sharpen, where we read and discuss theological books together for growth and encouragement. I am thankful to Old North for the many ways you demonstrate a hunger for God’s Word.”



MARTY SWEENEY

Pastor of Ministry Training

“Growing as a Christian consists in large measure of coming to realize how momentous and world-changing is the decision to become a Christian.”

“This line from one of our training groups is one I return to often because it reminds me how radical it is to believe what the Bible says about the world, ourselves, and God. Whether in Sunday School, MAPs meetings, or Sharpen groups, we call one another back to the joy and responsibility of following Christ—training believers to fight sin, share the Gospel, and walk with those who suffer, building one another up. Above all, we want the Word of Christ to dwell richly among us so that in all we say and do, we give thanks to God the Father.”

ONC MINISTRY LEADERS



REGGIE SEUTIA

Pastor of Music Ministry

“Keith Getty once asked a group of pastors what questions they use to evaluate their Sunday service. Many inquired about the sermon, attendance, giving, and musical quality. Surprisingly, no one asked, “How did the congregation sing?” Reflecting on God’s work in our church, I’ve found that the congregational singing here has been exceptional in all areas of ministry. Praise God for His kindness, and thank you for your participation in our gatherings. Our growing music ministry and tech team are simply the best, and I am deeply grateful for their contributions. This next year, as we sing, may the Word of Christ continue to dwell in us richly.”



BRUCE CHIMANI

Pastor of College and Young Adults

“This past year was the hardest for our ministry with the tragic loss of a student, and yet by all accounts would be the most fruitful in many other ways! Not only has our body of students who participate in our ministry grown (especially at Youngstown State), but we have seen God raise many more keen, others-centered, evangelistic, and theologically astute students. Our volunteers and student leaders continue to engage in regular training, and have served well in the midst of an emotionally tough, and yet spiritually invigorating season.”

ONC MINISTRY LEADERS



KYLE HOFFSMITH

Pastor of Family Ministry

"I often say that we want every student in every school to know the Gospel. We understand that not every student will believe, but we want to equip our students on Sundays and Wednesdays through teaching and training to know the Bible so well that they can communicate it to their peers. This desire is what fuels our five weekly high school Bible studies for students from Canfield, Heartland, South Range, MCCTC, and Boardman. In these groups, we spend time studying the Bible together and praying specifically for each of these schools. The Lord is growing the kids, students, and families of our church to know and love Jesus and I am looking forward to what the year ahead will hold!"



JOSIAH RIOS

Pastor of Middle School Ministry

"Partnering with parents is a critical part of ministering to middle schoolers. This year we launched two new retreats where parents joined their middle schoolers, creating space to lean into hard questions and foster milestone moments at this stage of life. This was a natural extension of our Parent Connect meetings, where Family Ministry staff meets individually with parents—much like a parent-teacher conference—to discuss how we can better partner and pray for their kids. Over the past year we held dozens of these meetings. In the midst of the roller coaster of middle school growth, students need godly adults linking arms around them, and it has been encouraging to see that happening."

ONC MINISTRY LEADERS



JOANNA MUÑOZ

Kids Ministry Director

“This year, our Kids Ministry centered on teaching that worship is showing extravagant love and obedience to God every day. Children learned new songs and joyfully participated in corporate worship, growing in both confidence and faith. We’ve seen encouraging growth in attendance, with many new families becoming regular attenders. We are deeply grateful for our 200+ faithful volunteers. This year also brought two new events: Kindergarten Milestone and our summer Storytime for toddlers and parents. It has been a joy to watch children not only learn about God, but begin to love Him and live out their faith in tangible ways.”



BETH HARRELL

Women's Ministry Director

“It has been a busy and exciting year for Women’s Ministry. We hosted our first *Him We Proclaim* conference with about 300 women in attendance, a third of whom were not from Old North, with a desire to provide Bible teaching opportunities for our women and others in our area. Additionally, we held our first abortion recovery Bible study, *Forgiven and Set Free*, and hope to offer it yearly so more women come to know nothing is beyond God’s grace and care. During this calendar year we will host the conference again, have another co-ed Good Food meeting, and continue to grow our weekly Bible studies, fellowship gatherings, and Moms with Littles program. It is so encouraging to watch our women learn, grow, and help others do the same.”

WHO WE ARE

Old North Church's vision is to be a Christ-centered, multi-generational community of disciple-making disciples. Our core values are Biblical preaching & teaching, intentional & personal discipleship, and healthy children & families.

An important part of Old North's DNA is training. We believe that many aspects of Christian growth are both caught and taught and that replication happens as the people of God are well trained for the work of God. We are intentional about raising up more gospel workers for this region through our training programs.

It is our desire to help you grow in the most significant relationship you can have in this life, a relationship with Jesus Christ.



HIGHLIGHTS

2025/2026

Our Church continued to aggressively **grow** with people from all walks of life and spiritual backgrounds.

Our Elders and Pastors composed our **5-Year Strategic Plan**, asking God to continue to work in specific ways.

Our Adult ministry brought 18 men through **robust training** in handling God's Word.

Our **MAPs program** clarified the next-season pathway for our current apprentices while welcoming a new apprentice, Caleb Mercer.

Our **Student ministry** hosted all 800 CVMS students and their teachers for their Student Appreciation Day.

Our **Children's ministry** attendance increased as did our **volunteer base**, continuing to provide opportunity to make little disciples of Christ.

We launched our new mid-week program for children called **Truth Builders**.

We had **Bible studies** at 5 local high schools and 20 Bible studies on the campus of Youngstown State.

Served the churches in the region through our yearly Simeon Trust Workshop, Equipped conference, and our new Women's conference Him We Proclaim.

A Better Word expanded to a national platform and is now heard on over 190 stations.

The Church continued to grow in **generosity** with our giving exceeding our budget for the 6th year in row!

Above all, people are putting their faith in Christ and growing in Him resulting in **changed lives**!

INITIATIVES

2026/2027

Launch an **Evangelism Team** with a more focused mission of sharing the Gospel.

Expand the number of **Deacons** to facilitate ministry and meet the needs of our growing church.

Empower a **Missions Team** to provide increased care and communication with our global partners.

Continue **to train** more Christians for everyday ministry through unique opportunities to grow and serve.

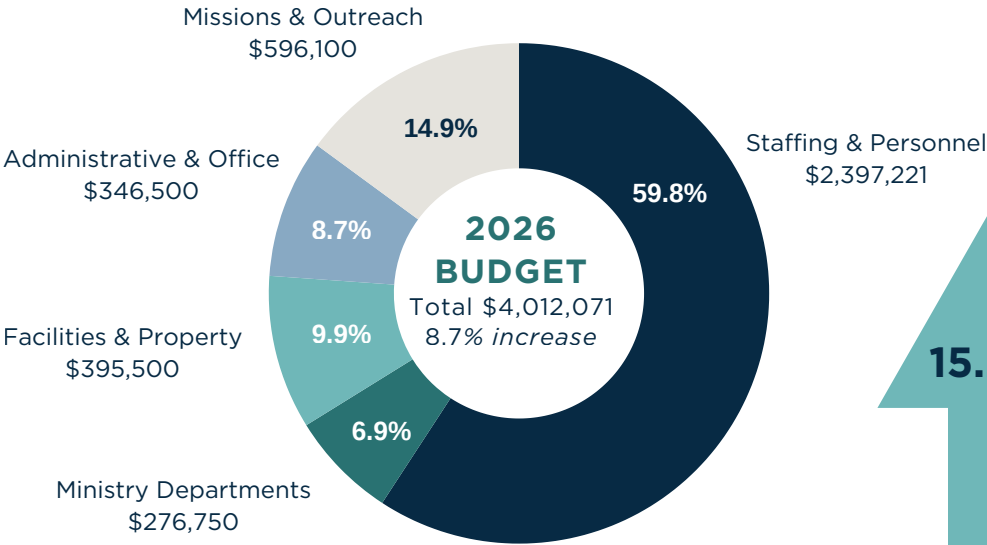
Integrate the newcomers to Old North into the church family through relationships, encouragement and teaching.

Refine our **facility strategy** to meet the needs of ongoing ministry.

Continue **teaching and training across all spheres** of children, youth, college, adults and seniors with the goal of growing our affection to Jesus and faithfulness to Him!



BY THE NUMBERS



2025 FINANCIAL NUMBERS

- **Budget** - \$3,690,515
- **General Fund Giving** - \$3,941,235*
- **General Fund Expenses** - \$3,700,000*
- **Active Giving Households** - 874
- **Active Online Givers** - 351
- **New Givers** - 157

**Projected*

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Average - 1864

Midweek Average - 650

Christmas Eve - 2763*

Easter - 2,560*

**2025 numbers*

8.5%

1 year increase
in Sunday
attendance

CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms - 33

New Members - 55

Total Members - 741



1725 AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

1864 AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

ELDERS



Clay Campfield

Elder



Todd Davis

Elder



Nick Gatzke

Senior Pastor



Mark Leger

Vice-Chairman



John Lightly

Elder



Rich Morrow

Chairman



Jason Norbo

Elder



Mike Shevock

Elder



Paul Slater

Elder



Beau Tiger

Elder

ELDER CANDIDATE



SCOTT YEAGLEY

HAS ATTENDED ONC: 29 years

FAMILY: wife Lindsey and their children Gwen (10), Nolan (8) and Layne (5)

SERVICE: Adult Sunday School teacher, High School leader, and Midweek leader

FAVORITE VERSE:

Ephesians 2:4-10 - *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace and kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so*

that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

WHERE DO YOU WORK OR WHAT TYPE OF INDUSTRY DO YOU WORK IN?

Science Teacher at Mineral Ridge High School



Ballot Information

Only members of Old North Church are able to vote.
Ballots are available during the Annual Meeting on 5/3 at 6pm.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



BETH EHMS

Beth Ehms and her husband, Mike, have been part of Old North for four years and members for three. In that time, Beth has jumped in wholeheartedly, serving across a wide range of ministries. She currently is a mentor mom with our Moms with Littles group, a kindergarten teacher for Truth Builders, part of the Visitation Team, the Coffee Team, and also hosts Women's Fellowship Brunches. Last summer, she taught kindergarten at VBS.

For Beth, serving has been a meaningful way to build connections. Being newer to the area, she found that volunteering helped Old North quickly feel like family.

Through these ministries, she's had the opportunity to meet people of all ages and experience the joy of being part of a caring church community.

Beth says she has seen God at work in powerful ways in Children's Ministry, where students are learning Scripture and asking thoughtful questions about who God is. She's also witnessed the Lord using ministries like Moms with Littles, Fellowship Brunches, and Visitation to bring encouragement, friendship, and practical care to others.

Some of Beth's favorite moments are the simple ones: a student running up to say hello on a Sunday morning, delivering a meal to a new mom, or even sharing fellowship while making coffee before service. To her, serving is a beautiful picture of loving God and loving others.

Her encouragement to anyone considering getting involved is simple: pray about how God might use you. Serving looks different in every season, and there's a place for everyone. Don't be afraid to explore, talk to someone, shadow a ministry, and find where you fit. As Beth puts it, "Without volunteers, we wouldn't have ministries. We need you!"

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

PAUL & MARISA SEAY

Paul and Marisa Seay will celebrate five years at Old North this summer, and in that time they have faithfully invested in the life of the church through a variety of ministries. They currently serve in Kids' Ministry as Sunday School teachers and Truth Builder leaders, and in past seasons have also been involved in Growth Groups and Moms with Littles. Their heart for serving is rooted in a deep love for God's Word and a desire to see it take root in the next generation.

Each Sunday, they count it a privilege to share the Gospel with a full classroom of children, watching as understanding grows week by week. They have been especially encouraged by the depth children often display—through thoughtful responses, honest questions, and a growing curiosity about Scripture. Their classrooms are filled not only with meaningful moments of learning, but also laughter, friendly competition, and even the occasional paper airplane, creating an environment where joy and truth go hand in hand.

Through this ministry, Paul and Marisa have seen God at work in powerful ways.



For many children, hearing and memorizing Scripture is a brand new experience, and they have witnessed firsthand how the Lord uses His Word to shape young hearts. Moments of pause, reflection, and growing comprehension of foundational truths are clear reminders that God is actively working among them.

To those considering getting involved, they offer a simple encouragement: this church body is a true community. No matter where you serve, you are investing in the lives of others, and in doing so, you'll find that it is a blessing to you as well.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Care, Connection & Shut-in Visitation -

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PROVERBS: RICH WISDOM FOR REAL LIFE



Wisdom is the application of knowledge, and wise living can make our lives much more fruitful, enjoyable and God honoring. In this series we were challenged with such topics as *Our view of Reality, Resisting Temptation, The voices we listen to, What happens when life takes an unexpected turn, Wise speech, sexual purity, hard work and our view of money.* God gives us everything we need for wisdom in this life. May we continue to grow in this wisdom!

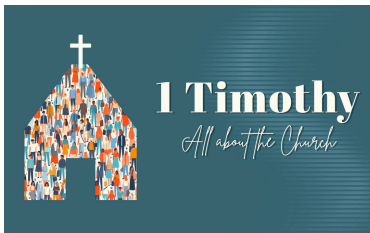
2 SAMUEL: YOUR KINGDOM COME



The Kingdom of Israel in the Old Testament gives a glimpse into how God works in His larger Kingdom throughout the world. In 2 Samuel, we learned about the rise of God's chosen King, King David. The struggle to keep the Kingdom was significant and King David displayed both tremendous godly character and significant moral failure during this. Through it all we

see the faithfulness of God to accomplish His purposes through His people and the promise to send the eternal, righteous King, His very own son, Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY: ALL ABOUT THE CHURCH



The Church is not merely a building, a business or a non-profit organization. It is the *family of God, the community of the redeemed* and the *expression of His rule and reign.* As such, the Church functions as God's vehicle in the world. The Apostle Paul writes to the young pastor Timothy in Ephesus so that we “*may know how one ought to behave in the household of*

God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.” This letter inspires us with deep theological truths that help us understand how God works in the world and practical instruction about what this means for Christians who gather in local churches with the aim of pleasing God and representing Him in the world.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



FIELDSTONE COUNSELING

Fieldstone is a counseling ministry based in Northeast Ohio dedicated to biblically-based, Christ-centered, and clinically informed counsel. They serve individuals, couples, and families as well as providing seminars and workshops for local churches and organizations. They exist and desire to help all come to know Jesus Christ and grow in their personal faith.

We're also excited to announce that one of our outgoing Ministry Apprentices, Jonathan Morton, has joined Fieldstone's residency program to serve our church and community through Fieldstone's growing ministry right here from our offices at Old North and also virtually!



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PARTNERS

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COUNTRIES

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
Psalm 96:3

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



DREW & MICHELE BROWN

They are honored to partner with Old North in ministry, grateful for a shared love of God's Word and a desire to see it faithfully proclaimed. Now in their fourth year in Costa Rica, they are especially encouraged by pastors they've trained who are faithfully preaching Scripture and shaping their churches week by week. These efforts are helping cultivate a growing commitment to expository preaching in a place where it is still rare. Through

meaningful relationships, their work has grown beyond teaching into walking alongside others in life's burdens and joys. Despite challenges, including repeated home flooding, God has worked through their weakness—opening doors for expanded ministry across Central America. They remain deeply thankful for Old North's prayers, generosity, and faithful partnership in the Gospel.



BILL & KATHY MARTIN

The Martins express deep gratitude for Old North's faithful generosity, prayers, and encouragement over the years. Their team is currently hosting Liberty University interns for 16 weeks, with full schedules that include Wolof study, ministry at Engage, cultural learning, and research projects involving local interviews. The interns are building meaningful relationships while experiencing life in

Senegal. Two interns depart in early May, followed by Ryan from Purdue, who will serve for five weeks and explore a potential call to overseas ministry. Bill continues leading weekly Bible studies and training Senegalese believers to share the gospel. They are preparing for an April disciple-making training and ask for prayer as they seek to see lives transformed and the Gospel spread.

MINISTRY APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The Ministry Apprenticeship Program at Old North (MAPs) is a vital aspect of support for the Gospel both here and beyond Canfield. God wants us to participate in the raising up of gospel workers (Matt 9:37-38) for every sphere of life - pastors, campus workers, missionaries, and more.

By bringing young men and women in to be part of our church family, we want them to understand and experience the training DNA that we want all Christians to know and experience.

By investing in these young people, we are investing in the gospel work that we fervently want to foster everywhere in Canfield, the Mahoning Valley and indeed the whole world.



NEW APPRENTICE



CALEB MERCER

MAPS PROGRAM FOCUS:

Campus Ministry & Evangelism

FAVORITE VERSE:

John 15:4 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

SCHOOLING/PREVIOUS CAREER: Caleb holds an accounting degree from Youngstown State. He was previously employed by Ajax Tocco Magnethermic in Warren before joining the MAPs program.

MINISTRY APPRENTICE PROGRAM

WHAT'S NEXT?



JOHN MORTON

MAPs PROGRAM FOCUS:

Counseling

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I will be serving as a Biblical Counselor through Fieldstone Counseling in an office located at Old North Church. So you will continue to see me around the church as I serve in various ministries. Through this residency program I will receive further training and supervision as I counsel others using the wisdom of Scripture. My hope is that this work will help strengthen our church's ability to love, support, and walk alongside one another in times of struggle."



JAKE PITZER

MAPs PROGRAM FOCUS:

Campus Ministry & Evangelism

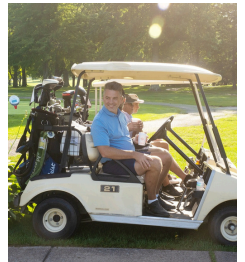
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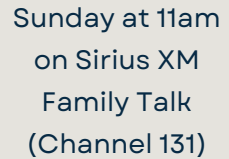
"Following the second year of the apprenticeship, my wife and I will move to Chicago to study at the Charles Simeon Trust. During this two-year program, I hope to further develop my preaching skills in order to serve the local church, while my wife plans to use her training to invest more deeply in women's ministry."

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

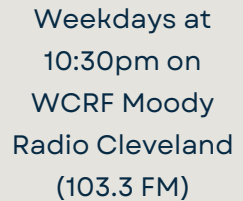


This year at Old North, we had the joy of hosting events that reached a wide range of ages and stages of life, creating meaningful opportunities for connection and growth across our church, community and region. From fun, fellowship, and games to outreach and evangelism, as well as learning, teaching, and preaching, each gathering served a unique purpose. Examples include VBS, Truth Builders, Storytime, First Friday, the Equipped Youth Conference, Winter Games, the Egg Hunt, Game Night, Fifth Quarter, Bible studies, Men's Breakfast, the Sportsmen's Dinner, Him We Proclaim Women's Conference, the Simeon Trust Workshop for Biblical Exposition, our Christmas Women's Brunch, Moms with Littles, OASIS, and the Converge MidAtlantic United Conference. Some events brought energy and connection, while others created intentional space for deeper growth, learning, and encouragement. Each played an important role in what has been a full and fruitful year of ministry.





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