



THE ENCOURAGER

Wednesday Services Resume

January 22, 2014 OCC Sanctuary 7–8 pm

by Martin Wright

Beginning Wednesday night January 22, OCC will launch a five week study entitled *god's at war*. The study challenges us with the thought that much of the sin in our lives is actually grounded in the sin of idolatry. While we might not see many "graven images" in our world today, there are still countless gods passionately at war for the throne of our hearts.

When we put the wrong god on the throne, our lives are thrown into chaos and instead of discovering freedom from sin, we find ourselves living in bondage.

While there are many gods at war for our hearts, our study will focus on five in particular: gods of pleasure, love, money, power and the god of me. As we come to recognize the areas of

misplaced worship in our lives we will also discover that when Jesus is enthroned in our hearts we experience true freedom, lasting peace, real life.

gods
at
war

This study is perfect for mature teens and adults. We encourage our members to make it a priority to attend all five weeks of our study.

Ministry Luncheon

A special Ministry Leaders' luncheon will be held Sunday, January 5 immediately following the morning message. Hosted by the OCC

Elders, this luncheon will provide an opportunity for the 2014 Ministry Budget Requests to be reviewed. This meeting also provides an

opportunity for all of our ministry leaders to share their visions, hopes and dreams with one another.



Happy
New Year
2014

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We Bought a House



OCC is pleased to announce that the purchase of the house and property just east of the church is com-

plete. The property includes the house and back yard adjacent to the church property as well as its garage and

driveway. Currently, plans are to do renovation updates in preparation for rental status.



Pre School News

Sherry Yeaton

Pre School had a great first semester! We are excited to meet a new Pre K student when school resumes January 6, 2014. Please continue to pray for our staff, students and Pre School families. Lots of fun and learning going on for both Pre School Pre K.



Yearly Offering Envelopes

Yearly tithe envelopes are now available for pick-up at the Life Center. If you currently don't have envelopes and would like them, please contact the office @ 342-6907.

Jesus Jam in January

from Mark & Sherry Yeaton

Jesus Jam's first semester was a great one for our High School and Jr. High students.

We are really looking forward to our second semester. Here are some of the events scheduled for Jan. & Feb.:

Convention) the 2nd weekend in January

Jr High (multi church) retreat at Hilltop Jan. 31 & Feb 1

High School Retreat Feb 1 & 2

We are also super excited to have the Pregnancy Care Center of Columbus with us for the first weeks to present *Transformed*. To register for this free event please contact

Sherry Yeaton 812.764.2967. A parent meeting about this program is scheduled for Jan. 9th at 7 pm at OCC.

I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching.

Proverbs 4:2

TCTC (Tennessee Christian Teen



That Special Time of the Day

by Kathy Bradley

There is a morning ritual I dearly love that involves sipping a cup of tea, working a crossword puzzle, and watching the birds at the feeder outside my window – all from the vantage point of my kitchen table – with a nice rainstorm is an occasional added bonus. When I can indulge in this experience, all is right with the world. Until the interruption.

First let me distinguish from the noisy annoying interruptions like doors slamming or the dog wanting out, then in, then out, then... Those are of the devil, I'm sure. This one, however, is more quiet and less demanding of my attention, yet persuasive in its subtlety. The experience is very like the sunlight shining through the headpiece of the



Staff of Ra indicating the location of the Well of the Souls, Indiana Jones and the Ark of the Covenant, for it only

occurs at a certain time of day, for only a few minutes, and under the perfect circumstances. It is when the light shines

through my window from the east, illuminating the kitchen in such a way that I can see – wait for it, wait for it – every dust bunny on the kitchen floor.

Now the choice is mine. Do I get up and clean, or continue on in crossword heaven? The little fuzzies bother me and I know that once the angle of light changes they will fade away into the background, lost until the next shining moment, and who knows when that will be?

Sometimes – no, wait – many times when I read God's Word He shows me things to clean up, things a bit more significant than a little dirt on the floor. His light penetrates into the corners and crevices at the perfect time, and who knows how long it will remain? Who knows when it will come again?

"But Father, I really don't want to do it now. Can't it wait?"

The thing is, if I don't do it now, there will just be more accumulation the next time the light comes around, if it even does. For though I like to assume there will be one more opportunity – well, there's always a last time for everything.

"Look, here it is again. Look at all those dust bunnies!!!"

"Oh all right, I'll go sweep the floor."



Hilltop Polar Plunge.....brrrrrrrrr.....

Hilltop Christian Camp will host a *Polar Plunge* on Jan. 26th at 3:30 pm. The money raised through this event will replace Hilltop's kitchen floor. OCC's very own Mark Yeaton has taken the challenge to be our "plunger."

Mark would like to raise a minimum of \$300 dollars to do this feat of bravery! You

may contact Mark at 812.764.2968 if you would like make a contribution to this very worthy cause. The day's events includes the polar plunge, chili supper, worship and short devotion. Please plan to attend to enjoy the festivities and see how beautiful Hilltop looks in the winter months.





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birthdays &
January
anniversaries

JANUARY

EVENTS

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Alan Murphy
Madelynn Emily
Zech & Julie Riggs* | 14 Ruby Hale
Angela Lee
Barbara Burkman
Logan Smith
Don Williams |
| 4 Sandy Johnson | 15 Jonathan Foust |
| 5 Linda Emily | 18 Brian Wichman |
| 6 Mona Peterson
Chuck Fleetwood | 22 Thom Barnett |
| 7 George Meek | 27 Lexi Stadler
David & Julie Petro* |
| 8 Abigail Folz
Brad Ostrander | 28 Greg & Betsy Hundley* |
| 9 Becki Meek | 30 Sharon Kropack
Jaleb Buck
Abbigale Humbel |
| 10 Hayden Johns
Brooke Mouser | 31 Sylvina Hornback |
| 11 Kyla Jones
Ashlyn Perry
Liza Newman
Sydney Lewis | |

- Jan. 5 Donut Sunday
- Jan. 5 Ministry Leaders Luncheon
- Jan. 22 gods @ war study
- Jan. 26 Mark @ Hilltop's Polar Plunge

We Exist to
...celebrate God's Presence through Worship. (Jn 4:23-24)
...communicate God's Word through Evangelism. (Rom 10:13)
...demonstrate God's Love through Ministry. (Jn 13:35)
...educate God's People through Discipleship. (Eph 4:11-13)
...unite God's People through Fellowship. (1 Jn 1:3)