

Encourager

You and Your Family are Invited to Experience
 "The Gifts of Christmas Sermon Series"

December 4, 11, 18 and the 25th

OCC friends, families, visitors and guests are invited to attend a four-week sermon series based on the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace called "The Gifts of Christmas." It's the most wonderful time of the year, or so the old song goes. Yet it doesn't always feel that way—the hectic holiday schedule, family pressures, and emotional wounds are just a few reasons. But Ogilville Christian Church sees the Christmas season as one that offers a unique opportunity to experience God's love and

grace in the midst of real life. That is the reason for "The Gifts of Christmas" Series celebration—to experience what the true gifts of Christmas mean for our lives today.

In a season often marked by frenzied busyness, this is an opportunity to set aside time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. The relevant messages in this series are designed to help us place our focus on a far greater story than our own—the story of God's redeeming love for our world. "The Gifts of Christmas"

series is the perfect opportunity for families throughout the community to come together to celebrate this special season.

Please note that the first sermon in the series will be preached at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on December 4th, however the 10:30 service on the 4th will be the children's program. Also on December 25th the final sermon in the series will be preached at 10:00 a.m. as part of our special Christmas Day celebration.



Two Worship Opportunities Christmas Weekend (Note Time Changes)

We recognize that it is difficult for families traveling to attend both services on Christmas weekend when Christmas Day is a Sunday. While we would love to have you join us for both of these special services, we are offering communion at this year's Christmas Eve Service to accommodate those who may be traveling on Christmas. We are only offering one service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

Special Holiday Schedule



December 4	9:00	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 1.	(Hope)
	10:30	"An Out of the Box Christmas" musical by our elementary children.	(Hope)
	6:30	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 1.	(Hope)
December 11	9:00	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 2.	(Love)
	10:30	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 2.	(Love)
	6:30	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 2.	(Love)
December 18	9:00	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 3.	(Joy)
	10:30	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 3.	(Joy)
	6:30	Special program by our Wee Worship and His Kids children The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 3.	(Joy)
December 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service, w/devotional and communion.	(Peace)
December 25	10:00	The Gifts of Christmas sermon series part 4.	(Peace)



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CHANGES AHEAD IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MARTIN WRIGHT

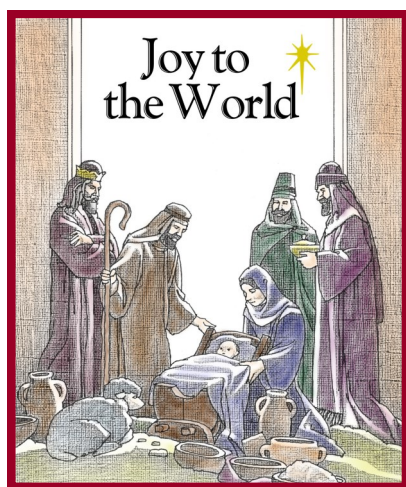
Growing programs lead to a tough choice for Betsy Hundley, OCC's Children's Minister and Worship Director.

The OCC children's ministry has grown rapidly under the direction of Betsy Hundley. It's amazing how many volunteers and children are involved each week. In fact, the ministry has grown so much that it demands much from its director—a reality that Betsy has handled well but also a reality that competes

with Betsy's other role at OCC as our Worship Director. In fact, our new worship format has made it increasingly difficult for Betsy to accommodate both responsibilities as it is impossible for one person to be two places at once, yet Betsy found herself zigzagging back and forth on Sundays. After months of prayer and discernment, Betsy recently shared with the OCC Leadership Team that she wants

to focus her energy and attention on her responsibilities in our Worship services and to leave the responsibilities of the Children's ministry.

Beginning in January, Zech Riggs will begin as interim Director of Children's Ministries. Zech will be assisted in this role by Kathleen Schwein whose role as the Nursery's administrator/scheduler will be expanded to take on all of the children's ministry scheduling.



*Today in the town of
David a Savior has
been born to you; he
is Christ the
Lord...you will find
a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a
manger.*

OCC COOKBOOKS

Christmas is a great time to gift someone on your Christmas list with "A Heritage Collection" cookbook. Books are \$15 for the 1st book and \$5 each thereafter. If you have previously purchased a book, the cost is \$5. Stop at the Life Center for your copy, check with the office or contact Mona Peterson, 812-371-8051.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

BETSY HUNDLEY

Over the past 2 months, a group of OCC elementary children have worked very hard preparing to tell you the Christmas message in a very 'out-of-the-box' sort of way. With pirates, cowboys, cheerleaders and more, the story of Jesus' birth will be presented. We hope you'll want to experience this fun and memorable musical, "An Out-of-the-

Box Christmas." It will be performed on Sunday, December 4th, during the 10:30 am service.

Our Wee Worship and His Kids classes (ages 2-6K) are also preparing a small Christmas program to share on Sunday, December 18th, during the 10:30 am service. You'll certainly be blessed as you witness these very

young voices sing their Christmas praises. Remember to invite family and friends to both of these performances. They'll be so glad they came!



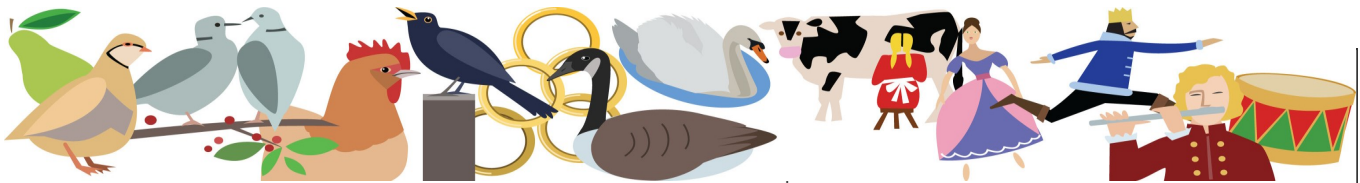
B.L.A.S.T. UPDATE

ZECH RIGGS

Even though we have completed our Thanksgiving holiday, I want to start by saying, "Thank You!" Thank you parents for bringing your kids to build friendships, learn about Jesus, and for your patience as we transitioned into a new curriculum and check in procedures. Thank you to the helpers that have such a desire and calling to minister to children and for your encouragement to share the wonderful news of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the ministers, staff, church leaders, and elders who

have partnered with us to make a difference in the lives of each child. We were excited and encouraged that on November 16th, we had the most students that we have ever had and I have never been more excited! We feel that this is a sign that God is blessing this ministry and we ask for your continued prayer and support as we start back in to the new semester. We have lots of fun events planned and are ready for the list of awesome summer activities. As we continue to grow, we

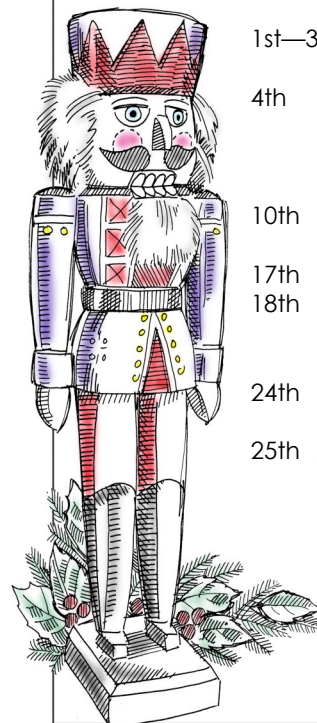
will have more and more opportunities to involve more parents and ministry partners to develop friendships with these students as we help them in their faith journey as followers of Christ. If God has placed a calling on your heart to help teach, encourage, pray, and spend time with kids, please let us know so that we can get you plugged in making a difference in the lives of our next generation of believers. Most of all, thank you for believing in our students!



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Jan 15th—Mar 12th 10:30—12:00 in the OCC Café. \$95.00 per household for materials. Contact the OCC Office for available scholarships. Sign-up in the Life Center.

Events and Happenings...



- 1st—3rd An Evening Beneath the Stars (Hilltop)
- 4th 10:30 education class Canceled
10:30 Children's Christmas Musical
- 10th Breaking Bread Ministries' hot meal
- 17th Men's Breakfast
- 18th 10:30 His Kids & Wee Worship Christmas Program
- 24th Christmas Eve Program 7pm
- 25th One Service @ 10:00am NO Adult education classes

Baptisms:

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Merry Christmas

December 2016

Anniversaries...

Eric & Emily Brown	8
Mark & Gayla Shireman	11
Jerry & Brenda Bruner	15
Daniel & Charlene Folz	15
Jr. & Cathy Clubb	17
Roy & Janie Faulkner	24
Patrick & Grace Peterson	25
Days & Sandy Johnson	31
Dennis & Rhonda Schwein	31

Birthdays...

Brenda Fleetwood	1
Joe Acton	2
Mark Shireman	2
Avery Schwein	3
Curtis Emily	4
Alba Riley	4
Larcus Cobb	5
Charity Hall	5
Annie Day	6
Bailey Martin	6
Fred Wilson	7
Christina McCord	8

Andrea Huston	9
Scout Fisher	10
Shianna Hurt	10
Jerry Reeves	10
Samantha Sparks	11
Layne Henderson	12
Kelly Strahl	12
Norshel Gilley	13
Christine Piercefield	15
Paula Fetter	16
Cheryl Moody	17
Alice Ostrander	19

Athena Martin	20
Marilyn Mullins	20
Kathy Moffett	21
Andrew Scholar	22
Christian Wichman	23
Cristin Henderson	25
John Fox	27
Beverly Sinnett	27
Georgie Bruner	29
Wesley Hatchett	29
Jason Perry	29
Marcus Murray	30