

# ENCOURAGER

## April Calendar

### Events:

- 3rd Donut Sunday
- 3rd Congregational Mtg after 10am service
- 8th Parent's Nite Out Sign-up in Life Center
- 9th Free Hot Meal 11:30-12:30
- 10th Double Shower for Wrights after 10am service see wkly bulletin for details
- 16th Men's Breakfast
- 22 & 23 Hilltop Women's Retreat

### New Members:

Tony & Julie Jenkins

### Baptized:

Jerry Hall  
Teah Meek

## Storm Warning

Martin Wright

### New Preaching Series Begins April 3



Modern Meteorology does a pretty good job of preparing communities for dangerous weather. Warnings now go up

hours even days ahead of many storm systems. Most of us have some plan of action when severe weather threatens. But what of the other storms we face in life—relationship storms, financial storms, political storms and health storms? Does God offer us in any

protection in those storms? Where can we turn for protection? What is the best plan to make it through the storms of life? Let's find out together as we join with the first century Christians of the book of Acts to discover how they overcame the storms of life.



## Associate Minister Sabbatical Opportunity

On Sunday, April 3 we will hold an informational meeting regarding an opportunity we have to receive a grant to send Associate Minister Virgil Clotfelter on a sabbatical. The Clergy Renewal Grant program of Lilly Endowment Inc. is a

competitive grant program that helps fund clergy renewal leaves. We will be applying for a leave for Virgil, and we are optimistic we will be successful in securing a grant in one of the coming years (Remember, most ministers do not

receive a grant the first time they apply.) Virgil will be sharing information about his hopes for the sabbatical and congregational questions will be answered at the meeting. Please join us.

# Taking Care of God's Creation

Zech Riggs

Have you ever tried to desperately picture what the Garden of Eden would have looked like if we had the opportunity to visit its beauty today? As you close your eyes to take in your surroundings, you begin to notice the scent of fresh spring flowers, the mist of a waterfall, or even the shade of the trees as they branch out reaching for the sun. Animals of all sorts run, scamper, and hop around you as feel the warmth of the sun and the sound of nature envelope your ears. Have you then tried to compare those natural areas in our world in which we might see some small glimpse into this perfect place God had created?

When I do all this, I think back to the calling that God gave Adam. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it" as Genesis 2:15 tells us. It was Adam's responsibility that God gave him to take care of this wonderful gift that had been blessed upon him.



Even though we no longer have access to Eden because of the fall and the flood, does that mean that the responsibility that was given to Adam has changed? Given that the population on Earth continues to grow, I believe it is even more important than ever to take care of what God has blessed upon us.

While taking on the huge task of keeping the Earth clean sounds quite overwhelming, there are so many easy yet significant things that each individual can do that make a huge difference in the long term. You may have noticed that we have added two

recycling stations at Ogilville Christian Church, one in the café and one downstairs in the Kidzone area.

As a church, we have listened to the concerns of many individuals who have seen the amount of recyclable items we throw away every week. We understand that it is our responsibility as Christians to provide a clean environment for our future generations and show a major concern for keeping God's Earth clean as best we can. We believe that each of you can make all the difference. By partnering alongside us in this recycling initiative, you can make a difference for this Earth and those living in it. When you see the opportunity to make a difference in this way, we challenge you to be the example. Would you join us in keeping God's gift clean? Celebrate with us as we glorify God for what he has given us on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for all that you do and God Bless!



## Hilltop Women's Retreat Coming in April

"...that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" Romans 1:12

"Encouraging Women" is the theme for the Hilltop Women's Retreat to be held April 22 & 23 at Hilltop Christian Camp in beautiful Brown County. The speaker this year is Love Lockman from Seymour Christian Church in Seymour, IN. Bible based workshops will help refresh, inspire and encourage

you in your walk with Christ. Topics will include: We are all ministers, God's encouragement to women, Encouraging others through our experiences, Encouraging healthy living.

A prayer room and walk will also be available for quiet reflection. A Christian book Swap & Shop will be available so round-up your

used books to donate or trade. Chapel will be open after campfire to enjoy Christian fellowship. You will find registrations for this year's event at the OCC Life Center or you may contact the camp directly at 812-988-4991 or you may email them at : hilltop@hilltopchristiancamp.com

# God's Inspiration Becomes A Reality

Kathleen Schwein

## The Inspiration

Jeff and Marcia Potts and their family began attending OCC in January of 2014. Soon after, God placed in Marcia's heart the passion to take a class on how to create stained glass; mid-January, she began a six-week course. After she had completed the class, she remembers sitting in church one particular Sunday when a picture of a sinner kneeling at the foot of Jesus with the cross looming in the background was placed on the overhead screen. The three elements: Jesus, a sinner and the cross with its dark, solemn undertones, drew her in. Suddenly, she felt God pulling her attention to the idea of placing those elements into a stained glass picture to replace the glass already in the entryway. In what became a God-inspired image of the three elements mentioned, and without the darkness of the previous picture, Marcia drew an image to present to the Elders in July of 2015.

## The Sinner, Jesus and the Cross

When Marcia began drawing the picture, she needed to keep every line in mind. Everything, each line, must flow to and from Jesus, radiating to Him; He is the center. The blue of the sky in between the sun's rays accentuates even further the light being drawn toward

Jesus. The entire idea must center on the light radiating out from Jesus as we, the sinners, are drawn to the light. Of the four panels, Jesus flows over into three panels; he is the most important aspect. He is completely clear with different textures of clear glass symbolizing our walk by faith not by sight; all we have in our minds is an outlined image of what we believe is Jesus' appearance.

As mentioned, the project in itself is broken into four panels



and the sinner is broken between two panels; he is "broken," quite literally, before Jesus. In the beginning stages, Marcia considered the sinner's glass color to be brown to symbolize the dirt, the filth of sin. Upon further consideration, it was decided that the sinner not be dark but opaque, see through, because God sees through all our sin.

Lastly, we cannot do without the cross, in all its significance, looming in the background. Its inspiration is of the old rugged cross. Marcia was able to find a glass with the right amount of rough texture to signify that look. Each tiny detail came together to make the image what it is.

## Timeline and Collaborative Teams

Marcia began drawing the weekend of July the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

She made one panel per month in her kitchen from August to November and completed the glass on Thanksgiving morning. Along with working on the project individually, OCC members, Carolyn Pruitt, Dorri Cloffelter, Sandy Johnson, and Barty and Kathy Moffett joined her several hours during each week to create the glass picture. Barty also engineered the metal framing in order to give the artwork the strength to be held upright. The final installation team included: Keith Kenick, Morris Bolin and Wayne Roller (wood framing & mounting) Chad Stadler (wood stain) and Frank George (electrical). The glass was placed in a protective glass barrier before being mounting in the entryway for its final position. The piece was installed on Friday, March the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

*OCC would like to thank all those involved in helping to make God's inspiration a reality. We sincerely apologize if anyone's name has been omitted. We thank you for your time and commitment to this beautiful addition to God's house.*



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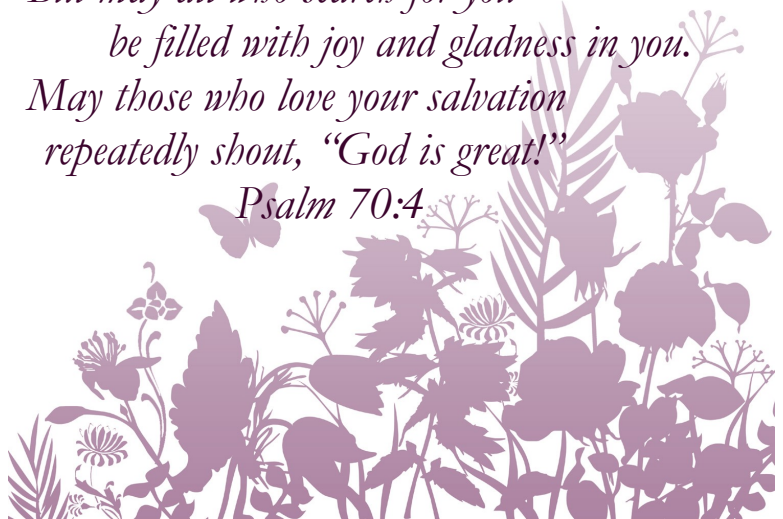
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*But may all who search for you  
be filled with joy and gladness in you.  
May those who love your salvation  
repeatedly shout, "God is great!"*

*Psalm 70:4*



Pictured from front to back:

Zech Riggs

Martin Peterson, Don Bradley, John Hundley, Lucky Jenkins

Martin Wright, Virgil Clotfelter, John Riggs, Kendall Yeaton

*April*  
2016

## Birthdays

John Kropack	April 1	Elizabeth Lockherd	April 16
Ron May	April 1	Janet Murphy	April 16
Elizabeth Smith	April 1	Kaley Murray	April 16
Margaret Greene	April 2	Gayla Shireman	April 16
Gwen Bond	April 3	Whitney Michael	April 17
Cathy Clubb	April 3	Steve Pruitt	April 17
Connor Mathis	April 3	Travis Mouser	April 18
Kim Morgan	April 3	Xavier Harrison	April 19
Sadie Hiatt	April 4	Emma Warnoch	April 19
Mary Lucas	April 4	Deven Clausen	April 20
Conetta Casey	April 5	Brenda Stoner	April 20
David Murray	April 5	Judah Carlson	April 22
Grace Peterson	April 6	Preston Humbel	April 22
Marcia Potts	April 6	Haley Cook	April 23
Chance Mathis	April 7	Breanna Dorsett	April 24
Jason McCord	April 7	Ethan Murphy	April 24
Kimberly Hutchinson	April 9	Tessa Hensley	April 25
Zipporah Riggs	April 9	Chris Smallwood	April 26
Paula Brown	April 10	Charlene Folz	April 28
Duwayne Hornback	April 10	Josh Meek	April 28
BJ Schwein	April 10	Jessica Sherfick	April 28
Bella Fredericksen	April 11	Luke Allman	April 29
Levi Roberts	April 12	Melinda Foust	April 29
Dennis Schwein	April 12	Pamela Zimmerman	April 29
Chase Mathis	April 14	Chris Shewmake	April 30
Nikki Smith	April 14		



Ordination of Zech Riggs

## Anniversaries

Richard & Linda Emily	April 4
Randy & Kim Olmstead	April 6
Billy & Crystal Brooks	April 8
Preston & Gina Humbel	April 12
Duwayne & Sylvina Hornback	April 13
Kendall & Victoria Yeaton	April 13
Kevin & Ramanda Kinnick	April 17
Lucky & Cheryl Jenkins	April 18
Denny & Robin Dorsett	April 19
Mark & Natalie Adkins	April 21
Morris & Diane Bolin	April 24
Jeff & Christy Evans	April 28
Terry & Marilyn Mullins	April 29
Daniel & Rachel Barnes	April 30
Lee & Alice Ostrander	April 30