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Making A Difference

by Martin Wright



This is a big deal and it is going to be an amazing day! Simply put, Sunday, October 19th could be a game changer for OCC and our community at large. It will be an unforgettable day for many reasons, not the least of which will be the unique preaching format as Zech Riggs,

Virgil Clotfelter, and Marty Wright will all three share the pulpit to deliver the message "You Can Make A Difference!" The service aims not only to inspire, but also to inform our members that making a difference isn't all about adding one more thing to our already busy lives, but rather it involves living with a new intentionality, purpose and direction. The four part series, "Make A Difference," continues through Sunday, November 9th. The campaign serves as a lead in to another hugely significant



event on Sunday, November 16th--our "FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR DAY."

A TWO PART SERMON OCTOBER 5 & 12

Battle Ready! Accessing the Full Armor of God

by Martin Wright

Do you ever feel worn down, tired, defeated or over-whelmed? Sometimes the cause is general fatigue, but their are other times when defeats come from a very different source. Battle

Ready is a two part sermon series aimed at bolstering our spirits and strengthening our position against our spiritual adversary and the cares of the world. We invite you to join us as we examine the resources God has given us to live victorious lives instead of defeated ones.











As a response to Martin Wright's most recent and just finished sermon series, "REALIGN," I, like I suspect many of you, was feeling the need for confession. It seems all to frequent a thing that I search my heart and life and see the damage and difficulty that being out of alignment with God brings my way. Those sermons certainly enhanced that process leading to the conclusion that repentance and rededication are a daily need in my life. Simply put, I get out of alignment too often. "Dear Lord, I admit this and ask your forgiveness and strength to do better."

Contrition (sorrow and remorse for my sin) is a biblical attitude and action. It was a large part of the preaching of the Old Testament prophets. It's just too bad that their message was so often ignored and God's people experienced God's wrath and punishment because they failed to repent. It was, likewise, the thesis for the message of John the Baptist and his work as the forerunner of Christ. Its importance and necessity was clearly required by Jesus himself as Luke 3:3, 5 succinctly states, "unless you repent, you will perish."

Early Restoration Movement pioneer preacher and scholar, J. W. McGarvey, provides us with this classic definition of true repentance. He says, "Repentance is a change of the will or mind caused by a sorrow for sin and leading to a reformation of life." Repentance that leads to a proper realignment of our lives, purpose, relation-

ships, and faith is much more than a mere feeling. It is action and behavior that matches the feeling of sorrow and remorse we feel when we become aware of our sin. Biblical repentance is not just being sorry about getting caught in our sin. Rather, it is a genuine sorrow and regret that we sinned and disappointed God, whether or not we are ever caught or discovered in our sin.

This is the idea of the Lord as the potter and we as the clay. May we be moldable. May we be ready and willing to see our sin and ask God to shape us His way. OCC family, let's sincerely repent, and take ourselves to the "shop" for a much needed realignment. That is God's specialty and He is able to accomplish it.

B.L.A.S.T.ing Off Another School Year

Zech and Julie Riggs

Well, we are a whole month back into the swing of BLAST again and we couldn't be more excited!! We are welcoming new faces and can't wait to see everyone grow over the new school year. New leaders are arising within our group and we see some great potential for them to help guide their peers as we continue to dig deeper in God's word.

With another new school year, we are also ushering in a new lesson series. Last year our big focus was on Jesus as our Superhero followed by the wonderful lesson series "What if Cartoons Got Saved?" This year, we are

refocusing and going back to the basics as we start "Getting Into the Bible!" In this series, we will pay special attention on how to get started in the Bible and what the Bible truly means for us as Christians. Some of the lessons for this year and some we have already covered include: "The Bible is Our Instruction Book for Life," "It's Easy to Find Things in the Bible," and "God Speaks Through the Bible." In the next month or so, we plan to start sending home Family Devotions with every student that reiterates what we just learned for that week.. This will present every parent or guardian with an oppor-

tunity to see exactly what is being learned every week and how they can help guide their child along in this journey of discovering God's word. This is something new but we are excited to see the potential this will have not only in the lives of the children but in the lives of the parents and guardians.

We thank everyone for the support they have given BLAST over the years and can't wait to see what God will accomplish in the lives of the students, leaders, and parents! See everyone from 2nd-6th grade on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm.

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Support OCC's Student Minister

Sunday, October 12th

OCC is pleased to announce that our own Zech Riggs will be presenting a message from the book of Revelation at 6:30pm on October 12th. The sermon meets a requirement for one of the seminary courses Zech is currently enrolled in. The evening represents a chance for our congregation to show its support and encouragement to Zech as he continues his journey through seminary preparing himself to join the OCC ministerial staff.



Jesus Jam Kicks Off With A Bang!

Jesus Jam had 36 in attendance on Kick Off Night. If you would like to join us this season, stop by the Life Center wall display and pick up your first semester packet. Join us Thursdays at 7!

Every spot has been filled for our Teen Christian Convention trip. We love that our students choose to spend time together learning and growing in Christ.

Instead of one extensive yearly food drive in November, we are now meeting the needs of the Salvation Army food pantry by the month. Thank you for cereal donations during September.....October's donations will be boxed dinners such as: mac/cheese, potato/rice, skillet meals, etc. Donations accepted through the end of this month.

Ministry Funding Forms Available Now

(Budget Worksheets)

As OCC moves into the last quarter of a busy and amazing year, ministry leaders are asked to turn their attention to planning for the needs of your ministry as it continues into 2015. The budgetary process our leaders utilize requires our ministry leaders prayerfully consider where God is leading their ministry and to share with elders the financial needs they foresee. Submitting a request is not a guarantee of funding but it serves as a strategic planning tool that helps our leadership team administer church funds as faithful stewards.

JJ was given a generous donation of boys clothing to use as a fund raiser. A 'table sale' will be held in the café October 2nd & 3rd from 8:30am — 3:30pm. Sizes range from NB — 7. Excellent condition and great prices!

And a big "Thank You" to all those who ordered pizzas during our fund raiser.

Mark and Sherry Yeaton

Light Up the Night

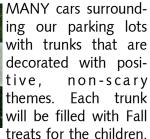
Trunk or Treat sponsored by Jesus Jam

On October 31st, our Jesus Jam

students will once again be coordinating a night of fun and festivities for our younger children. We are hosting Trunk or Treat, with the theme being **Light Up The**

Night. We want our corner to shine with the love and hope of

Jesus Christ. We want to have



Each trunk will have a poster with scripture about being light or **The**

Light. We will also have refreshments. Please plan to participate by being a trunk host, provide treats or food OR by bringing your sweet kiddos and your neighborhood kids to a fun Fall evening. The event times are 5:30 to 8:00pm. If you have questions or are willing to help, please call Sherry Yeaton @ 812-764-2967.





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