



# THE ENCOURAGER

## Blessings Banquet by Martin Wright

This Thanksgiving, we at OCC have so very much to be thankful for. God is blessing our congregation and families in a multitude of ways. It seems especially appropriate for us to pause and reflect upon the many victories the Lord has won over the past year and to celebrate the majesty of our God in a time of celebration and feasting. So, on Sunday, November the 24th, we are going to enjoy a very special

time together.

9AM Sunday school and 10AM children's worship classes will still be held on the day of our celebration. The nursery will also be available for ages infant through 2 years at 10AM.

Our service will be immediately followed by an all church dinner in our fellowship hall complete with turkey, mashed potatoes, rolls, noodles, green beans, corn, pumpkin pie, pecan pie

and variety of other goodies. We hope all of our members and guests will make it a point to join us for this special celebration!

A sign up list of supplies needed for the banquet and volunteer servers needed is available at the Life Center for any and all who wish to help make this event possible. Please stop by and see what you can bring, bake, buy or be to help with the event.

## The Story Opens to Amazing Reception

Our journey through the Bible has met with an amazing reception and we continue to receive comments about how helpful, insightful, and powerful the campaign has been thus far. 2013 was already a record setting attendance year,

but since the start of our campaign we have witnessed an even greater increase in church attendance. OCC minister, Marty Wright, commented that "It is awesome to see the way people are responding to God's story. Many

folks are telling me that they really appreciate the chronological approach we are taking and that this campaign really helps them grasp how God has moved through history." The Story continues this coming Sunday.



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# Welcome to Vintage Christmas!



Vintage means something that is passed down. It means there is something of value to save, cherish and eventually pass down. Our desire is to provide an opportunity for women to create valuable memories with one another that can be looked back upon and cherished.

*"For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation."*  
Psalm 100:5

Throughout the busy

holiday season, it's easy to lose track of what really matters. Sometimes even the most important things get buried in the flurry of activity. Vintage Christmas is a time to slow down and remember, to reminisce and to reflect on God's love and faithfulness. This warm and welcoming time together will draw women closer to Jesus—the reason for the season—and to each other. During this holiday event, we will

be sharing traditional family dishes from women here at OCC as well as cozy beverages including hot cocoa and Christmas was-sail. Sign up to join us on December 6th or 13th from 5:30 to 8:30 for a joyful evening of fellowship and tradition. See Becki Meek or Kathleen Schwein with any inquiries. Peace and joy to you as you prepare for this blessed time of the year!

## Biblical Story Told Thru Art

Since we began our study of *The Story*, each week we have enjoyed videos of artistic illustrations that have been created to help us visualize our weekly readings as an artist tells the story through filmed painting. If you have enjoyed this effect of imagery, we invite you to join us this Sunday, November 3 at 6:30pm as guest artist Clint Clarneau performs a similar version of artistry live.

## Hunter's Welcome!

Hunters are encouraged to attend OCC's Sunday evening services @ 6:30 pm. We welcome you and your family to join us for an intimate time of worship hosted in the OCC cafe. Please feel free to invite a friend!

## Pre School Preview

by Sherry Yeaton

We are having a wonderful school year so far. Pre K and Pre School are learning, growing and have enjoyed great field trips at Apple Works and Whipker's Market. November will be a busy month. We will host a special night for our grandparents, contribute to a food drive and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner together. We are blessed to be able to nurture and educate some of God's sweetest creations, our children.



## Cradle Roll Ministry

from Norm & Marijane Love

Norm and Marijane Love have been in charge of the Cradle Roll ministry since October 2008. A rose is purchased and presented to the family in honor of each newborn baby and each new family member receives a special at-home visit where a certificate is presented along with a baby Bible. In addition, each family receives a monthly card until the child is two years old and has therefore graduated to toddlerhood. Thirty-seven children have already graduat-

ed from this program since its inception, the oldest now six years old! Ten babies are currently enrolled and three are awaiting their home visit. To recap, OCC is at baby number fifty since 2008 with at least four more on the way!

This program is in place for all babies under the age of two, even if the family was not attending OCC at the time of their child's birth. We want to make

sure everyone has the benefit of this ministry; so, if your family has a baby under two years old and you have not been contacted regarding the Cradle Roll, please let us know. OCC is continually growing and we want to make sure we embrace everyone. For inquiries or to enroll your child, contact Marijane Love via phone 812-552-1302 (call or text) or email [marijanelove@hotmail.com](mailto:marijanelove@hotmail.com).



# Don't Miss the Manger Christmas Program

By Betsy Hundley

Not even Broadway has taken you to a place quite like this!



Come with us on a delightful journey to the manger...by camel! **Camel Lot** is filled with the coolest music, a fun, funny, but Biblically rock

-solid message and the best time your kids will have anywhere this Christmas!

All 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have a blast participating in this OCC Christmas Musical. Rehearsals

have already begun on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at OCC for the cast and Bethlehem Townspeople (choir). Thursday rehearsals are required for participation, so don't delay. Our next rehearsal is Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Auditions for speaking parts and solos will be held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30—3:00 p.m. for anyone in grades 4—8. Audition packets may be picked up after October 24<sup>th</sup> from Betsy

Hundley or you may email your request for a packet to [occbetsy@comcast.net](mailto:occbetsy@comcast.net).

In short, there's simply not a better place for your kids to spend Christmas than here at—**Camel Lot!** It's all here...music your kids really want to sing, a story everybody will love and the clear, simple message of Jesus the Savior, sent to our world to redeem sinful humanity.

## B.L.A.S.T.

"B.L.A.S.T. is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Through this mission, we are collecting shoe boxes that are filled with gifts for a child. Using the brochure cut-out locat-

ed at the Life Center, mark the gender and age range of your gifts on the lid. Include \$7 with your box or pay online. Boxes are due Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> by the end of the service. There will be a designated drop off for boxes in the south foyer.



## Jesus Jam Events

...for more information contact Sherry Yeaton 812-764-2967

**WOW!** Lots going on with our 7th-12th graders! We are packing the Café each week to worship, study and fellowship. This is a result of our students feeling engaged in our youth program and feeling comfortable inviting friends. What a blessing! Since the beginning of the year, J.J. organized a multi youth group event that had over 80 students in attendance. It was a great night of worship, games, snacks and special speakers. We also hosted Light Up The Night "Trunk or Treat". A BIG THANKS to everyone who helped out with this event. Events in November will include



attending a special multi youth event at Hilltop, doing a service project for Hilltop, fundraiser at Applebee's (details below) and hosting a food drive to benefit the Salvation Army (also below). We will continue to meet on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m.

Jesus Jam is once again hosting a food drive to benefit those in need in our area. Last year we were able to restock the entire Salvation Army food pantry. Please start bringing nonperishable food items to OCC on November 1st. We will continue collecting through November 17th. Students will take all dona-

tions to the food pantry sorting and restocking empty shelves. Look for drop off signs in the lobby. Thanks in advance for your help with this project. God Bless.

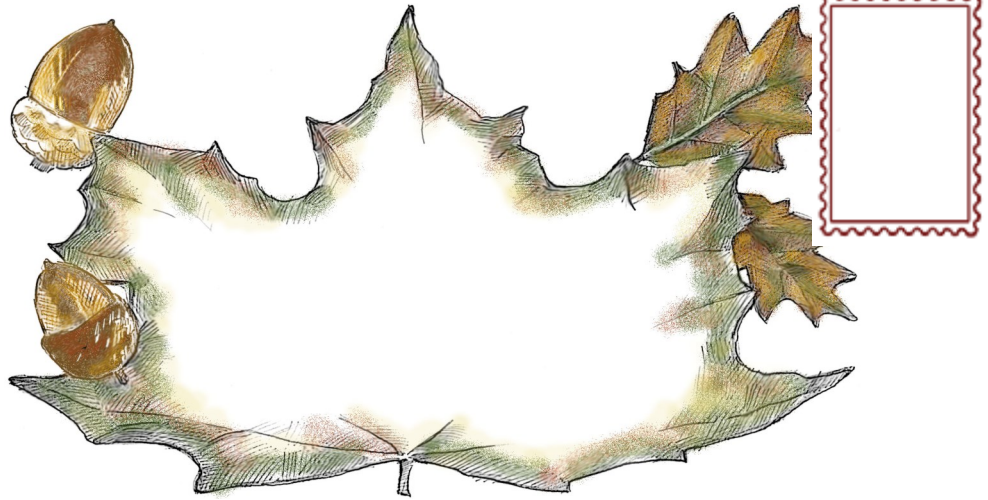
A pancake fundraiser will be held at Applebee's in Seymour this Saturday, November 2nd from 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 per person of which \$5.00 goes to Jesus Jam. You may purchase tickets from office secretary Benita Wagner or Youth Sponsor Sherry Yeaton. Proceeds will be used to offset the cost of student outreach events.





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## Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th



**Due Nov. 10**

- 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)



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Angie Sherfick       | 18 Cody Surenkamp           |
| 2 Bryan Brown          | 21 Kayla Johnson            |
| 5 Barty Moffett        | Dustin Mullins              |
| 6 Barb Warren          | Richard Trowbridge          |
| Logan Poindexter       | 23 Amanda Kerkhof           |
| 9 Lilli Stadler        | Wendy Brooks                |
| Terry Mullins          | 24 Barbara & Larry Burkman* |
| 10 Marcia Thomas       | 25 Jean Day                 |
| Andy & Denise Robison* | Roy Faulkner                |
| Tony & Kelly Strahl*   | 26 Kera Helwig              |
| 11 Faith Moss          | 27 Sherry Grimes            |
| Jim & Sandi Phegley*   | Bobby Lockherd              |
| 13 Matt Bond           | 29 Kim Barnett              |
| Brooklynne Hurt        | 30 Jeanna Fredericksen      |
| 15 Tonya Newman        | Kavan Jace Brooks           |
| John Michael           |                             |
| Tammy Carlson          |                             |



- Sunday Night Service 6:30—7:30 p.m.
- 3rd - Breakfast Sunday 9:30—9:50 a.m.
- 10th Budget Requests due
- 11th Veteran's Day — Office Open
- 16th Men's Fellowship Breakfast CANCELED
- 17th Hunter's welcome to Sunday PM service
- 24th Blessings Banquet after 10 a.m. service
- 28th & 29th Thanksgiving — Office Closed
- 30th Hanging of Greens 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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