



the end of me

"What does it mean to die to yourself?" It's a perplexing question isn't it. For four weeks, beginning in February, OCC will examine Jesus's Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and unpack this and many other counterintuitive truths and paradoxical principles Jesus taught. OCC minister Marty Wright will challenge us through four inspiring messages aimed at helping us discover Jesus in our lives in new and powerful ways. The sermon series will be based on Kyle Idleman's new book, "THE END OF ME." It will run from February 12 through March 5. Think of Jesus' words in John 3:30...

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

We will also be launching fourteen 4-week in-home

New Sermon Series and Study

small group studies to accompany this 4 sermon series. These groups will also meet weekly during the same time frame. Groups are designed to take us even deeper into this powerful spiritual concept. Together we will explore the upside-down ways of Jesus and discover why Jesus said, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." Around a dozen homes are being opened on different nights of the week to host these groups. Sign-up for groups began this past Sunday, January 29th. We want to make sure the groups best matches your geographical area and/or preferred meeting day. Additional host

Begins February 12

homes and discussion facilitators would be very appreciated. So, please call the OCC office, 342-6907 or email occsecretary@comcast.net to sign-up, join a group, offer your home, and/or leadership for an additional in-home group.

For those of you that have agreed to lead an in home study, we will be hosting a luncheon and run through of the first lesson on February 5th following the 10:30am service. If you are unable to attend please contact the office so we can make arrangements to get your materials to you.

Polar Plunge Pledge

Zech Riggs

It has been a little over two years since I took the quick dip into some icy cold waters for Hilltop Polar Plunge but the time has come that I must once again don the cape and cowl and take the dive into the refreshingly brisk waters at the lake on the hill.

In order to take the jump, I need your help to reach

my goal of \$1,000. Ironically, I am taking a cold bath in order to help raise funds for air conditioning! All proceeds raised during this event will go towards the \$45,000 goal of the camp to install air conditioning units for the camper dorms. Many of you understand just what a blessing this will be as several people, such as myself, remember some

very humid summer nights. This new addition will be sure to assist those who have summer allergies as well as give many campers a restful nights sleep in preparation for each new fun-filled day when they awake. Please consider sponsoring me or someone else that you know who is taking the plunge!

OCC Launching “Celebrate Recovery”

Charlotte Moss

What does recovery from addiction mean? There is no clear answer that will be the right one for everyone. There is not a definition on addiction that all people will agree on so, how can recovery be defined? I know that many people in our congregation suffer from many issues. Some people have substance abuse issues, eating disorders, mental health issues, sexual addictions, and the list goes on and on. People can be addicted to food, gambling, nicotine, caffeine, pornography, marijuana, even prescription medications. Addictions come in many forms.

When the OCC Addiction Outreach Team was developed and a plan began to unfold, we decided we needed to address so many topics that the best approach was to begin a Celebrate Recovery meeting for our com-

munity. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered program with foundations firmly established in Biblical truth. The 12 Steps with accompanying Scriptures and the 8 Principles based on the Beatitudes offer participants a clear path towards Christ and discipleship. Celebrate Recovery embraces the reality that the true Higher Power--Jesus Christ--brings hope, freedom, sobriety, healing, and opportunity into our lives.

Celebrate recovery utilizes Biblical teachings and truth to help people with hurts, habits and hang ups. This allows people with grief, shame, co-dependency, addictions, or anything that is controlling their lives in a destructive manner to make changes and offers these individuals support from a group of people that also are dealing with similar issues. Celebrate Recovery is not a

counseling program and it is not an answer to all that our community needs, but it is and will be a great support and a hand up to many in our area who are suffering in their addictions.

We have completed necessary steps to have our church listed as a state meeting and will comply with guidelines of the Celebrate Recovery program. Meetings will be open to the public Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the OCC Café starting March 7, 2017. The OCC Addiction Outreach Team will continue to encourage our congregation and community to recognize the person beside you may be suffering in silence and it is not necessary to do that any longer.

--Charlotte Moss,
Ministry leader for OCC
Addiction Outreach Team



Sunday Morning Education News...

Virgil Clotfelter

One aspect of the Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant programs is that your proposed program can include special events for the pastor's church during his Sabbatical absence. I am pleased to announce two very special and relevant Christian Education classes that will take place while I'm away. Both classes will allow us to focus on our unique IDENTITY in Christ. I encourage you to plan to attend both electives.

1. **CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW** is a 6-week elective to be taught by one of our area pastors, Al White. The probable dates are August 6—September 10. Synopsis: As believers, we look at the world in a far different way

than non-believers. This biblical, faith based perspective affects every aspect of life and it is very important we know WHO we are, WHAT we believe, WHY we think the way we do, and HOW we apply this unique and spiritual outlook to all things. It's a valuable and important subject to discuss and study.

2. **RESTORATION MOVEMENT HISTORY AND PRINCIPLES** is a 5-week elective to be taught by Cincinnati Christian University Professor, Dr. Jim North. It will meet October 15—November 12. Synopsis: OCC traces its heritage to a spiritual awakening movement of the American frontier that came to the

forefront in the early 1800's. It is a movement with a fascinating history and it built primarily on the eternal goal of the unity of all believers under the authority of the Scripture. Dr. North is an amazing teacher who has a gift of making church and R. M. history come alive.

FYI: Both our current Sunday morning Christian Education electives will continue throughout the month of February. Both meet in the OCC Café.

9:00 AM—**1 & 2 Peter** with Nelson Lee. Bring Bible.

10:30 AM—Dave Ramsey's helpful **“Financial Peace University”** being led by Tony & Kelly Strahl.

Super Bowl Time

Zech Riggs

It's that time of year again when two conference champions come forward to go head to head in one of the largest televised events in history; the Super Bowl.

We invite you to be a part of the festivities as we enjoy food, fun, football, and fellowship. The party begins at 6:30 pm during kick

off followed by a halftime devotion led by Marty Wright accompanied with communion and the end game finishing between 9:30 and 10:00 pm.

We ask that all those interested in attending please bring a snack to share and a two-liter soda/juice of your choice. See you there!



Jesus Jam Happenings...

Mark & Sherry

Many thanks for all who made Jesus Jam great the first semester. We meet each Thursday evening for an hour and a half to dive into God's word to learn truth, strengthen our walk with God and our own faith story. We enjoyed Christmas caroling and a Christmas party, however, one of our stand out events was cooking and serving at the Salvation Army's hot meal site. Our students led worship and devotion, served the meal, chatted with guests and cleaned up afterwards. We are always given such positive feed back from the community about the way the kids love others and conduct them-

selves. They even took an extra pan of lasagna to the fire station located in East Columbus. Second semester kicked off with a great trip to the *Tennessee Christian Teen Convention*.

We have also started a new study on the Life of Christ, starting



with Old Testament prophecies about His coming. Everyone is looking forward to this study and many activities. This year, Jesus Jam will be attending the Hilltop Winter Retreat, Pacers Friends and Family Night, Indians game and once again, serving at the Salvation hot meal site. If you are (or have) a 7th-12th grader, we would love to have you join us on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm. Second semester schedules can be found in the acrylic wall unit near Life Center. For questions or information contact Mark 812-764-2968 or Sherry Yeaton 812-764-2967. Be Blessed!

Pre School Update

Sherry Yeaton

What a wonderful first semester we had! Both Pre School and Pre K went on field trips, hosted our grandparents for a special evening, and learned two programs worth of songs. The children performed their Christmas program for family and friends and had a fun time at our annual Christmas party. Students have made many friends, grown socially, spiritually and academically. They are all making good strides in school work and are

continue to be excited about learning. Pre K started Math this semester and Pre School has started writing. First semester, we started with the Creation story and carried on through the excitement of the Old Testament. At Christmas time, the children spent three weeks learning about the stories of Jesus' birth. Second semester, we started off with Anna and Simeon awaiting their meeting with Jesus and will study through the adventures of the

New Testament with special attention brought to the Easter Story and The Miracles of Jesus. It is such a humbling pleasure to watch the boys and girls grow in strength and confidence in all areas. Please continue to pray for our students and staff. We are currently enrolling through 2020. You may call the Pre School at the church office number if you have a child you would like to enroll 812-342-6907.

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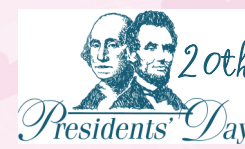
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*A woman's heart should be so lost in God,
that a man must seek Him in order to find
her.*

C.S. Lewis

♥ anniversaries & birthdays

february



Breaking Bread Ministry's
Hot Meal, February 11th,
11:30am. Don't forget to
put out your sign!

Men's Fellowship Break-
fast, Saturday, February
18th, 7am.

- 3 Bobby & Elizabeth Lockherd ♥
- 4 Darrell Lucas
- 5 Rick Hatchett
- 6 Shawn Fields
- Lucky Jenkins
- 7 Morris Bolin
- Harold Hutchinson
- 8 Logan Bacon
- Nathan & Jeannie Long ♥
- 9 Bill Allen
- Olivia Fuel
- Cheryl Jenkins
- 10 John Britton
- Fred King
- Darrell & Mary Lucas ♥

- 11 Janie Faulkner
- Scarlett Pruitt
- 12 Myra Hurt
- 13 Judy Kirby
- Charlotte Moss
- Grace Mullins
- 14 Jerry Bruner
- Eric Carlson
- Joseph Miller
- Willard & Peggy Smith
- 16 Nancy Lee
- Garrett Long
- John & Susan Hundley ♥
- 17 Susan G. Hundley
- 18 Mark Yeaton

- 21 Jeff & Marcia Potts ♥
- Josh & Jessy Meek ♥
- 24 Brianna Barriger
- Jaleigh Buck
- 25 Paige Britton
- Brian & Cathy Wichman ♥
- 26 David Foust
- Joe Harman
- Tony Strahl
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