

# May Sermon Spotlights

by Martin Wright



## Mother's Day Services 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. May 11, 2014

We are looking forward to Mother's Day as we honor our mothers with a special service and recognition. (Sunday school will meet at its normal time from 9:00-9:45 a.m.) Every mother present will receive a gift from the church and a few lucky moms will receive a select gift.



## New Preaching Series

What kind of unique, God given gifts lie within us but need fanning into flame? Could it be that Paul's unique challenge to Timothy is also a life altering call for us to discover a deeper and more powerful spirituality? If you have ever felt powerless, weak, timid or afraid then you won't want to miss this powerful three part series by OCC minister, Martin Wright.

## Fan The Flame Begins May 25 "Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you..."

2 Timothy 1:6

## In Praise of Mothers...

Everybody knows that a good mother gives her children a feeling of trust and stability. She is the one they can count on for the things that matter most of all. She is their food and their bed and their extra blanket when it grows cold in the night;

she is their warmth and health and their shelter; she is the one they want to be near when they cry. She is the only person in the whole world, or in a whole lifetime, who can be these things to her children. There is no substitute for her. Some-

how even her clothes feel different to her children's hands from anybody else's clothes. Only to touch her skirt or her sleeve makes a troubled child feel better.

*Excerpted from The Journal and Letters of the Little Locksmith by Katherine Butler Hathaway.*

## Honoring Graduates

OCC will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 1st during the 10 a.m. service. Graduates will be recognized and presented with a exclusive gift. Check the Sunday

Bulletin for graduation open house celebrations. If you have a graduate who is not listed, please contact the office.

## High School

Stephanie Lewis, Home School  
Liza Newman, Brown County  
Annie Day, Columbus North  
Christian Wichman, Columbus East

## College

Emily Foust, IU  
Cody Surenkamp, Purdue  
Lauren Moffett, IU



## MEMORIAL DAY

Remember  
Those  
Who  
Served



# OCC Launches Website

by Martin Wright

On Easter Sunday the Ogilville Christian Church website came to life on the World Wide Web. Members and guests can now find us on-line at [www.occtoday.org](http://www.occtoday.org). The website provides members with an opportunity to enjoy previously recorded sermons, to receive information about upcoming events,

and to make online donations. The site is also designed to familiarize those seeking a church home with important information about our congregation.

Initial response to the website has been overwhelmingly positive. We have received many complimentary phone calls and comments, many of which have

come from those who are unable to attend with us because of issues with health or distance. "It's awesome," said non-resident member Gary Hundley, "I will definitely be making use of the website!" Anecdotal evidence seems to indicate Hundley is not alone in his appreciation of the new service.

## Electronic Giving: Fast, Easy, & Secure

Support the work of our church through Electronic Giving. Have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically—you'll never have to remember your checkbook again!

Get started today! Visit our church website  
[www.occtoday.org](http://www.occtoday.org)

OCC is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account [or processed using your credit or debit card]. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and donation consistency for our ministries.



If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

## Jesus Jam *from Mark & Sherry*

May is a busy month, but we are still meeting each Thursday night from 7-8:30pm. Please get registered for Hilltop camp! You don't want to miss out on a week of fun and learning. Jesus Jam will have special events during the summer months. Keep your eye on the slides and bulletin for info.

## Pre School Highlight

April was a fun month! Our daddies came for Dad's Night, Blue Birds took a field trip to the library, & Red Birds worked on graduation & Kindergarten testing. In May we are looking forward to an exceptional night with our Moms, finishing up our

last month of classroom work, picnic field trips to Donner Park & Graduation. It has been a fast and wonderful year!



## Hilltop Summer Camp Schedule

OCC is pleased to support Hilltop Christian Camp and we encourage all of our young people to consider making a week at Hilltop a part of their summer. We also want to remind our families that they can save a considerable amount of money by registering by the discount tuition date of May 17<sup>th</sup>. Camp registrations are available at the OCC Life Center or you may register on-line: Obtain your church code (office) then go to [www.hilltopchristiancamp.com](http://www.hilltopchristiancamp.com).

*Partial or full camp scholarships are available. Contact benevolence leaders John Hundley 812-552-5067 or Lucky Jenkins 374-2832*



### Completed Grades:

Day Camp	K & 1
Ice Breaker	2 & 3
Junior	3 — 5
Intermediate	5 & 6
Junior High	6 — 8
High School	8 — 12

- Day Camp — July 10
- Day Camp II — July 11
- Day Camp Wilderness — July 10
- Ice Breaker — July 6-8
- Ice Breaker Wilderness — July 6-8
- Junior — July 20-25
- Junior Girls — June 29—July 4
- Junior Wilderness — June 8—13
- Intermediate — July 13-18
- Junior High I — June 15-20
- Junior High II — July 27-Aug. 1
- Junior High Wilderness — June 22-27
- High School 1 — June 1-6

# Remember<sup>1</sup>

by Kathy Bradley

I walked into the kitchen, only to find that I had no idea why I was there. How do you remember things? Do you tie string around your finger? Do you use mnemonics, such as HOMES to remember the names of the Great Lakes (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior)? Sometimes we set alarms, sometimes we use associations. Concerning the kitchen adventure, I had to retrace my steps to figure out why I had gone there. Whatever the method, the need for reminders make it obvious that the human race is a forgetful race.

God knows this all too well and established feasts to help his people remember important times. The Passover, for example, held on a yearly basis, ensured that the Israelites would always remember their deliverance from slavery, and their protection from the plague that claimed the lives of every Egyptian firstborn. Christians routinely celebrate the memorial instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, as we remember His sacrifice and offer our thanks.

In secular culture we use holidays to commemorate im-

portant dates and events. Ideally, these holidays are more than a day off work or a time for picnics and special sporting events. Ideally, we take some time to remember a person or group of people without whom our lives would be very different.

Such a holiday is Memorial Day. Also known as Decoration Day, many take this opportunity to decorate the burial sites of loved ones who have gone before, and in so doing, cherish the memories that they bequeathed. I have many memories of my own father and mother, aunts and uncles, and half-siblings that greatly impacted my own life. Remembering them is easy. But how do we remember those whom we don't exactly remember? Who are these people?

They are the people who died in military service, who offered the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, who deemed liberty a cause worthy of their very lives. For the most part, we didn't know them nor did they know us. What they knew was that freedom was worth the sacrifice.

What a representation of our own dear Savior Who died to set us

free! Scripture is replete with references concerning freedom. Here are but a few:

*"...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

*For freedom Christ has set us free*

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Although I can't really say thank you to any of these individuals, perhaps I can simply thank God. Thank You, Lord, for bringing these exceptional people to the perfect time and place, "for such a time as this." Thank You for their courage, for their spirit, for their commitment to the human freedom that You established before the beginning of time. Thank you, Lord, for the hope Your freedom brings to the souls of men.

And let us take time to...

"Remember."

<sup>1</sup>Spock to McCoy, *The Wrath of Khan*

## B.L.A.S.T. Summer Sign-Off

from Zech & Julie Riggs

Wow!!! What an amazing school year this has been!! We are wrapping up our last semester, the last month of school and BLAST before we let out for the summer at the end of May. But, have no fear, there will be several fun summer activities ahead for students. As we look back on this past year, we have covered many topics including "Jesus: You're my Superhero," where we discussed the miracles of Jesus and, more recently, "What if Cartoons Got Saved?" where we

considered character traits that are good and bad to have as a Christian.

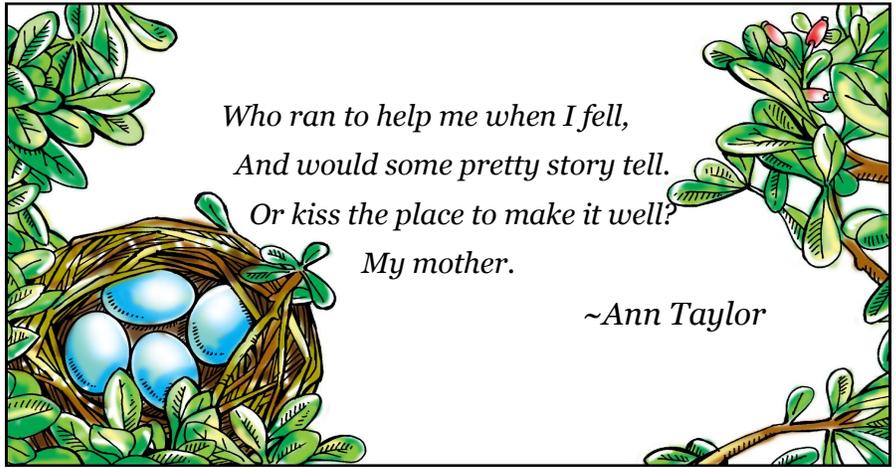
The BLAST Lock-in was major success and we would like to take the time to thank everyone who volunteered and made it a wonderful event; it would not have been as successful as it was without the help of God and our volunteers. We look forward to next year's lock-in and the fun times it will bring.

We also would like to thank each parent for their great support of

this youth group and for allowing each child to be a wonderful part of **Believers Learning And Serving Together**. We have had the opportunity to watch each and every student grow in God's Word, grow closer together as a church family and help guide not only their peers in **BLAST** but friends as well. We look forward to the year ahead and what it will bring, not only for us, but for the students and to see what God has done in their lives over the summer! God Bless and have fun in the Son!!

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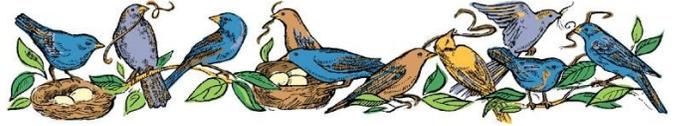
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Who ran to help me when I fell,  
 And would some pretty story tell.  
 Or kiss the place to make it well?

My mother.

~Ann Taylor



## anniversaries & birthdays

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Jerry & Lisa Pardue*     | 17 Robbin & Sandy Hundley* |
| 3 Gregg & Janis Surenkamp* | Jake Morgan                |
| Brinnyn Moss               | 18 Derek & Megan Mullins   |
| Jacob Lewis                | Dylan Peters               |
| 4 Gage Pacek               | 20 Makayla Helwig          |
| 5 Brooke Hutchinson        | 22 Lilly Hurt              |
| 6 Bill & Mae Allen*        | Oliver Kerkhof             |
| Elvin Olmstead             | Michele Hornback           |
| 7 Daniel Folz              | 24 Dave Fredericksen       |
| Victoria Yeaton            | 25 Nicholas Wagner         |
| 8 Makenna McCord           | Kaitlin Wagner             |
| Gracelynn Humbel           | Lisa Stadler               |
| 9 Billy Brooks             | Jason & Natalie Perry*     |
| 11 Delilah Perry           | 26 Anna Wilcoxon           |
| 13 Elaina Shewmake         | 27 Sandi Phegley           |
| Jason & Christina McCord   | Susan Murray               |
| 14 Judy Reeves             | 28 Mark & Sherry Yeaton*   |
| Richard Emily              | 29 Joshua Sherfick         |
| Bernie Shaw                | Michelle & Jeremy Wells*   |
| 15 Carl Jones              | 30 Dave & Julie Weaver*    |
| 16 Courtney Fisher         | 31 Kaleb Bruner            |
| Tim Hurt                   |                            |
| Jacinda Senesac            |                            |

## ...on the calendar

- ◇ 4 Donut Sunday
- ◇ 7 Pre School Mother's Tea 7pm OCC Bsmt.
- ◇ 10 Surenkamp/Foust Grad. Open House
- ◇ 11 Mother's Day
- ◇ 18 Last week for *The Story*
- ◇ 23 Pre School Last Day/Graduation 7pm
- ◇ 24 Hilltop Workday (8-3 lunch provided)
- ◇ 26 OFFICE CLOSED, Memorial Day observed

## men's softball schedule

5.2.14	8pm	D2	Terrace Lake
5.9.14	8pm	D1	Columbus Community
5.16.14	7pm	D3	Ohio St. Wesleyan
	8pm	D3	St. Peter's
5.23.14	6pm	D3	Zion Lutheran
5.30.14	7pm	D1	The Ridge

