

But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love
for you are my fortress
my refuge in times of trouble.



Brown Country Retreat

Martin Wright

It's hard to believe our all church retreat weekend at Brown County State Park is almost here. Our staff is very excited about all that we have planned during this special time together. On Friday evening, we will enjoy an inspiring message by Howard Brammer. Howard has served Traders Point Christian Church in Indianapolis through several decades of amazing growth. He is also a lifelong friend of our outreach minister, Bob Casey. Following our evening session, our church will have exclusive use of the aquatic center for an after-hours swim party complete with lazy river access and water slide usage. The many lobbies of the lodge will also

serve as gathering points for OCC members and guests to fellowship.

ing "an appreciative inquiry" session. This is a chance for our people to share some of what is on their hearts in a positive and encouraging way. Our day closes with a special event. Families will have time to check out before noon at which time folks are free to enjoy the rest of their day as they please at their own pace.

This is going to be a special time for our church family and we are thrilled to be able to offer such an amazing opportunity to our people. Special thanks go out to the Indiana Center for Congregations and their staff for helping to fund this special event.

Brief Schedule of Events

Friday, August 14th

- * Check-In—4:00-6:00pm
- * Dinner Buffett—6:30pm
- * Worship w/Kendall Yeaton—7:30pm
- * Guest Speaker, Howard Brammer—8:00pm
- * Activities w/church staff—8:45-9:30pm
- * Private Swim 10:00-11:00pm

Saturday, August 15th

- * Breakfast—9:00am
- * Activities w/church staff—9:45-11:15am
- * Check Out—11:15-12:00pm

On Saturday, we will meet for breakfast at 9:00am and then enjoy a very special time of round table discussions in an event we are call-

Hope You're Having a Great Summer!



Women's Bible Studies...Morning and Evening

A new evening women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at the home of Brenda Stoner in Columbus. We will read through the Bible together using the scriptures to direct our prayers. No extra curriculum will be necessary. Study will begin in the New Testament book of Luke. Women are encouraged and welcome to come regularly or drop in whenever there is a need for an extra dose of scripture or fellowship. Meeting time is every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Lisa Pardue 812-344-8676, Susan G. Hundley 812-344-0893, or Brenda Stoner 812-522-2196 if you have questions or need directions.

Ladies, mark your calendars for a fellowship gathering Tuesday, August 18th from 9:30—11:30am. We will meet in the OCC café for a light breakfast. During our fellowship time we will look over a number of studies and discuss what we would like to pursue this September. Tentative start date is Tuesday, September 1st from 9-11:30am. If you are new to the Tuesday morning study and would like to join us, this would be a great time to come and meet everyone! Please feel free to contact Mona Peterson @ 812-371-8051 for more information.

Pre School Starting Soon!

Sherry Yeaton

Pre School, T & Th—Pre K, M, W,

We are gearing up for a new school year. The classroom is getting "buffed and polished" for our new and returning students. Open House is Monday, August 17th @ 5pm, with school starting on Monday, August 24th.

Fall kick off for the Parent/Student information meeting will be Thursday, August 27th from 7-8:30pm. Our teaching staff is looking forward to seeing all of you!

Please pray for our staff & students as we enter into this local mission field. We do have a few openings remaining. Contact Sherry Yeaton @ 812-342-6907 for more information.

Jesus Jam...Beat the Heat

Mark & Sherry Yeaton

Summer is speeding by! Mark your calendars as Jesus Jam's next event is Family Swim Night at Hilltop, August 13th from 6:00—8:00pm. Please bring a snack to share. If you are a youth in 7th-12th grade bring your family and join in the fun. Come on out and beat the heat!



Mission Trip Deadline Extended

Virgil Clotfelter

- October 3—10, during fall break
- "Vida Nueva" Ministries in Piedras-Negras, Mexico w/Castillos
- Estimated costs \$700-\$800 per person
- **Due to new airfare plans sign-up deadline extended to August 30**
- Annual Mission Team Soup/Dessert Auction, Sunday, Sept. 13th
- Contact Virgil Clotfelter for information or questions @ 812-342-6907

Nursery Needs...

Meg Mullins

The nursery is still in need of volunteers. There are 14 openings remaining for the rest of 2015. Maybe you have a child in the nursery, would you consider spending one Sunday in this ministry? A sign-up sheet is available at the Life Center or you may contact Meg Mullins thru the OCC office.



"Meatloaf, smeatloaf, double-beatloaf. I hate meatloaf," says Randy in "A Christmas Story". I beg to differ; I love a good meatloaf! (Just ask those loved ones from whom I routinely beg said entree.) What I detest is weakness, especially weakness in myself...

'Tis said that you nitpick in others what you despise in yourself, and I don't doubt it. Favorite phrases (less than merciful) – "Suck it up." "Put your big girl panties on." "No whining allowed." "Welcome to real life." You get the drift. You may have even used these and other expressions on occasion.

How ironically apropos then for my Papa to visit me a few years

back with the weakness of anemia. Anemia is nothing others can see, not like a broken limb or obvious disease. It is an insidious invisible sapping of one's strength and energy (The life of the flesh IS in the blood, after all.), one that is obvious to no one but you and your MD. To everyone else you look fine – so suck it up! Humbling, reproving, enlightening – did I mention humbling?

To all with whom I have been short (I speak not of my height; that would be everyone), less than merciful, too impatient, not kind enough – I beg your forgiveness. To all with whom it will happen again, I ask your forgiveness. Though this particular

weakness has subsided, others have taken its place. Perhaps those too will be healed in this life, perhaps not. But of greater importance is that the spiritual weakness be made whole, so that, rather than physical strength, kindness, gentleness, patience will be restored for His sake...I have no doubt of it, for once again and as per usual, my confidence is in Christ alone.

Feeling weak? Despair not, for...

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2Co 12:9

Hilltop Events: Family Day & Men's Retreat

FAMILY DAY...

Hilltop will host it's annual 'Family Day — Hog Roast & Fish Fry' Sunday, August 2 from 12:30 — 3 pm. Meal will include pulled pork OR fried fish, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, slaw, tomatoes, and much more. The cost will be a free will donation. All monies after expenses go to the "20/20" Vision/Building Fund.

A variety of activities will be available along with the swimming pool opening at 1pm. Come out, join in the fun and help support the camp.

MEN'S RETREAT

This year's retreat message is 'Training My Replacement' with featured speaker Delvin Sweeney, Senior Minister, Milltown Christian Church, Little York, IN

Retreat Schedule:

Friday, August 7

5:00 p.m. — Check-in

6:00 p.m. — Pulled pork supper

7:00 p.m. — Music

7:30 p.m. — Message, Part 1

8:15 p.m. — Offering & Break

8:30 p.m. — Message, Part 2

9:15 p.m. — Gift drawings

(must be present to win)

9:30 p.m. — Head for home

Retreat Cost: \$20

Advance meal registrations

needed by: Wed., Aug. 5

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or contact OCC @ 812-342-6907.



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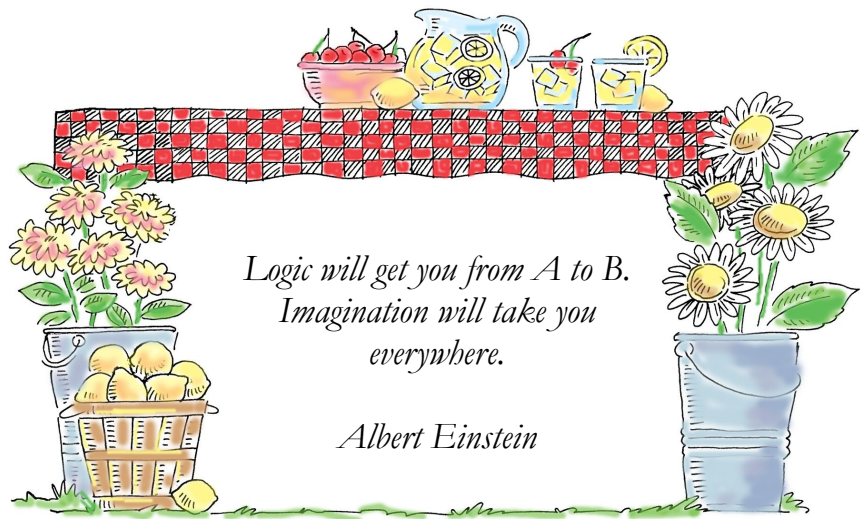
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Imagination will take you
everywhere.*

Albert Einstein

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...on the calendar

- ◆ 8.2 Donut Sunday 9:30-9:50AM
- ◆ 8.2 Hilltop Family Day 12:30-3PM
- ◆ 8.7 Hilltop Men's Retreat
5-9:30PM
- ◆ 8.13 JJ Family Swim Nite 6-8PM
@ Hilltop Camp
- ◆ 8.14-15 All Church Retreat @
Br. Co. State Park begins @ 5PM
- ◆ 8.15 Men's Breakfast canceled
- ◆ 8.18 Tues. A.M. Women's Study
"Fellowship" 9:30-11:30 OCC cafe

spotlight...

Baptisms

- ◆ Faith Moss
- ◆ Hailey Grimes
- ◆ Makayla Helwig
- ◆ Emmah Horne
- ◆ Julie Doty
- ◆ Jeff Morris



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