

# 40 Day Journey to the Cross

For several years we have encouraged our people to participate in a very special devotional walk through our building in preparation for Easter. This year we are asking you to participate in a different form of Easter preparation by joining us on a forty day "Journey to the Cross." Our journey will utilize daily devo-

tions and questions for reflection aimed at helping us fully engage this important Christian season.

"Journey to the Cross" reading guides are available at the life center now. Our readings begin March 5th and continue through Saturday, April 19th. As we read, we will engage

a series of passages highlighting God's redemptive plan for the sacrificial death of Jesus, the Messiah, culminating in the passion narrative of Matthew. We hope all of our members will consider participating in this important season of prayer, sacrifice, Bible study and reflection.



## Bucket Gardens: Simple Idea, Big Impact

By Martin Wright

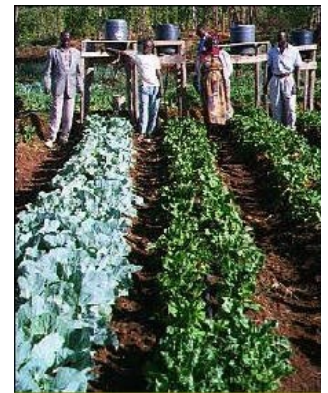


I recently had an opportunity to dialogue with some amazing individuals who had gathered in Haiti, in part for the purpose of championing sustainable, "small scale" gardens as a possible means by which the "worlds hungry" might be able to feed themselves. The concept and story of "Bucket Gardens" was new to me, as was the remarkable story of Dick Chapin, the "father of drip

irrigation." I will share much more about both during my sermon on March 16th, but for now I simply want to pique your curiosity about a simple and inexpensive means of gardening that may very well prove to be a significant part of the solution in dealing with the crisis of global hunger.

I also want to begin preparing the soil of our hearts for the message that day—for I believe our humble congregation has a part to play in God's strategy to address some of the greatest challenges facing our world! In a fashion true to everything we have read in God's story over these past three months, it is just

like God to solve a difficult challenge with a simple idea, and to use ordinary people like us to do something extraordinary. I hope you will join me March 16th for a very special sermon and a very unique invitation to change the world by offering the "Living Water" and the "Bread of Life."



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# God of Judgment: Part 1

by Zech Riggs

In the past several weeks of our journey through God's story, we have witnessed God's judgment on His people consumed with idolatry. We knew this judgment was inevitable based on their blatant lack of focus on God and His commandments, yet we still feel deep sadness just as Jeremiah did when the people were led into captivity and the city destroyed. This prompts the question that so many of us, and even myself, have asked in the past, "How can a God of love be also a God filled with wrath and anger?" If He is loving and perfect, he should forgive and accept everyone and not get angry, right? But we must consider a

couple things first. If you love a person, and you see someone ruining them—even they themselves—you get angry. We as loving people are sometimes filled with wrath because of our love in this regard. Becky Pippet puts it very well in her book *Hope has Its Reasons*: "Think how we feel when we see someone we love ravaged by unwise actions or relationships. Do we respond with benign tolerance as we might toward strangers? Far from it...Anger isn't the opposite of love. Hate is, and the final form of hate is indifference...God's wrath is not a cranky explosion, but His settled opposition to the cancer...which is eating out the

insides of the human race. He loves with His whole being." The Bible agrees with this! Psalm 145:17 and 20 state, "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his deeds. The Lord keeps all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy." God is angry at the evil and the injustice in His world because it is destroying the peace and integrity that He wants. God is jealous for our love and desperately wants us to come home but we must also understand that there are always consequences for our actions. With discipline though, we have a chance to grow much stronger.



## Jesus Jam Reports!

from Mark and Sherry

## Pre School News

from Sherry

**Camp Ready**—Recently got to worship and fellowship with the students at the Nashville Christian

**7th - 12th  
grade students,  
come join us on  
Thursdays from  
7-8:30 pm in  
the OCC Café**

Church. We know it is only March, but we are gearing up for Hilltop Christian Camp. Go online and register early. Remember beds fill up fast for High School Week (June 22-27). Both Jr. High options are great!

**Confidence**—In March, Jesus Jam will be studying, Developing Christian Confidence and Reflecting Christ to Peers. If you do not have a copy of the 2nd semester calendar, please contact Sherry Yeaton (764-2967).

**Jesus Jam Pizza Fundraiser**—Orders will be place on Feb. 23rd through March 2nd. Pizzas will be made fresh and ready for pick up on March 9th after church. Baked goods will also be available for a donation to the youth. Order lots of pizzas and plan an OCC party on March 9th!

## Men's Softball

It's time to sign-up for men's softball! You must be at least 15 years old and a one-time \$10 player fee is due before the season starts. Games are played on Friday nights at County stadium beginning in May. We will have 2 teams if enough players sign up. Sign-up sheets are in the Life Center. Questions: contact George or Becki Meek at 812-603-4786.

Those silly snow days have been cramping our style, but we have pushed through and are right on schedule with our curriculum. The Blue Birds had a field to the dentist to wrap up dental health month and the Red Birds are looking forward to a field trip to the Kid's Commons for a Science lesson and a morning of hands on exploring. The Blue Birds will have two snow make up days on March 25th and 27th. We have two openings in the Blue Bird (T/TH) program for Fall. Contact Sherry Yeaton for information (342-6907 Ext.1).



# The Art of Marriage

Bob and Conetta Casey

Marriage, the way God intended it to be, is a true art form. That's why for more than 35 years, FamilyLife has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. The Art of Marriage video event weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design.

The Art of Marriage consists of six video sessions and an accompanying manual that provides couples with projects to help apply the principles taught during each session. The manual is also designed for couples to use after the event by offering articles, date night ideas, and useful tips for continuing to strengthen their marriage. Led by Bob and Conetta Casey, The Art of Marriage equips people with a passion for

building godly marriages to reach thousands of couples at any time, any place.

Register in the Life Center by March 9th. Sessions @ OCC start Friday, March 14th 6:30—9:30pm, thru Saturday, March 15th 8:30am—6pm. Cost is \$35.00 per couple. Already taken the class but want a refresher? Bring your workbook and attend at no cost. Contact Bob Casey for information @ 812-447-8380.



## Couponing Class

OCC will have a special guest speaker on March 4th at noon and March 11th at 7 p.m. to teach the art of couponing and saving money! If you attend on March 4th, please feel free to bring your lunch. The special speaker is Lindsay Chaplin. We are hoping those enrolled in Financial Peace and anyone else interested in saving money will attend. The class will be held in the Cafe'. Lindsay will speak, do coupon giveaways and have easy to follow handouts.

## Hilltop Kids Retreat Rescheduled...

worship led by Betsy Hundley

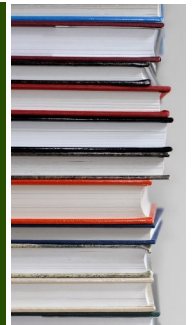
15 kids from OCC are signed up to attend the Hilltop Kids Retreat. Previously scheduled for February 14-15, the retreat has now been rescheduled for March 7-8. If you are in grades 3 through 6 and have not yet signed up for the retreat, there's still time! Cost is just \$15 and registration forms are available at the Life Center and in KidZone. If you have any questions, talk to Betsy Hundley who will also attend and lead worship at the retreat.

## New Bible Study/Small Group

Plans are in the works for a new small group Bible study that is scheduled to begin Saturday, March 15th. This study will be hosted at the home of Susan G. Hundley and led by Bob Casey. Contact Bob at 812-447-8380 to join. All are welcome in this co-adult study. Come and see where God will lead us. (Time to be announced.)

### OCC Bible Studies & Education Opportunities

Sun. 9-10 am Men, Women, Co-Adult & Children OCC  
Sun. 10-11:30 am Children's Worship  
Mon. 7-8:30 pm Common Grounds Riggs home  
Tues. 9-11:30 am Ladies OCC cafe  
Tues. 6:30-8:30 pm Ladies B.Stoner home  
Wed. 9:30-11:30 am Ladies OCC Café Conference Rm  
Wed. 7:00 pm CoAdult OCC Café' led by Nelson Lee  
Thurs. 7-8:30 pm Jesus Jam/teens OCC cafe  
Thurs. 7-8:30 pm B.L.A.S.T. Preteen OCC cafe  
Sat. TIME TBA Co-Adult SG.Hundley home



## Cookbook Sales Report

from the cookbook committee

In 2013, OCC established a short-term cookbook committee dedicated to organizing, assembling, publishing and selling an anniversary edition cookbook for the purpose of contributing funds to our CFC Technical Grant. During their endeavor, the team created and purchased 425 cookbooks from a publisher of their choice and have currently sold 337. What a wonderful accomplishment! And, there is more to be accomplished; the committee still has 86 cookbooks left to sell for the benefit of the CFC Tech Grant in 2014. The 125th Anniversary Edition Cookbook is a great addition to anyone's kitchen and is available for \$15. Contact the office for inquiries or to make a purchase.



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*May you have:  
A world of wishes at your command.  
God and his angels close to hand.  
Friends and family their love impart,  
and Irish blessings in your heart!*

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**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)

Identify the book in the Bible where these commonly used phrases originated...Answers on bottom of page

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. The skin of my teeth     | 4. Holier than thou                |
| 2. Wolf in sheep's clothing | 5. Woe is me!                      |
| 3. Salt of the earth        | 6. Can a leopard change his spots? |
|                             | 7. A drop in the bucket            |



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| 1 Michelle Wells<br>Eric & Amanda Kerkhof*<br>Joyce Davis                    | 14 Alexa Whipker<br>Danny Fisher   |
| 2 Dustin Jenkins   | 16 Floyd & Ruby Hale*  |
| 3 Charlotte Roller<br>Della-Ray Humbel<br>Noah Wichman<br>Larcus & Kay Cobb* | 22 Robert Kirby<br>Jacob Schwein   |
| 4 Greg Hundley<br>Wilma Swengel<br>Derek Mullins                             | 23 Denny Dorsett<br>Betsy Hundley<br>Daphne May                            |
| 6 Duane Holwager<br>October Thomas   | 24 Jeremy Wells<br>Norman Love<br>Tina Peters                              |
| 7 Marijane Love<br>Dave & Jeanna Fredericksen*                               | 25 George & Becki Meek*<br>Julie Riggs                                     |
| 9 Rylie Day<br>Chrissi Hodapp  | 28 Barbara May<br>Troy Peters<br>Samantha Helwig<br>Jim & Nadine Campbell* |
| 13 Emmah Horne   | 29 Emma Folz   |

- ◇ 3.1 B.L.A.S.T. Lock-in pick up
- ◇ 3.2 Breakfast 9:30-9:50 am
- ◇ 3.9 Daylight Savings Begins
- ◇ 3.14-15 Art of Marriage
- ◇ 3.15 Men's breakfast 7:00 am
- ◇ 3.15 Small Grp Bible Stdy begins
- ◇ 3.29 Hilltop workday



**NEW MEMBERS:**  
**Doris Johnson**

Answers:  
1. Job 19:20 2. Mt 7:15, 3. Mt 5:13, 4. 1st 65:5, 5. 1st 6:5, 6. Jer 13:23, 7. 1st 40:15