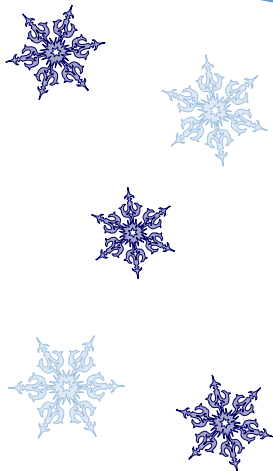


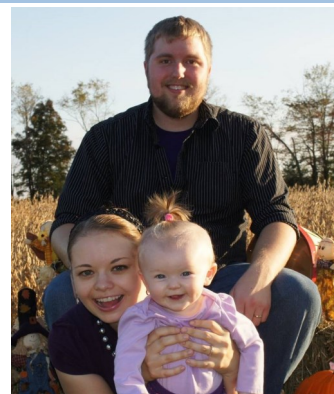
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OCC Welcomes New Minister of Education Zech Riggs

OCC is pleased to announce the addition of Zech Riggs to our ministerial staff. Zech is a recent graduate of Lincoln Christian Seminary, graduating with a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. Zech brings a youthful energy and optimism to his new position in which he will serve to enhance all OCC areas of religious education. In this role, Zech will continue to grow the

Common Ground ministry he started here and he will continue to develop our children's ministry programming, especially with regards to BLAST, a mid-week ministry to elementary age students. Building on strong existing foundations, Zech will be working to maximize our religious education abilities and opportunities. In addition to these tasks, Zech will also assist Marty and Virgil in pas-



Zech, Julie & Zipporah

toral ministry when needed. Please join us in welcoming this amazing young man to the OCC ministry team.

January Calendar

- 3rd Donut Sunday
- 5th Tuesday AM Women's Bible study, 1 Timothy
- 6th Nelson Lee's Bible study, Ruth
- 6th Women's PM Bible study, Acts
- 9th Hot Meal Site
- 10th Financial Peace University
- 24th Budget Ministry meeting/ luncheon

Baptisms:

Jenna Rodman

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

New Sermon Series: "RE"

RE-VIVE, RE-NEW RE-FRESH,
RE-LEASE, RE-PENT, RE-TURN

Martin Wright

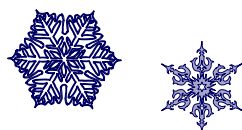
January opens the door to a remarkable sermon series based on the books of Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. It's a series designed to help us reflect on God's best

for our lives and to then in turn redirect our course accordingly. The journey should prove renewing and refreshing as we begin to fully realize all that God has offered to

us. Join us this January as OCC minister Martin Wright reaches into the books of wisdom to reclaim God's promises and instructions for our lives.



But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 2Pet 3:13



By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.



Onward & Upward...Always Advancing

Virgil Clotfelter

Put another year in the history books, but don't do so without praising God for how awesome a year 2015 was. Attendance increased and records fell; beloved saints went home to be with Jesus. Upgrades included a sanctuary remodel, parking lot improvements, and a new kitchen. Ministries were launched to meet real community needs and an additional morning worship service was launched. Offer-

ings were generous and sacrificial. Zech Riggs was called to be OCC's Minister of Education. Decisions about salvation and church membership were frequent and numerous special events filled our church year. Faith was deepened. Believers were disciplined. All in all, God blessed OCC with a great, great year!

Thank you for your contributions to every success and your faith-filled pray-

ers that helped make them reality. All credit and glory goes to God for His presence in this place among these people. But we dare not rest on our laurels. There's still much to be done in God's Kingdom enterprise and He's counting on us to do our part with Him. What does God have in mind for us? Let's get ready to join Him!

Better to be a Christian that Shows It than Knows It

In *Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo tells of Jean Valjean, whose only crime was the theft of a loaf of bread to feed his sister's starving children. Valjean served nineteen years before being turned out penniless. Hardened and unable to find work, Valjean finally makes his way to the home of a good old bishop, who gives him supper and a bed for the night. He serves Valjean using his best silver platters and

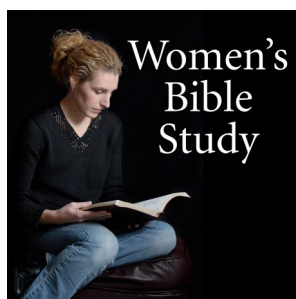
candlesticks, which Valjean recognizes as being highly valuable.

Yielding to temptation, Valjean steals the bishop's silver plates but is soon caught and returned by watchful police. When shown the silver plates, the bishop says to the policeman, "Why, I gave them to him." And then turning to Valjean, he adds, "And Jean, you forgot to take the candlesticks." A shocked and eternally

grateful Valjean accepts the candlesticks as more than valuable silver pieces, but as expressions of love beyond measure. The bishop's act brought about a true repentance and changed life.

Who knows which person might be impacted by your act of kindness today? What seems little to you may be great in the eyes of a person in need of love. ***

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Study, learn, pray together

Wednesday p.m. Ladies Study

Wednesday evening Women's Bible study is open to new or returning participants. Study will begin with the book of Acts on Wed., January 6th from 6:30-8:30pm. We read

the Bible as a class, discuss the scriptures and pray together. There is no preparation required. Meetings are held at the home of Brenda Stoner.

Contact Lisa Pardue (812-

344-8676), Susan G Hundley (812-344-0893) or Brenda Stoner (812-521-2380) for questions or directions.

Tuesday a.m. Women's Study...a guide to leadership

"In the first of the pastoral epistles, Paul wrote to Timothy to encourage him in the faith and affirm his leadership and abilities. Paul gave him guidelines for choosing leadership within the congregation to help in his ministry. These guidelines are the most thorough instruction for choosing strong and godly leaders. And they offer

help to Christians today wanting to become effective leaders in the church." (description from: <http://www.christianbook.com/l-timothy-lifechange-series/9780891099536/pd/9953X?event=ESRCN>)

A taste of the subject matter covered includes false teachers, grace, how the

church works, officers in the church and love of money. The study will begin January the 5th at 9:00am in the church café. If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Mona Peterson at 812-371-8051.



**Come
Join Us !**

When I Was Hungry...

In the community of Ogilville, there is now a free meal offered on the second Saturday of every month here at OCC provided by our new hot meal ministry team! On these special Saturdays, our team prepares and serves a meal to anyone in Ogilville and our surrounding communities. Each individual who partakes will

also be sent home with a bag of packaged foods.

The hot meal ministry is a wonderful opportunity that it benefits many. Participants can gather and socialize while receiving the nourishment both spiritually and physically. The doors open at 11:00am and the meal is served from 11:30 to 12:30pm.

Help spread the word! Flyers are available in the church office. If hot meals is a ministry you have interest in or if you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Strahl 812-277-6482 or Benita Wagner 812-342-6907.

They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

Isaiah 49:10



Financial Peace...changes everything

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've

dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Tony and Kelly Strahl will lead this 9 week* study starting Sunday, January 10th, 5:30pm at OCC. Cost is \$95 per family.

Scholarships are available upon request or you may sponsor a family by providing a scholarship. For more information on how you can be a part contact Tony @ 812-350-7039 or Kelly @ 812-277-6482.

*No Class held on Feb. 7th, Super Bowl Sunday.



Dave Ramsey

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JANUARY

Birthdays

Anniversaries

1 Maddie Marks	7 George Meek	12 Shaley Smallwood	22 Thom Barnett
2 Zech & Julie Riggs	8 Abigail Folz	13 Marie Wilcoxon	23 Emme Mullins
Madelynn Emily	Dawson Mullins	14 Ruby Hale	27 Lexi Stadler
Heather Mathis	9 Becki Meek	Barbara Burkman	David & Julie Petro
3 Ken Hardwick	10 Hayden Johns	Logan Smith	28 Greg & Betsy Hundley
4 Sandy Johnson	Brooke Mouser	Don Williams	30 Sharon Kropack
Carolyn Eisele	11 Ashlyn Perry	Jonathan Foust	Jaleb Buck
5 Linda Emily	Liza Newman	17 Brian Wichman	Abbigale Humbel
Chuck Fleetwood	Chris & Courtney Hembree	20 Gina Chapple	31 Sylvina Hornback
Hunter Roberts		Alexander Kerkhof	
6 Mona Peterson			

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