# The Encourager



# April Calendar Events:

- Easter April 5

  He Has Risen!
- Men's Breakfast,
   April 18, 7am
- Mission's Taco
   Night, April 18
   6:30pm
- Hilltop Women's Retreat
   April 24—25
- Fill Your Cup OCC Women's Event April 28

#### **New Members:**

- Daniel & Rachel
   Barnes
- ♦ Ken & Bev Quick

#### **Baptized:**

- Ron Meek
- John Michael

# Incredible Hope

We have a reason to hope and this Easter we want everyone in our community to know it. We encourage you to begin inviting your friends, neighbors, team mates, co-workers, family members and acquaintances to join us for one of four amazing services this Easter.

Guests attending Easter service should note that children's programming and child care are only being offered during our 10:00 a.m. service. If anyone is willing to take a pager for additional help in the nursery, please contact Meg Mullins (812-216-7655).

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Due to the addition of extra services on Easter Sunday, we will not be able to accommodate our Sunday school classes on April 5th. Sunday school will resume on April 12th at its normal time. Weather permitting, we will have overflow parking on the lawn areas.

- April 2 Prayer Walk 6pm-9pm @ OCC
- April 3 Prayer Walk 9am-6:30pm @ OCC
- April 3 Good Friday Services @ Ogilville
  United Methodist 6:30pm

April 5 Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service 6:30am Continental Breakfast 7:15—7:45am First Easter Service 8:00am Second Service 10:00am Evening Service 6:30pm







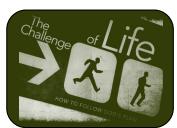
# The Challenges of Life

You've probably heard someone say, "God has a plan for your life." But what does that really mean? This four-part series examines the challenges of life and the opportunities that are opened through faith in God. We will examine four key biblical texts where

God describes his plans for creation, humanity, the church, and for each individual. It's a sermon series designed to help us make sense of the challenges of life and to give us strategies for overcoming those challenges—strategies that are part of God's plan for suc-

cess in life. Join us as we explore God's word together starting on Sunday, April 12.

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**New Preaching Series** 

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## OCC 2015: God Is On The Move

Wow! We are a praying church and God is answering our prayers! What an amazing first three months we have witnessed in 2015. Record numbers of transfers and baptisms, unprecedented attendance levels, sacrificial giving above and beyond expectations, transformed lives, restored marriages and a host of other amazing circumstances reinforce the notion that God is doing something incredible among us today. Surely the pres-

ence of the Lord is in this place!

As God moves among us in such powerful ways, may we move forward in faithfulness for we know "it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2). God has blessed us in so many ways this year, it is important for us to remember that God expects us to be faithful stewards of all that He has provided. Likewise, we are encouraged in Galatians 6:9 not to "become weary in doing

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good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Indeed, we are already beginning to reap a harvest!

While it is difficult to encapsulate all that we have experienced and witnessed together during the first few months of 2015 in just a few sentences—we can and do declare together that God has shown up here, that God's Spirit is moving among us, and that we can hardly wait to see what God will do next!

## Women's Ministry Event

Fill Your Cup is a mini-event that feels like a cozy gathering at your favorite coffee shop. It's a caféthemed experience where women easily connect with each other and with God.

On April 28, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, women will share laughter, stories from their own lives, and a meaningful devotional experience. Psalm 23:5 says that when we're in God's presence, our cup overflows with blessings. Through Fill Your Cup, women will experience this truth and discover that when we're filled with God's love, we

can't help but overflow and share that love with others!

This warm, evening event will bring women into an atmosphere where they may begin a connection and interaction with one another and will also be the springboard for a series of fellowship and mentoring events during the upcoming year. As a part of our time together, we will be gathering information about each lady's interests in an effort to coordinate several more fellowship opportunities based on our mutual interests.

For more information or to sign up, you may contact Mona Peterson at monapeterson@earthlink.net. If you are interested, please sign up by April 19th so we have enough time to order your free booklet and gather refreshments for the evening.

What would your life look like if God's love overflowed your heart and spilled onto others every day? Let him fill your cup so you can extend grace, fun, joy, peace, and love to those you meet every day.

## Pre School News

The beginning of Spring has both Blue and Red Birds looking forward to many events including hosting our dads during our annual Dad's Night. There will be an important parent meeting at the

start of the month for Red Bird

(Pre K) parents where we will be discussing Kindergarten testing and expectations; where has our time gone?! And Blue Birds are preparing for a field trip to the Bartholomew County Library. All dates and times for these events Sherry Yeaton

and the rest of the end of the vear activities will be posted in our weekly Pre School newsletters. Please continue to pray for our staff and students; we want a strong finish for this school year.

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# Jesus Jam Happenings

We continue to be blessed with great attendance and students desiring to go deeper into God's Word. We have also recently completed a study on Daniel. In April, we will be studying Holy Week, Disciples and Mind Pollution.

All 7th-12th graders are welcome every Thursday from 7:00-8:30pm. Our next outing will be a trip to Sky Zone on April 24th. The cost is \$20 per student and a signed Sky Zone waiver is required (even for students who are age 18). Each attendee

must have their payment and waiver turned in by Sunday, April the 19th and will need to be prepared with supper money for the evening as well. You make pick up Sky Zone waivers from Sherry Y e a t o n.

Jesus Jam is also coordinating a fundraiser selling laundry soap,



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fabric softener and dish soap in 5 gallon dispensable buckets and/or 5 gallon buckets of pods. Liquid soaps are \$35 and pods are selling for \$40. For more information or to place your order, you may contact any of our Jesus Jam members or Maxine Andis 812.498.1103 and Angie Sherfick 812.371.4636.

Don't forget to get your registrations in for Hilltop Christian Camp! Look forward to seeing all of you!!

# Mexico Mission Trip: Pitch-In Taco Night

Virgil Clotfelter

OCC has plans for a pitch-in taco night Saturday, April 18 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Guests for the evening are Jair and Norma Castillo from Vida Nueva Ministries. This is your opportunity to learn more about the 2015 mission trip to Mexico this coming fall. (Fact sheets are also available, see Virgil.)

This will be a "South of the Border" style fellowship. OCC will provide the meat, drinks and table service.

Please RSVP what you will bring on the sign-up page in the Life Center. Suggested items may include: taco shells, tortillas, shredded cheese, sour cream, salsa/pico sauce, tomatoes, and/ or shredded lettuce.

The Mexico mission trip planned for 2015 will be combined with New Hope Christian Church and begins Saturday, October 3 through Saturday, October 10th in Piedras-Negras, Mexico. Estimated costs for the trip is \$800 to \$900.

### Hilltop Women's Retreat

Registrations are now available at the Life Center for Hilltop's annual Women's Retreat April 24th & 25th. This year's theme is *Hope at the End of the Tunnel* with speaker, Claudia Mitchell from Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. The postmarked deadline is April 17th. Online registration is also available at ww.hilltopchristiancamp.com.

### Hilltop Summer Camp

Camp registration materials are now available at the OCC Life Center for Summer camp at Hilltop. Registration can also be done online at hilltopchristiancamp.com. OCC is offering scholarship assistance again this year. All registrations require a code which is now available through the OCC office, 342-6907, or occsecretary@comcast.net. Get ready!



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# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 John Kropack

Ron May

3 Gwen Bond

Cathy Clubb

**Connor Mathis** 

Kim Morgan

4 Richard & Linda Emily\*

Sadie Hiatt

5 Conetta Casey

David Murray

6 Betty Newland

Grace Peterson

Marcia Potts

Randy & Kim Olmstead\*

7 Billy & Crystal Brooks\*

Jason McCord

**Chance Mathis** 

Kevin & Ramanda Kinnick

9 Kimberly Hutchinson

10 Paula Brown

BJ Schwein

**Duwayne Hornback** 

11 Bella Fredericksen

12 Levi Bruner

**Dennis Schwein** 

Preston & Gina Humbel\*

Duwayne & Sylvina Hornback\*

13 Kendall & Victoria Yeaton\*

14 Chase Mathis

Nikki Smith

16 Elizabeth Lockherd

Gayla Shireman

Kaley Murray

Janet Murphy

17 Steve Pruitt

Whitney Michael

18 Lucky & Cheryl Jenkins\*

**Travis Mouser** 

19 Denny & Robin Dorsett\*

20 Deven Clausen

**Brenda Stoner** 

22 Judah Carlson

**Preston Humbel** 

Haley Cook

24 Breanna Dorsett

Ethan Murphy

Morris & Diane Bolin\*

25 Tessa Hensley

28 Charlene Folz

Jessica Sherfick

Josh Meek

29 Luke Allman

Melinda Foust

Terry & Marilyn Mullins\*

30 Lee & Alice Ostrander\*

Daniel & Rachel Barnes