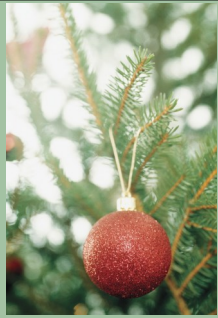


The Encourager



Ornaments on the Tree December 1

Hanging of Christmas ornaments and Prayer service will be incorporated into our morning and evening worship services Sunday, December 1st. Families are encouraged to be present during this very special time.



Children's Program December 15

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Christmas Sunday December 22

Sunday, December 22 at 10 am and 6:30 pm. Music and message will share the warmth of the Christmas season in a special and memorable way. The service includes a retelling of the Christmas story and memorable Christmas message as well as a worship service filled with familiar Christmas carols. The day promises to be a special one as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24

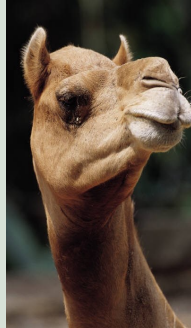
This year's Christmas Eve service will begin at 7:00pm on December 24 in the OCC sanctuary. Highlights of this year's event include special music performed by members and friends of OCC, a heartwarming combination of music, narration, and inspiration and a Christmas Eve devotion by OCC minister, Marty Wright. The evening culminates with an all church candle lighting at the conclusion of the event. Come and celebrate the memories, gifts, light and meaning of Christmas at this year's Christmas Eve event. You will be so glad you chose to attend! Doors open at 6:30pm.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

BY BETSY HUNDLEY

Our 1st – 8th grade children are practicing so hard for this year's Christmas Musical, Camel Lot! You are invited to attend one of their performances on **December 15th**. The first performance will be during the **10:00am** worship service, or the second that evening at **6:30pm**. Please invite family and friends to join you for this special event.



Beth has been practicing hard for the church Christmas pageant. Her Dad (who runs a car dealership), may be too busy with Christmas car sales to make it to the program. Exhausted from practice, with lines from Luke 2 swirling in her mind, she drifts off to sleep. Transported by Beth's imagination (and a sound effect or two!), we all "wake up" in Bethlehem on a very special day, and in a most unusual place --

the Camel Lot! It doesn't take long, inside Beth's topsy-turvy dream world, to encounter camel shoppers, sales people, shepherds, wise men, and a very familiar story, told in a fun and refreshing new way!

Hear the clear, simple message of Jesus the Savior, sent to our world to redeem sinful humanity. In short, there's simply not a better place to spend Christmas than...here at the Camel Lot!

Here's a synopsis of Camel Lot:

WEE WORSHIP & HIS KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The angels will handle the invitations, the shepherds will clean and decorate the manger, the wise men will take care of the presents, and the star will lead us all to a barn in Bethlehem at Christmas where **Someone Has a Birthday** . . . Jesus!



Our children, ages 2-6, are enjoying acting out the parts, singing the songs and ringing the bells as they celebrate Jesus' birthday with a

Christmas party at the manger.

We hope you'll join them on Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:00 am worship service for their presentation of **Someone Has a Birthday**.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

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 on the display table in the east foyer.



SCRIP PROGRAM

Are you planning to use gift cards for Christmas? If so, consider purchasing a card from the OCC Mission Team. This program raises money for next year's mission trip with no additional cost to you. Details on how to participate at the OCC Life Center. For additional information see Kelly Strahl or call 342-4996

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES

There are gods at war within each of us. They battle for the throne of our hearts, and much is at stake. This is why idolatry is the most discussed problem in the entire Bible. Behind every sin struggle that you and I have is a false god that is winning the war in our lives. Don't give in to the

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myth that gods are only statues that people of other cultures or long ago worshiped. Pleasure, romance, sex, money, and power are just a few of the gods that vie for our allegiance in today's society. Join Kyle Idleman in this new series, as he

explores these gods. When the Lord God takes His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, we will have victory.

Series to begin Wednesday evenings in January 2014. Date and time to be announced.



WHAT'S UP WITH JESUS JAM

BY MARK & SHERRY YEATON

Jesus Jam: Busy month for our teens. Had a great turn out for our multi youth event. That evening we talked about memories and reflected on the covenants where God remembers us.

Thanks to all who participated in our Flapjack Fundraiser. The funds go to help offset expenses for our Christian Teen Convention.

The food drive was a great blessing to the Salvation Army. The day that the students delivered the food, the food bank could not be open be-

cause it had nothing left. When we arrived with the food and the students started sorting and shelving the food, those in charge could not believe what they were seeing. When we finished the entire food bank was full! A big thanks to the OCC Missions Team for so generously supporting the food drive. (Mark and I had a great time shopping for much needed pantry staples.)

Coming soon!! Pregnancy Care Center of Columbus will be with us

on four Thursday nights in January (9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th) to present the TRANSFORMED program. We are so blessed to have this offered to our students at no charge. We will start registering for this event early in December. JJ parents, please be looking for a parent letter and registration form. You won't want your student(s) to miss it! If you have a friend or perhaps grandchild that would benefit from this program (but they don't attend OCC), please contact Sherry Yeaton @ 812-764-2967.

PRE SCHOOL NEWS FROM MISS SHERRY

The boys and girls are learning Biblical truths while being taught in many academic areas. It is a true blessing to watch them grow and learn. Here are some of the activi-

ties from November and those planned for the coming holidays.

We had a lovely night with our grandparents. What a great blessing to have multiple generations come together and fellowship.

Both Pre K and Pre School classes enjoyed a class Thanksgiving dinner. Big thanks to our parent and grandparent kitchen staff.

December is a big month for Pre School... parties, programs and field trips. Oh my!



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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)

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 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.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES*



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| 1 Brenda Fleetwood | 13 Norshel Gilley |
| 2 Wayne & Char Roller* | 15 Jerry & Brenda Bruner* |
| 3 Curtis Emily | Daniel & Charlene Folz* |
| Avery Patrick Schwein | 17 Paula Fetter |
| 5 Charity Hall | Jr & Cathy Clubb* |
| Larcus Cobb | 19 Alice Ostrander |
| Annie Day | 20 Derek & Robin Ramp* |
| Fred Wilson | Marilyn Mullins |
| 7 Christina McCord | 21 Kathy Moffett |
| 8 Duane & Christina Holwager* | 23 Christian Wichman |
| 9 Andrea Huston | 25 Patrick & Grace Peterson* |
| 10 Jerry Reeves | 27 Roy & Janie Faulkner* |
| Shianna Hurt | 29 Wesley Hatchett |
| Samantha Sparks | Jason Perry |
| Scout Regan-Day Fisher | 31 Charles Miller |
| 12 Bob Kropack | David & Sandy Johnson* |
| Kelly Strahl | Dennis & Rhonda Schwein* |

- 1 Donut Sunday
 Hanging Tree Ornaments
- 15 Children's Christmas Program
 10am/6:30pm
- 21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7-8:30am
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
- 24 & 25 Office Closed
- 31 & 1st Office Closed