

ENCOURAGER



August Calendar

Events:

- 6th BLAST Splash Party
- 7th Donut Sunday 9:30-9:50
- Vision Cast 9:10am
- 13th Free Hot Meal 11:30-12:30
- 14th Family Reunion, Hilltop
- PreSchool Family Day
- 27th Putt Away Golf Scramble

Baptized

Bella Fredericksen
Caylee Brown

CDF...Helping Churches Grow

Zech Riggs

In just a few weeks, the Church Development Fund (www.cdfonline.org/church) will make a special presentation to us about how it helps churches grow, and how we can join in its eternal work to impact lives. From the beginning, CDF's goal has been to remove obstacles that prevent church growth. And it's done a great job of it. CDF has helped more than 900 churches finance \$1.6 billion for remodeling and expansion projects. But the construction work is just a small piece of the CDF pie. CDF is known for its creative problem solv-

ing and innovative ideas for financing and construction, but they're also known for providing Christ-followers with the opportunity to help churches revolutionize communities, all while earning financial rewards. CDF is having real kingdom impact across the U.S., even in places where the church has all but died.

So, this will be an encouraging time as we hear about how CDF is helping churches grow, but more importantly, how each of us can get involved in that work. There are lots of places and ways we

can invest our money, and even in today's economy, get a decent return. But, there are very few opportunities for those investments to directly impact the expansion of God's Kingdom. It's a win-win for every believer who decides to partner with CDF. But the real stories of changed lives tell it best. Over the next few weeks, we'll share some of those with you, and CDF will have many more when they visit us first on August 7th at 11:30am in the Café. We hope you'll make it a priority to be there.

Vision Cast

Coming August 7,14,21 & 28 @ 9:10am

Martin Wright

Proverbs 29:18 is clear that without vision, disaster awaits. Vision Cast is an opportunity for our church elders and ministers to share a picture of where our church has been in the past, where we are today and, most importantly, where we sense God's leading us as we move toward the future. With this in mind we, cordially invite and strongly en-

courage all OCC attendees high school age through adult to attend all 4 sessions of this Vision Cast event led by our OCC elders and ministers. This event is so important that we are cancelling all adult and teen Sunday School classes during the month to encourage all teens and adults to attend. Furthermore, we are placing this event be-

tween our existing services in hopes that all of our congregation will have an opportunity to join us regardless of their service preferences. So, please join me in praying for our elders and leaders as they prepare for this important Vision Cast event and clear your schedule to attend.

Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction. Proverbs 29:18

What is an Act of Worship

Betsy Hundley

In *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren called surrender the heart of worship. "True worship--bringing God pleasure--happens when you give yourself completely to God," he said. I agree. Although actions can be a part of worship, it has much more to do with your perspective than what you are actually doing.

First, anything you do--that you've surrendered to his truth--can be an act of worship. That means anything from sharing your faith to playing with your children to enjoying your favorite movie can be an act of worship if you are living in total surrender to God.

Music can be an act of worship--but it doesn't have to be. When we roll into church on Sunday morning and sing a song just to check off another item on our to-do list, that's not worship. It's just

singing. On the other hand, taking a nap--when we've surrendered control over all of the unmanageable events of life, when we've relaxed into the all-powerful hands of our Lord--can be a powerful statement of worship, particularly in a world that constantly relates busyness to value.

Further, obedience is an act of worship. One of the Hebrew words for "worship" is *abad*, which refers to working or serving as when a slave serves a master. Worship in scripture tied closely to that concept. To worship God is to do what he asks of us. Yet unlike slaves, we serve our Master out of gratitude and love.

Finally, surrender is an act of worship. It's worship when we surrender our own misguided ideas about our purpose and instead accept God's

vision of what we were made for. Worship is the beginning, middle, and the culmination of the purpose-driven life. When we surrender our lives to the care of our spiritual family, the Church, when we make decisions that reveal how we are becoming more like Jesus, when we use our S.H.A.P.E.--Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences--to serve others, and when we tell others what God has done in our lives, we are worshipping.

Want to worship God? Live your life as God intended you to live it. Give up your plan and accept his. That means giving to God the ultimate act of worship--the surrender of your life to his purposes (Romans 12:1).

Excerpt from "The Worship Answer Handbook" by Rick Muchow

New Ladies Bible Study Thursday Mornings

Kathleen Schwein

Our recent "Sold Out" series has encouraged us to crave God's Word and put aside ourselves in search of the spiritual maturity we can only receive from intentional time with God. In light of this truth, OCC is offering a new ladies Bible study this September.

Our study will be the book of Ephesians. This book begins by revealing the infinite love of God and the great

gifts He has bestowed upon us. Paul, the author, encourages us to respond to the love we've received and explains what our response to God should look like.

This verse-by-verse study from the "Life Change Series" will examine the purpose of the church, unity and spiritual growth as well as directives for

practical matters of the Christian life, such as family life, conduct and work.

Class begins Thursday, September 1st from 9:30-11:30am. Childcare will be offered so please let us know if you are in need. Sign-up at the Life Center (deadline August 14th; cost \$7.00) or contact Kathleen Schwein at 812-344-0810 for details.

OCC Family Reunion at Hilltop Camp

Come one, come all. The beloved OCC tradition returns...What used to be an OCC monthly summer activity will be renewed at Hilltop Camp Sunday evening, August 14th from 5:00pm 'til 8:00pm (or even later if you wish).

Hilltop will provide buns, hot dogs to roast and table service. Guests are asked to provide the following items: your own lawn chair, guys bring snacks such as cookies, chips, etc. and gals, drinks such as 2 liter soda.

You may also want to bring swimwear, towels, and play gear as the pool, giant swing and other activities will be available.

It's time to enjoy fellowship, fun, food, frolic, family, and friends!!!



Pre School Family Day @10:00am service

Sunday, August 21 will be a very important day at OCC as we honor and welcome all of our new and returning pre-school students and their families. The Ogilville Christian Church pre-

school, under the direction of our own Sherry Yeaton, provides an important ministry to the Ogilville community. The pre-school has an excellent reputation and typically fills up

months even years ahead of a starting class. On August 21 we will host a special event during our 10:00am service, followed by a cupcake reception in the OCC Fellowship Hall.

The Aruna Project

Aruna = Hindi for 'Bright Morning Sun'

article includes graphic content

Commercial Sexual Exploitation is a complex global issue affecting virtually every nation on earth. It is driven by numerous factors: violence, poverty, corruption, gender bias and limited education, to name a few. For example, when those factors converge, the results can be seen in one of the largest red light areas in South Asia. It's name literally means "a place of pleasure" and it spreads over a number of city blocks keeping an estimated 15,000 women and girls languishing within the sex industry. Brutalized night after night, many of the exploited share a common belief: the only way out from this place is death.

Through a relationally driven effort, the Aruna Project exists to bring and sustain freedom to those exploited in the brothel system through employment marked by holistic care. By mobilizing thousands to take part in Aruna Runs across the US, we can bring freedom to the enslaved. By offering

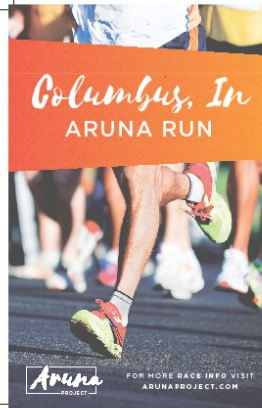
employment to those who have stepped into freedom, we can sustain their freedom and restore the liberating power of choice.

Ogilville Christian Church's Team Aruna has chosen this project as one of our 2016 initiatives to support and bring awareness to this ever systemic problem. We want to bring to light an issue that may seem very distant in relation to other common community issues, but one that may be ever present and unbeknownst to us. Think about this issue the next time you hear of women or children missing.

Our goal is to support a 5K Run/Walk community event that will bring awareness to this issue and that each

and every member of our church family, friends and people we connect with in our community will set aside this date and time on their calendar to become registered walkers or support one of the many registered walkers. Our aim is to have well over 500 walkers/runners attending, at what we hope will be, an annual event.

We have achieved support from the state of Indiana, by it's listing as an Indiana Bicentennial event; so, we need your support in making this event something that will be well attended and publicized.



Aruna 5K Run/Walk will take place Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 5:30pm in Mill Race Park. More details will follow in the next addition of the "Encourager".

Putt Away Addictions



Don't forget to mark your calendars for August 27th at 9am. That is the date and time for the Ogilville Christian Church and Ogilville United Methodist Church co-sponsored Putt Away Addictions Golf Scramble. The golf scramble will be held at St. Anne's Golf Course (360 E. County Road 350 N.) in North Vernon. If you would like to play, we are asking \$50 per player and lunch is provided! If golf is just not

your thing, we still welcome donations of all amounts and if your company or business would like to be featured as a sponsor, we are asking for \$50 hole sponsorships. Registration begins at 8am with a shotgun start at 9am. All the proceeds will benefit the Ogilville Christian Church Addiction Recovery team as we partner with Ogilville United Methodist Church to start a much needed Cel-

ebate Recovery Ministry in our community. Will you help be a part of the future health of our community?

If you would like to register to play, sponsor a hole, or just donate to the cause please contact Adam Otte at 812-498-3056 or the Ogilville Christian Church Office at 812-342-6907.

BLAST!! Splash Away

Zech Riggs

Hey Parents!!! B.L.A.S.T. is excited to host another SPLASH PARTY again this year on August 6th from 2-4pm in the church parking lot! Last year was such a success and many of the kids have requested or asked when we were going to have another event like it so as a kickoff to the new school year,

we are going to go BIGGER and WETTER! We have a myriad of games picked out including water balloon fights and for the first time ever at OCC, SWIMMING POOL KICKBALL! They won't want to miss this event. Have your kids wear their swim suits and bring a change of clothes along

with their towels. It's looking like a hot remainder of the summer so what better way to celebrate than get drenched. See you all there and be on the lookout for a mailer reminding you of the event and of the upcoming B.L.A.S.T. kickoff starting in September.

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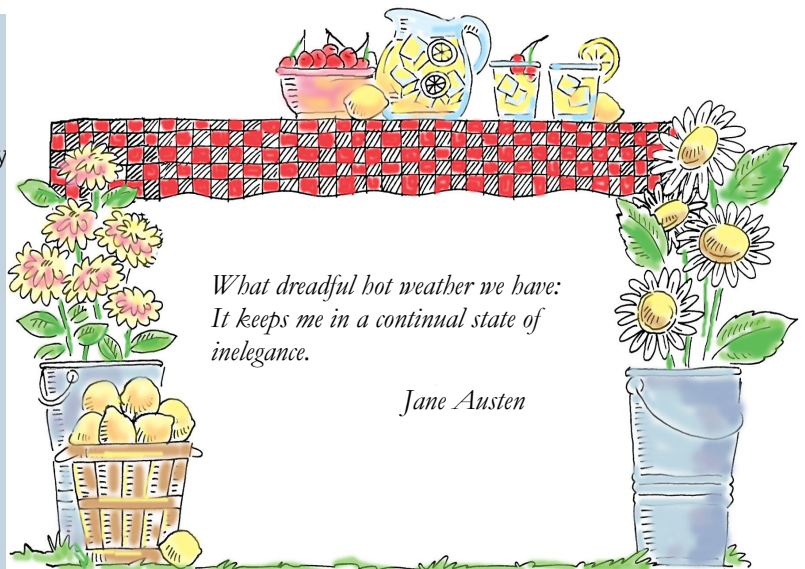
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birthdays

Chad Newman	August 1
Lela Foust	August 2
Julie Weaver	August 2
Marty Wright	August 2
Eddie Purnell	August 4
Locke Stadler	August 4
Debby Russell	August 8
Brian Lewis	August 9
Christian Taulbe	August 9
Leona Folz	August 10
Christian Fredericksen	August 10
Diane Bolin	August 14
Jerry Pardue	August 14
Vickie Fox	August 15
Jonah Wichman	August 15
Carolyn Pruitt	August 16
Cristina Holwager	August 17
Debbie Roettgen	August 19
Ameilia Bond	August 20
Wanda Johnson	August 21
Lukas Stadler	August 21
Shawna Whipker	August 24
Emily Surenkamp	August 25
Jeff Potts	August 27
Mary Helen Peterson	August 28
Alicia Mullins	August 30
Katie Bond	August 31
Mary Ellen Thomas	August 31



anniversaries

Matt & Gwen Bond	August 7
Bob & Judy Kirby	August 10
Gene & Janet Murphy	August 11
Ronnie & Carolyn Pruitt	August 17
Thom & Kim Barnett	August 18
Jerry & Julie Doty	August 24
Randy & Charlotte Moss	August 24
Kenneth & Terry Riley	August 31