

ENCOURAGER

In Praise of Mothers...

Virgil Clotfelter

April Calendar

Events:

- 1st Donut Sunday
- 8th Mother's Day
- 14th Hot Meal
- 18th Last B.L.A.S.T. breaking for summer
- 19th Last Jesus Jam
- 21st Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 30th Memorial Day, office closed

New Members:

Tony & Julie Jenkins

Baptized:

Jerry Hall

Check any list of "the sweetest words in the English language and you'll probably find that beautiful word "mother" near the top. I wish every human could have a loving mother like mine. Let me tell you why.

I'm very grateful to my mother because she embodied so many of the fine qualities of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. She was a woman who lived her faith and taught me to love Jesus. My love for the church comes largely from our family practice of being among the first to arrive at church and among the last to leave every Sunday. She was a primary force and factor in my decision to accept God's call to the ministry. I definitely trace my love for music to my mom who had such a wonderful alto voice. She tried her best to teach me the difference between right and wrong (to confess, a les-

son I am not done struggling with). She demonstrated an excellent work ethic for the three children she raised mostly on her own. She sacrificed much and often to afford me a stable and



joyful childhood. I owe her BIG TIME. Thank you mom!

She's been gone for over 18 years now, but I still find myself wanting to have just five minutes to talk with her and ask her questions about hard life issues. She's definitely one of the saints I will look for first when God calls me home to glory. I found such comfort when she passed because of my confi-

dence that God had welcomed her home with those words, "well done...!" and given her the promised reward of her faith.

I share her example to be obedient to the biblical command to "honor your father and mother." I also want to encourage each son and daughter to find the good possessed by their mother and honor her impact on your life in positive ways. I also lift her up as a great example and encouragement to every mom today and moms to come about the need for and blessing of godly mothers. I shudder to think about what my life would be like without the mom God gave me. What a GIANT blessing Thelma Clotfelter was and is.

Join us at OCC on Sunday, May 8th, as we honor God through honoring our mothers.

OCC will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 5th during the 10 a.m. service. Graduates will be recognized and presented with an exclusive gift. Check the Sunday Bulletin for graduation open house celebrations. If you have a graduate who is not listed, please contact the office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



North High School

Nikia Clipp
Emily Combs
Shianna Hurt
Rachel Lovins
Lillie Petro
Elizabeth Smith

East High School

Jaleigh Buck
Caylee Brown
Wesley Jewell
Noah Wichman

Waldorf University

Stephanie Lewis

Summer Camp at Hilltop

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"Where Christ and a great time go together!" This has been the motto for Hilltop Christian Camp for decades. Church camp offers so many benefits and blessings so don't miss out on a single good thing!

Hilltop offers camp experiences for Kindergarten through high school age youth. Registration materials are available in the OCC office, or you can register on line at www.hilltopchristiancamp.org. May 15 is the early registration deadline that allows campers to receive a discounted tuition price. OCC also offers tuition assistance to our campers. Contact our OCC office, 812-342-6907, for scholarship details and codes.

This summer's camp theme is "DO SOMETHING!" and it is based on the



Bible verse Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

It promises to be an enjoyable and fruitful pursuit. YOU should be there! Weekly worship attendance is not the only thing on the rise at OCC. Check out these recent summer attendance numbers for OCC campers at Hilltop. It's a trend we want to continue. In 2014 there were 33 OCC campers in 2015, 54 OCC campers. In 2016, How many? Adult volunteers are always welcome. Contact the camp for details if you are interested.

Day Camp I — June 29
Day Camp II — June 30
Day Camp III — July 1
Day Camp Wilderness — June 30
Ice Breaker — June 20-28
Ice Breaker Wilderness — June 26-28
Junior I — June 5-10
Junior II — July 17-22
Junior Wilderness — June 5-10
All Girls: Grds 3-5 & 6
Stdnt Ldrs Grds 7-12 — July 3-8
Intermediate — July 10-15
Junior High — June 12-17
Junior High Wilderness — June 12-17
High School — June 19-24
High School Wilderness — June 12-17
FIT 4 CHRIST, FIT 4 LIFE — July 24-29
(Grades 6-12 Focusing on Spiritual & Physical Fitness)

November 17-20, 2016
in Lexington, Kentucky

ICOM is the International Conference On Missions (formerly the National Missionary Convention). This year it will convene in nearby Lexington, KY on the weekend of November 17-20 at the downtown Convention Center. Family registration is \$50.00 and can

be done on-line at theicom.org.

The ICOM is a gathering of mission-minded believers and features missionary preaching, inspiring worship, a wide variety of relevant workshops, and a HUGE mission exhibit/display

area. ICOM sessions begin on Thursday night and ICOM concludes at Noon on Sunday. Contact a member of the OCC missions team for more information or perhaps to carpool. We encourage your attendance at the 2016 ICOM in Lexington.

Have Fun in the Son!

Zech Riggs

Well...here we are at the month of May. It has been an excellent year of growth and discipleship as we end another B.L.A.S.T. season. We will be graduating a few students who will be greatly missed but we have watched them mature into leaders for those younger than them and know that they are ready for the next leap. As we look back over this last year, we reflect on the topics covered where we started our new curriculum "The Gospel Project." In it, we visited several true stories in Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy. At the end of each lesson, we culminate with how the

scripture and stories point directly to Jesus. We are thankful for this study series and have seen many students grow in their desire to learn and study scripture.

While the summers are now shorter due to longer school years, that won't deter B.L.A.S.T. from having a couple of summer activities. More information will come to light as we approach June. Also, as the new school year approaches in August, please be on the lookout for more information regarding an upcoming parent meeting and for more information about exciting new changes coming to B.L.A.S.T in the fall.

We want to personally thank each and every student as well as parents for making B.L.A.S.T. such an amazing and important part of ministry here at Ogilvie Christian Church. Thank you for the support and for allowing each student to be a part of **Believers Learning And Serving Together** this past year. We are excited to see new and familiar faces return this fall when we start back up and also to see students that have been well rested and relaxed from the summer break. God bless and have fun in the Son!

But Christ is All and in All Colossians 3:11

Martin Wright & Zech Riggs

Sometimes I receive questions about why OCC does certain things certain ways. In general, I can tell you that OCC attempts, as much as possible, to imitate the New Testament church and its practices. As author Leroy Lawson explains it, "that is why our baptism is by immersion, our Communion is every Lord's Day, our leaders are called elders, our preaching is about Christ, and our prayers are in Christ's name. Even our church name is rooted in the earliest days, when disciples were first called Christians." Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent we extend grace. As you consider your actions on any subject, your church leadership encourages you to consult your Bible for direction.

Martin Wright

Below is the meditation given by Zech Riggs on Sunday, April 24th, explaining the meaning behind the Christian fellowship of communion:

The early Christians broke bread and drank of the cup every week for the Lord's Supper...but why did the early church celebrate the Lord's Sup-

per every week?

Why did they assemble on Sunday? They came to participate in the great celebration of fellowship, to commune together as they shared the Lord's Supper. In so doing, they were remembering the core beliefs of their faith: that Jesus died for their sins and rose on the third day.

Taking communion or the Lord's Supper was not a passive experience. They did more than hear the spoken word. Their fingers touched the bread as they remembered Christ's body broken for them. Their tongues tasted the wine as they recalled Christ's blood shed for them. They celebrated the new covenant, the gracious invitation of God to believe in his Son and thereby be saved.

It takes a new way of thinking, a paradigm shift, to understand the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper. The question is not, "Why do we have it every week?" The question is, "Why do we meet every week?" We all come to meet around a table of fellowship offered by Christ to all believers...all who believe that Jesus is the Christ and truly is the son of God.

When we are taking communion, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11 that there should be a spirit of unity (vv. 17-19). The Lord's Supper is a community meal and should reinforce and reflect our essential unity in Christ.

There should also be a spirit of humility (vv. 20-22). There is no place at the table for feelings of superiority since we are all sinners in need of a Savior. There should also be a spirit of thanksgiving (v. 23). If Jesus' sacrifice doesn't deserve thanks, nothing does.

There should be a spirit of admiration (vv. 24, 25). After all, the emblems tell us of the death of Christ and remind us of our own forgiveness. That should inspire worship in anyone who takes it seriously.

And, surprisingly, Paul says there should a spirit of expectation (v. 26). Remembering something is not the only reason for the Lord's Supper. It involves the past, present, and even the future. We look forward to that time when the Lord will return to dine with us in eternity.

Zech Riggs

Pre School Highlight

Sherry Yeaton

We have had such a fun Spring semester!! A big thank you to our Dads for coming to visit us during dad's night in April. In May, we are looking forward to an exceptional night with our moms as well as field trips for both Red and Blue Birds. PreK (Red Bird class) is working on testing and preparing for their big night of graduation. Both classes will also enjoy an end of the year field trip to Donner Park. Thanks to all who have prayed for our school, students and staff this year.

JJ heading for Summer

Mark & Sherry

May is a busy month, but we are still meeting each Thursday night from 7-8:30pm. Guy/Girl Night is May 5th. Check out the Jesus Jam Facebook page for final Details. 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.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

Remember
Those
Who
Served



Note: John McCrae (1872-1918) was a Canadian physician and fought in WWI on the Western Front in 1914; he was transferred to the medical corps and assigned to a hospital in France where he died of pneumonia in 1918. His book of poetry, *In Flanders Fields and Other Poems*, was published after his death, in 1919.

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anniversaries

Jerry & Lisa Pardue	May 1
Gregg & Janis Surenkamp	May 3
Bill & Mae Allen	May 6
George & Charlene Bragg	May 10
Greg & Heather Mathis	May 10
Jason & Christina McCord	May 13
Gina Chapple	May 17
Robbin & Sandy Hundley	May 17
Derek & Megan Mullins	May 18
James & Sarah Harrison	May 21
Jason & Natalie Perry	May 25,
Mark & Sherry Yeaton	May 28
Jeremy & Michelle Wells	May 29,
Dave & Julie Weaver	May 30

birthdays

Janet Lewis	May 1
Jacob Lewis	May 3
Brinnyn Moss	May 3
Gage Pacek	May 4
Brooke Hutchinson	May 5
Julie Jenkins	May 5
Elvin Olmstead	May 6
Daniel Folz	May 7
Victoria Yeaton	May 7
Gracelynn Humbel	May 8
Makenna McCord	May 8
Billy Brooks	May 9
Delilah Perry	May 11
Rachel Barnes	May 12
Ruth Acton	May 13
Elaina Shewmake	May 13

Nicholas Barriger	May 14
Richard Emily	May 14
Judy Reeves	May 14
Carl Jones	May 15
Courtney Fisher	May 16
Tim Hurt	May 16
Jacinda Senesac	May 16
Sherry Hardwick	May 17
Jake Morgan	May 17
Jesse Morrison	May 18
Jenese Morrison	May 18
Dylan Peters	May 18
Daniel Barnes	May 20
Makayla Helwig	May 20
Hailey Andis	May 22

Laverne Carr	May 22
Michele Hornback	May 22
Lilly Hurt	May 22
Oliver Kerkhof	May 22
Bill Acton	May 24
Wylee Crabtree	May 24
Dave Fredericksen	May 24
Lisa Stadler	May 25
Nicholas Wagner	May 25
Kaitlin Wagner	May 25
Susan Murray	May 27
Sandi Phegley	May 27
Braelyn Hardwick	May 28
Josh Sherfick	May 29
Kaleb Roberts	May 31

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

*God grant me
the Serenity*

*to accept the things
I cannot change,
Courage to change the things
I can, and the wisdom
to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the
pathway to peace.*

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;*

*Trusting that He will make all things
right if I surrender to His will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy
in this life,
And supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.*

— Reinhold Niebuhr