

# ENCOURAGER

## Does Your Family Have What It Takes To Survive in a Turbulent World?

### NEW PREACHING SERIES BEGINS AT OCC OCTOBER 2

Families are under almost unprecedented pressure today. Our children are barraged by temptations and false teachings about almost everything in life and faith! Marriages are routinely tested by financial pressures, sexual immorality and divided parenting strategies. Thieves and predators tirelessly work to rob families of their identities, possessions and innocence.

Families need God's help and protection more than ever!

In the new OCC preaching series entitled "Family Survival Kit" you will learn God's secrets to over-

coming, surviving and even thriving in these turbulent times. It's a series that's perfect for aunts, uncles, grandparents, parents and "adopted" aunts, uncles, parents and grandparents alike. Make plans now to attend this powerful preaching series by our minister, Marty Wright. Attending could bless your family for generations to come!

Martin Wright, Minister



## October 2016 Calendar

### Events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service's Time Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Strahl's Family Reunion
- 8<sup>th</sup> Breaking Bread Ministry Hot Meal
- 8<sup>th</sup> Hilltop Work Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast
- 15<sup>th</sup> Hilltop Craft Bazaar
- 16<sup>th</sup> Child Protection Class 2-6pm Café
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Aruna Run
- 28<sup>th</sup> Light Up The Night

### New Members

#### Transfers:

Matt Robertson  
Alli Robertson  
Christine Piercefield  
John & Shelly Riggs

#### Baptisms:

Joke Douthitt  
Jacob Felicijan  
Brooke Hutchinson  
Shelby Hutchinson



### New Service Formats Begin

October 2, 2016

9:00am	Service 1: Sanctuary
9:00am	Sunday School 1: Café
10:30am	Service 2: Sanctuary
10:30am	Sunday School 2: Café
6:30pm	Service 3: Café

November 6



### Running for

## 'Their Freedom' in Aruna Runs

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Registration & Packet Pick-up — 4:30pm Race Start — 5:30pm — Distance 5K  
Cost — \$25 before Oct. 1, \$30 on October 1 Additional sponsorship encouraged

Shirts can be purchased when registering

Location — Mill Race Park, 50 Carl Miske Dr., Columbus, IN 47201

Community Concert to follow 7pm with "The Red Roots" [www.theredroots.com](http://www.theredroots.com)

Help with registering contact — Jeff Potts 812-343-2752

**Join the Movement**

# What a Blessing!!

Virgil Clotfelter, Associate Intm. Minister

As was announced on August 28, Dorri and I have been awarded the Lilly Foundation Ministerial Renewal Sabbatical grant for 2017. We feel so honored and blessed to be given such an opportunity! Our renewal time will be a 15-week period, July 24 — November 11. We're looking ahead with excitement.

These application words summarized the intentions of this renewal grant request. "Ever since he was a boy,

Virgil has hoped and dreamed of visiting the places he saw on television and in magazines. Stories heard from missionaries and global travelers have fueled his dreams and fired his imagination, creating in him a longing to explore the world. Believing the biblical proverb that "hope deferred makes the heart sick," OCC desires to help our Associate Minister realize many of his boyhood dreams and hopes during a 15-week renewal leave that takes him across three

continents on an adventure of a lifetime...Indeed, his joys will be our joys, his adventures will be our adventures...As Virgil visits the cultures and locales he has long dreamed of exploring we are certain we will hear his heart sing!"

I will add a hearty "AMEN!" about my heart singing. I bless the Lord and my OCC family for this privilege.

## OCC Family Reunion Sunday, October 2nd

Everyone is invited for an old fashioned family event on Sunday, October 2nd after the 2nd morning service until 4pm. The event will be 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 provided 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. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair!

## 2017 Budget Requests

The budget requests for 2017 ministries are now available at the Life Center. If you are currently heading up a ministry or looking to start a new one that needs funding please fill out a request form and submit it on or before November 15. Completed requests should be handed in to the office. You may email your request to [occsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:occsecretary@comcast.net).

## Seniors... You're Invited!



On Thursday, October 13 from 8:30am until 3:00pm, OCC seniors have been invited to attend the Family Reunion Senior's Day program at Freetown Church of Christ. Done in a western round-up theme, the program will include Betty Gray, David Lucas, Barry DeWitt, the Freetown String Band, the Long Family Singers, and Julie Nevel. Food will be catered by The Pines Restaurant. Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes breakfast, program, and lunch. Register at the OCC Life Center and for more information call 812-786-0024.

## Light Up the Night

Trunk or Treat sponsored by Jesus Jam

On Friday, October 28th, 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 @ [4yeatons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:4yeatons@sbcglobal.net) or 812-764-2968 to participate or donate.



# An 'Out of the Box' Christmas

Betsy Hundley, Directory of Children's Ministry

That's the title of our elementary children's Christmas musical for 2016 and I think the kids will LOVE it! If God can use a donkey to speak to Balaam and a burning bush to speak to Moses, he can surely use **cow-boys, pirates and cheerleaders** to tell HIS love story in our musical! If you'd like your child to participate, **here's what you need to know:**

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited and encouraged to participate.
- ◆ Weekly attendance at rehearsals is required for participation in the musical.

◆ Rehearsals will be every Sunday in October and November from 5:15 – 6:30pm (Exception: November 27 will be our first dress rehearsal from 4 – 6:30pm)

◆ Final dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 3rd from 9am – noon.

◆ The performance date is Sunday, December 4th (time to be determined).

**NEW this year...a Musical Day Camp** will be offered Wednesday, October 12th from 9am – noon. Attendance won't be required because some may be away on vacation, but it is

strongly recommended for those who can make it. It will be a FUN time!!

Being a part of the children's musical is a BIG commitment, but it is also very FUN and rewarding. Before making a commitment to the musical, please check the above dates and times to ensure that your child will be available for rehearsals and performance. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate at all to call me.

I hope to see your child at our first rehearsal on Sunday, October 2 at 5:15 pm at OCC!!

812-342-6907 and 812-375-4077



## January 21, 2017

...is an experience that allows women to slow down and savor time with God and each other. It feels like a cozy day at your favorite coffee shop—where women can find rest, enjoy laughter, share their stories, and grow closer to each other and God.

Some of the highlights of Sweet Life Café include:

- Guided worship, uplifting music, and small-group discussions that keep women engaged
- A laughter-filled skit that makes a point about trusting God
- A special gift pendant and activity that provides affirmation for each woman
- A unique devotion kit to use for personal time with God
- A meaningful service project that will allow participants to extend

sweet encouragement to others

Sweet Life Café Retreat is planned for Saturday, January 21, 2017 from around 8-4:30 off campus at Salt Creek Golf Retreat in Brown County. Cost is approximately \$50 which includes breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack and retreat kit! Finalized times and costs will be detailed in a personal letter within the next few weeks along with other options to make your retreat a real treat!! Be on the look-out for registration times soon.

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## October 2016

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kevin & Pam Day	Oct 2
BJ & Kathleen Schwein	Oct 6
Brian & Janet Lewis	Oct 7
Bryan & Paula Brown	Oct 8
Fred & Melody Wilson	Oct 10
Glenn Martin	Oct 11
Ben & Benita Wagner	Oct 12
Steve & Scarlett Pruitt	Oct 12
Dennis & Shanyn Murphy	Oct 15
Andy & Kera Helwig	Oct 20
Don & Kathy Bradley	Oct 20
Dean & Linda Murphy	Oct 24
Chad & Lisa Stadler	Oct 26
Mike & Jill Horne	Oct 26
Fred & Margaret King	Oct 29

Julie Doty
James T Harrison
Faye Nay
Dave Johnson
Larry Grimes
Jim Campbell
Hatter Cross
Megan Mullins
Judson Barnes
Amelia Drake
Martin Peterson
Pam Day
Paisley Hendrix
Linda Murphy
Michelle Hatchett
Emma Long
Madison Moore
Don Bradley
Lee Ostrander
Nathan Sparks
Gus Kleffman
Robin Dorsett
Coleson Reynolds

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Jill Horne
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Jim Phegley
Drew Robison
Jerry Doty
Shelby Miller
Denise Robison
Irene Eastham
Greg Mathis
Kevin Kinnick
Melody Wilson
Susan Hundley
Marlene Campbell
Nathan May
Hayden Meek
Caroline Shireman
Clint Shireman
Debbie Fleetwood
Nadine Campbell
Kathy Bradley
Sarah Fields
Larry Fleetwood

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