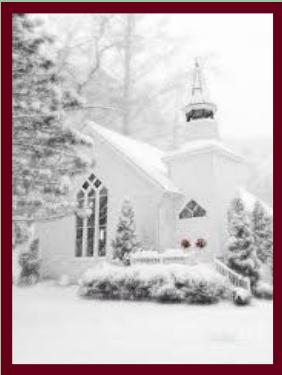


# The Encourager

*Christmas Edition*

## Events and Happenings...



### *Christmas Sunday, December 20*

*Sunday, December 20 at 8am, 10am and 6:30pm. Music and message will share the warmth of the Christmas season in a special and memorable way. The day promises to be a special one as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.*

*Children's Program  
December 6th & 13th  
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### *An Unforgettable Christmas Eve Event*



*Did you know that one of the first worship services ever held by the founders of Ogilville Christian Church was a Christmas Eve service? One hundred and twenty eight years later, we continue this important church tradition as we host our Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on December 24th. It's an event that harkens back to an even older celebration, over 2000 years ago, when a group of shepherds were treated to an impromptu concert under the stars performed by the choir of heaven celebrating the birth of Jesus. Two millennia later we still gather on Christmas Eve to celebrate the arrival of our Savior in song, meditation, special music and a candle lighting event. Please join us for this moving Christmas event.*

### *An Unprecedented Year!*

*2015 will long be remembered as one of the most successful years in OCC history. The final service of 2015 will be both a powerful celebration of all God has done and a challenge to continue the great work we have undertaken together.*



## GREETERS

MARTIN WRIGHT

One of the most important ministries for newcomers to OCC is our greeting ministry. Greeters are often the first face people will associate with OCC. The warm smile of a greeter and a welcoming handshake makes an excel-

lent first impression.

In order to maximize our outreach potential as a church, it is vitally important that we have greeters at our 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00am time slots. In hopes of securing new greeters and to explain

some of the important aspects of this ministry, a "Greeter's" information luncheon will be held in the OCC café at 11:30am on January 10th. If you are interested in serving as a greeter please attend this free luncheon.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

BETSY HUNDLEY

### WEE WORSHIP & HIS KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Wee Worship and His Kids classes (ages 2-6K) will delight in telling the Good News of Jesus' birth through the presentation of *Come to Bethlehem and See*, on Sunday, December 6, during the 10 am service.

### KIDZ ZONE PROGRAM

The KidZone Children's Christmas program, *Heaven and Nature Sing!*, will be presented Sunday, December 13, at 10 am. This will be an opportunity for the whole congregation to participate in praising and celebrating

the birth of Jesus. It combines worshipful narration, Bible readings, drama and singing to create a fresh and joyful examination of the birth of our Savior.

We look forward to sharing with you our love for Jesus at this very special time of year.

## PRE SCHOOL NEWS

FROM MISS SHERRY

Pre School: We have been busy little birds this 1st semester. We are learning our ABCs, discovering Science, Health, Social Studies, Scissor Skills, Pre Reading Skills, Social skills and much more! We have learned and performed a

program for our grandparents and are preparing for our Christmas program. We helped "pack a patrol car" full of food for those in need and had a veteran come to our classroom to share with us her experiences. Decem-

ber will be full of learning, a field trip is planned, programs and parties...OH MY!! Please remember to pray for our students and our staff. Merry Christmas from OCC Pre School!

## OCC COOKBOOKS

Christmas is a great time to gift someone on your Christmas list with an OCC "A Heritage Collection" cookbook. Books are only \$15.00. So many wonderfully tasty recipes were contributed that are sure to be welcomed in anyone's kitchen. There are

plenty of books available at the Life Center or in the office.

## CRADLE ROLL

The Cradle Roll ministry is on the lookout for a new coordinator. Currently, the ministry purchases a rose for each newborn to be dis-

played in the sanctuary, sends out a monthly card to the families of newborns and coordinates a home visit to deliver a baby Bible and Cradle Roll certificate. If you are interested in being involved with this ministry, please contact the office.

# MEXICO MISSION TRIP "SMOOTH & SUCCESSFUL"

VIRGIL CLOTFELTER



Chris Cooper and Virgil Clotfelter traveled to Vida Nuva Ministries in Piedras-Negras, Mexico, October 3-10 to provide a variety of volunteer labor help and encouragement. Work projects all centered around the VNM schools and included framing

and roofing an extension on the carpentry shop building, framing and roofing a covered area for chickens, rabbits, and pigs in the new livestock area, designing and assembling a PVC puppet stage for the preschool, welding and painting rabbit and chicken cages, building a shop table and lots of interaction with the VNM staff and personnel. Virgil was blessed to preach Sunday morning and lead a mid-week Bible study at the

nearby church. Both stayed healthy and all travel went well. The many "south-of-the-border" dishes were delicious and tasty. Thank you all for your prayers concerning the trip. The mission team is grateful for the generous financial help from OCC that came from the recent Dessert Auction. Praise God with us.



# NURSERY VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

MEG MULLINS

FREE LUNCH! If you have served as a volunteer in the nursery this year, I would like to thank you for your SOUP-ER work by hosting lunch immediately following the 10am service on Sunday, Decem-



ber 20<sup>th</sup> downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. A variety of soups will be catered by Panera Bread. Please come ready to eat, chat and discuss plans for next year.

# WHAT'S UP WITH JESUS JAM

MARK & SHERRY YEATON

Jesus Jam continues to meet on Thursday nights with great attendance. The students have had lessons on The Beatitudes, Encounters With Jesus, Salt & Light, Worry, Treasures in Heaven, Rest in Jesus, Importance of Sabbath, Why Trust the Bible, and

more. The teens also facilitated their own worship service for Friends & Family Day. In December, our activities will be outside of the building. December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will pack Cheer Fund boxes, the 10<sup>th</sup> we will have family car-

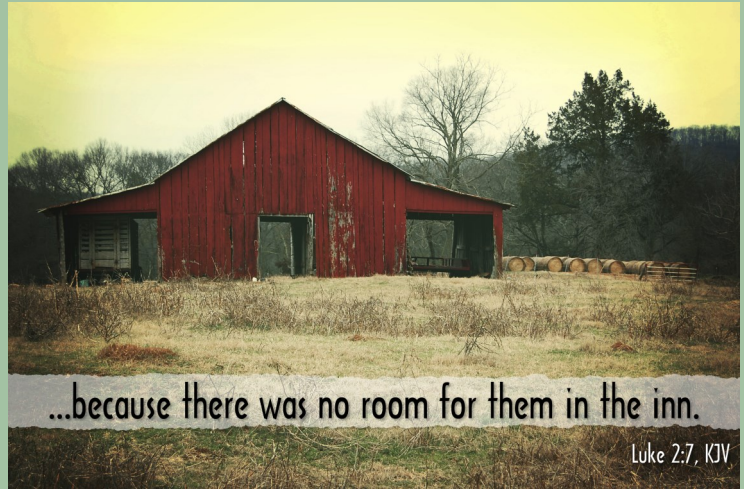
oling to those who need a little cheer, and the 17<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas (bowling) Party with pizza and drinks provided. Students need to bring a \$5 unisex gift to exchange. If you are 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, please join us!

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### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES\*

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Brenda Fleetwood           | 13 Norshel Gilley        |
| 2 Wayne & Char Roller        | 15 Jerry & Brenda Bruner |
| Joe Acton                    | Daniel & Charlene Folz   |
| Mark Shireman                | 16 Paula Fetter          |
| 3 Avery Schwein              | 17 Cheryl Moody          |
| 4 Curtis Emily               | Jr & Cathy Clubb         |
| 5 Charity Hall               | 18 Cole Kleffman         |
| Larcus Cobb                  | 19 Alice Ostrander       |
| 6 Annie Day                  | 20 Marilyn Mullins       |
| 7 Emily May                  | 21 Kathy Moffett         |
| Fred Wilson                  | 23 Christian Wichman     |
| Dewayne & Christina Holwager | 24 Roy & Janie Faulkner  |
| 8 Christina McCord           | 25 Beverly Sinnett       |
| 9 Andrea Huston              | Patrick & Grace Peterson |
| 10 Scout Fisher              | 29 Wesley Hatchett       |
| Jerry Reeves                 | Jason Perry              |
| Shianna Hurt                 | Georgie Bruner           |
| 11 Samantha Sparks           | 30 Marcus Murray         |
| Mark & Gayla Shireman        | 31 David & Sandy Johnson |
| 12 Kelly Strahl              | Dennis & Rhonda Schwein  |
|                              | Callan Jones             |

#### Blast December Calendar

2nd 6-7:30pm  
9th 6-7:30pm  
16th 6-7:30pm  
23rd & 30th No BLAST



- 29 Hanging Tree Ornaments
- 6 Donut Sunday
- 19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ OCC 7-8:30am
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
- 24 & 25 Office Closed
- 31 & 1 Office Closed

#### *New Members & Baptisms\**

Erick Fredericksen\*  
David Thiele\*  
Joe & Karen Harman  
Jennie Addis

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