

# The Connected Life

Dear DFMC Family,

Every life eventually speaks the same small word: “**Oh.**” It’s the sound of loss, of longing, of questions we don’t know how to answer. Grief touches all of us—through death, disappointment, endings, and dreams that didn’t turn out the way we hoped. This Sunday we conclude *The Connected Life* with **Week 6: “OH — Connection Through Grieving.”**

Together we’ll look at **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**, discovering how Christian hope doesn’t remove grief, but reshapes it. Paul writes that we do not grieve *like those who have no hope*. We’ll explore:

- The difference between grieving **with hope** and grieving **without hope**.
- How Jesus’ death and resurrection change the way we face loss
- Why grief can connect us more deeply to God and to one another.
- Simple practice for walking through sorrow without walking alone.

This will be a tender, honest Sunday—one for anyone carrying a quiet ache, missing someone they love, or wondering how faith speaks into real pain. You’ll also receive the final keychain for your series carabiner as we complete this journey of building a connected life—together. We hope you’ll join us at **10:30am** to close this series in a spirit of compassion, hope, and presence.

Grace and peace,  
**Pastor Shane**  
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PS - Please arrive early (9:15am) to enjoy some yummy food at the **SCOUTS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**. It’s free and fun - and you can meet a few of the leaders that help guide Scout Troop as they say, “Thank you” to DFMC with pancakes.