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# Making Room...

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...to bring others to Christ

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OCC will launch our third worship service beginning at 8:00am. The service is initiated lessen an overto crowded 10:00am service and create space for more people to discover Jesus and come into our OCC family. While the 10:00 service is likely to remain our largest service of the day, early survey responses indicate that between one forth and third of one our 10:00am attendees are planning to attend the earlier service. This will open a number of seats for visitors and future OCC attendees and should help us relieve at least some of the overcrowding we have

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been experiencing.

In order to help maximize the outreach and impact of all of our services, OCC will be engaging in a large scale advertising campaign in conjunction with the new service launch. You may hear us on the radio, see us in the newspaper, find our flyer in your mailbox, read us in your email, or even receive an invitation on your cell phone. Who knows where you will see advertising supporting the new OCC ministry opportunity. Yet as important a role as the advertising can play in announcing our new service, no amount of advertising can beat the power of conversations our members will have with there friends, co-workers, neighbors and relatives inviting them to attend a worship service at OCC.

OCC has been very faithful in the work of evangelism and God has richly blessed our efforts. We look forward to the blessings that will come as we make room for God to continue the great work He has begun in us. Please be praying for our congregation, leaders, those who serve, and for those who the Lord will lead to worship with us in the coming months.





### New Morning Schedule.. thoughts from Virgil Clotfelter

**Associate Minister** 

The decision has been made and the announcement has been shared--OCC will begin offering an additional morning worship service at 8:00am beginning October 11, 2015. I'd like to address this change and encourage everyone's support and continued prayers. This plan began as a unanimous and harmonious agreement among the entire leadership team. Harmony is a sweet, sweet thing!

The decision was not arrived at lightly and has been under consideration for several years. In fact, at the very first meeting I had with the OCC elders to pray and talk about my joining the OCC ministerial staff in April, 2014, the PROBABILITY of such an action was openly discussed. It has been considered and prayed over for a very long time and now God has blessed our planning and answered our prayers as OCC has grown to the point that a third service is necessary.

While other churches offer multiple worship services for all sorts of reasons, OCC is offering a third service to ac-

commodate more guests and visitors and to alleviate some of the overcrowding we are experiencing. new service makes it possible for us to maximize our sanctuary and parking space in a way that isn't accompanied with high construction costs. The new service also allows OCC to offer more options for a variety of people and schedules. After years of thought and prayer within the leadership and in consideration of how God has faithfully blessed our efforts, now is our time to act and to move forward in faith.

Multiple morning services offer other practical advantages as well. Keeping a 10:00am service means no or little change for those who want to do what they've always done. Those who work in a children's program can attend the other service and enjoy a wonderful worship time. Some might want to "double up" to sing, pray, commune, and hear the message more than once on a given Sunday. More ministry opportunities will be afforded in many ways-worship team leaders, technical workers, table servers, offering gatherers, greeters, meditations, testimonies, etc. Deeper mid-week fellowship times may increase as they meet the fellowship needs of people who choose a different worship hour than their friends. These could include organized small groups and Bible studies as well as informal multi-family activities, meals, events, social gatherings and the like. For example the Strahls are planning an "OCC Family Reunion" at their home, on launch date October 11. Some may find that the earliest service time leaves them with enough time for other Sunday activities, not to mention it allows one to beat the lunch crowds. One might even alternate between services to get to know new members, guests and friends of our OCC family.

To recap: First Worship is at 8:00am, Sunday school is at 9:10am, Second Worship is at 10:00am, Third Worship is at 6:30pm. With God's continued blessing, how long will it be until all services are again full? Wow!



I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

"Peeps" is a contemporary way to identify your friends. As we launch our new Sunday schedule, please invite your "peeps" (friends) to join us at OCC accompanied by a colorful package of the well known marshmallow candy. "Peeps" packages will be available beginning October 4.

Trunk or Treat sponsored by Jesus Jam

# Light Up the Night

On Friday, October 30th, our Jesus

Jam students will once again be coordinating a night of fun and festivities for 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 and to have

MANY cars surrounding our parking lot with trunks that are decorated with positive, non-scary themes. Each trunk will be filled with Fall treats provided by the host and will have a poster with scripture about

being light or The Light. Host trunks

need to be set by 5pm and the event runs from 5:30 to 7:30pm. If you would still like to participate but are unable to be a trunk host we would still appreciate candy donations. Come and Invite your neighborhood kids to a fun Fall evening. Contact Mark Yeaton @ 4 y e a tons@sbcglobal.net or 812-764-2968 to participate or donate.



#### OCC Family Reunion Sunday, October 11th

Jesus Jam Fundraiser

Join us for an old fashioned family event immediately following the 10am service hosted by Tony and Kelly Strahl located on St.Rd.58 across from Meyer's Grocery in Ogilville. Pulled pork bbq, hot dogs, chips and dessert will be provide along with beverages and tableware. If you have dietary restrictions feel free to bring a picnic basket with your favorite foods. Activities will abound with lawn games, hay rides and bouncers for all ages. Parking will be available at Meyer's Grocery or a shuttle will be provided from the OCC parking lot. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

Once again Jesus Jam will be selling laundry soap, fabric softener and dish detergent. The products are outstanding and provide great savings. The sale will be the last week of October and the first week of November. These products would be a great practical Christmas gift. Please contact one of the Jesus Jam students to place your order. Thanks in advance!





## On Being Safe

Kathy Bradley



Please understand that everything I write, I write to myself. These are not the things I have figured out, but those I continue to struggle with.

There are quite a few buzz words, phrases, and concepts surrounding us in our day-to-day lives, but the one whirling about in my head of late is "safety first." (I think what really pushed me over the edge was the commercial in which race car driver, Brian Vickers, dons his helmet before driving the golf cart. "Hey, safety first," he responds to an incredulous, "Really, Brian?")

Story Time: His name was Mr. Waltz. He was our bus driver and viewed each one of us as one of his own children; he would never have put us in harm's way. Every year at Christmas time he would buy all of us a box of chocolate-covered cherries.

Back in the day, we rarely had snow days. While not certain of the requirements, I'm pretty sure it had to be deeper than a piddling 4-inch accumulation. Consequently, the bus would sometimes get stuck – and that's when the fun began. As the boys exited the bus, the girls moved strategically to whatever side was needed to provide extra weight for traction. Most of the boys would push the bus,

some shoveled snow. We got unstuck. We worked together, succeeded at the task, smiled, cheered, and thoroughly enjoyed the adventure.

2015, and, no more adventure for us. Can you imagine the lawsuits that would arise pursuant to the above scenario? We must play it safe, try to make a risk-fraught world risk-free. It has been said we should never sacrifice our freedom for security; perhaps that applies to adventure as well.

It's not that I desire to throw caution to the wind. In fact, I tend to be all about playing it safe, an attitude of which I am not necessarily proud. But let's play a game of "What if?" What if...

- ...Noah had said, "Everyone will laugh at me if I build this boat. What do you even DO with a boat? I really don't want to make waves, and what are waves anyway?"
- ...Abram had played it safe and remained in Ur?
- ...Rahab had avoided any appearance of conspiracy with the spies?

Continue to traverse the scriptures with that question in mind. What if those special individuals God selected

for special tasks – Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Mary, Jesus, Paul – all decided to play it safe?

I feel less concern for my own safety than for my children and grands; I will do everything in my power to keep them safe. "Ay, there's the rub." MY power – not much, worth what you pay for it. And so I yield them to HIS hand, His power. Jochebed didn't play it safe with Moses, nor did Abraham with Isaac. Even our Heavenly Father didn't "play it safe" with His own Son – and He most certainly could have – or there would be no hope, either for us or for the rest of fallen creation.

I'm not saying I intend to take up bungie jumping, zip-lining, or rock climbing any time soon, but perhaps I will toss a bit of caution to the wind when it comes to speaking to that stranger across the aisle, standing my ground in the face of an injustice, or simply holding onto truth when the world sees me as foolish (that's a tough one). But I do think I may place safety down lower on the list, somewhere after faith, hope, love, obedience...

And I daresay there will be adventure involved, for among all the things God is, boring He is NOT!



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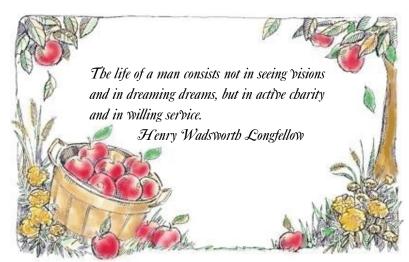


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