

# ENCOURAGER

## on the calendar...

## OGILVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- 2nd National Day of Prayer
- 8th VE day (WWII Victory in Europe 1945)
- 11th Breaking Bread 11:30am  
free community meal
- 12th Mother's Day
- 18th Men's Breakfast 7am
- 18th Armed Forces Day  
Hilltop work day
- 27th Memorial Day (office closed)

### Easter Blessings

752 people attended OCC over the Easter weekend. Really amazing given that we cancelled some of our Easter events and did not have any special service this year beyond sunrise service. By the way, that 752 marked the second best attended weekend in our church history. We hope that you will continue to invite your friends and neighbors to join us each week!



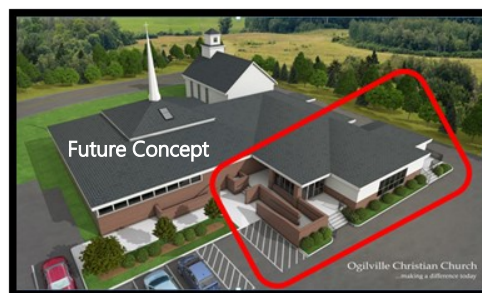
We are looking forward to Mother's Day as we honor our mothers with a special service and recognition. Join us Thursday, May 9th 6:30pm and Sunday, May 12th at 9 & 10:30am as we celebrate our mothers. Honorarium gifts to some mothers will be presented at Thursday and Sunday services. All education classes will meet at their normal times.

## Building Expansion Under Way...

It was a joyous moment on Sunday morning, April 14 (Palm Sunday), when worshippers from both morning services united for an exciting ground breaking ceremony in the grassy square where our new entry way addition will sit. Our church elders, trustees, and staff were joined by others in turning over a clump of dirt in anticipation of construction. A gentle reminder: Please exercise much caution and patience in the many months of construction that are to come. Thank you and to God be all the glory!



Ground Breaking Ceremony with original 1978 Ground Breaking Shovel





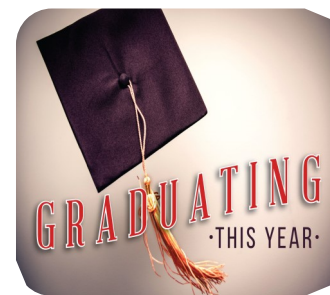
OCC is pleased to support Hilltop Christian Camp and we encourage all of our young people to consider making a week at Hilltop a part of their summer. Camp registrations are available at the OCC Life Center or you may register on-line: obtain your church code from the OCC office then go to [www.hilltopchristiancamp.com](http://www.hilltopchristiancamp.com). Early Bird registration can save you \$\$ if you register on or before May 5th.

As the camping season will soon be upon us many of you are in the process of registering your children for a week of church camp. While the cost of camp does not represent a financial challenge for many of our families, we understand that it does for some. With this in mind, OCC is pleased to announce that we are able to offer financial assistance to families who need help paying for a week at Hilltop Christian Camp. Two types of scholarships are available, a half tuition scholarship through which OCC pays one half and the camper's family pays the other half of tuition. For those in a particularly tight financial space, we will be offering a limited number of full tuition scholarships which will cover all of the tuition for a camper. We do not want financial challenges to keep our young people from attending camp. We encourage anyone needing camper tuition financial assistance to contact the OCC office at 812-342-6907 to set up a scholarship and to receive a unique scholarship code to enter during the online registration process.

CAMP SCHEDULE LOCATED ON PAGE 4 OF THE ENCOURAGER

## Honoring Our Graduates

OCC will be recognizing high school, college and tech grads on Sunday, May 26th. The following information is requested: current photo, baby photo, graduating school, plans after graduation and favorite scripture or quote. Information should be sent on or before May 15th to: [benita-wagner@occtoday.org](mailto:benita-wagner@occtoday.org) or phone Benita Wagner 812.342.6907 or Sherry Yeaton 812.764.2967.



Graduates listed at this time are:

Haven Andis Kaden Brooks Gage Renner Kaley Murray  
Jonah Wichman Nash Murphy Cody Horner Jacob Bolte Ava Pruitt  
Evan Wieneke Jessica Sherick



## Definition— Benevolence...

*...an inclination to do kind or charitable acts.*

OCC wants to help people in need. There are many ways the benevolence fund helps others whether it's building ramps for the handicap to Hilltop Camp half-scholarships. To keep this ministry going, donations are always needed. You may donate during offering time. Please indicate "benevolence" on your giving envelope. Contact John Hundley or Lucky Jenkins for information on personal needs or Don Bradley for camp scholarships. Contact information is located on page 4 of the Encourager.



VBS will be the week of July 22-26.

Preschool 9:30-11:30am with a snack served.

Elementary 5:30-8:30pm with dinner served.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We will have a work day to build items needed for games and props on May 19<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am service. If you are willing to help on the work day, please sign up at the life center. Lunch will purchased for all those in attendance.

Please bring along your saw, screw gun, hammer, nails and any tools you might feel necessary for the project!

## Pre School year closes...

It is hard to believe that our Pre School year is coming to a close. Time does fly when you are having fun! It has been a wonderful year filled with growing, learning and making new friendships. This year has been a blessing to parents, staff, and students. The staff has thoroughly enjoyed the time they have spent with the students. Thank you for letting us nurture and educate your little ones. Please continue to pray for the Pre School program and its impact in our community.



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## The Power of Love\*

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, \* neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

In Romans 8:38-39 above, Paul lists the things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Of course, the love spoken of here is the mercy that makes us righteous before God's holy justice. Nothing can tear us away from His mercy and bring us back under the condemnation of the Law. So the *love of God* equals our shelter and security in the imputed righteousness we receive from Jesus.

The interesting part of these two verses is the list of adversaries. Paul begins with "neither death nor life" (v. 38). It is unexpected that he would use a negative conjunction to introduce life, but Paul is emphasizing the suffering that believers were facing, dying for their love for Christ. No matter how hard things are, even death cannot separate us from our promised eternal life.

Next come "angels" and "demons" (v.38). Once again angels are not necessarily positive. Angel literally means "messenger" or "intermediary." Genesis 6 is a discussion of angels that have fallen, and in Job we have the adversarial conversation between Satan and God. So Paul could be talking about those who rule on earth and those from the heavens who are standing against God's purposes.

Then Paul inserts the dimension of time: "neither the present nor the future" (v. 38). Neither the confrontations of today nor those that are yet to come—a possible allusion to the end times—present a challenge to God.

Next, the mention of "neither height nor depth" (v. 39) implies once again that no supernatural power from above or below can challenge the power of God. Nothing that God created can separate us from Him. Paul has covered everything, everywhere. Nothing that we have faced or anything that we could possibly face will separate us from God's love and righteousness.

Have you ever stopped to think about the fact that because of God's love for you, your righteousness can never be taken away? When have you pushed away from God because you didn't feel worthy of His love?

*\*from "The Shelter of God's Promises" by Sheila Walsh with Tracey D. Lawrence, Session 5, Day 2, pg.95-96*



Hard to believe it's May! Please pray for our Jr High and High School students as they wrap up another school year.

Several summer activities planned. AND we will now be meeting through the summer months on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a lawn chair.

## Christian Education

At 9:00 AM Our "JESUS' FINAL WEEK" studies continue on Sunday mornings in the OCC Café for the rest of May. Please read ahead in the final chapters in all four gospels to prepare. All are welcomed!

At 10:30 AM Dave and Jeanna leading The Art of Marriage. until May 12th.

## Grateful Thanks

From the Johns family for your love and support during Owen's illness, recovery, and beyond.



★ NATIONAL ★  
DAY of PRAYER May 3



Armed Forces Day  
May 18

MEMORIAL DAY



May 27

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**C** **Junior Wilderness – June 2-7**  
 Dean – Scott Henderson, Westport

**A** **Ice Breaker I – June 2-4**  
 Dean – Daryl Amis, Smithville

**M** **Junior High – June 9-14**  
 Dean – Kyle Crafton, Smithville

**P** **Ice Breaker Wilderness – June 9-11**  
 Dean – James Driscoll, Brownstown

**H** **High School – June 16-21**  
 Deans - Matt Davis, Ellettsville

**S** **High School Wilderness – June 16-21**  
 Dean – Jason Davis, Flat Rock

**C** **Junior Girls 2.0 – June 23-28**  
 Dean – Jeanna Fredericksen, Ogilville

**H** **Wilderness Day Camp – June 27**  
 Dean - Mike Bartlett, Westport

**E** **Junior High Wilderness – JUNE 30-JULY 5**  
 Dean - Ryan East, Owen Valley

**D** **Ice Breaker II – July 30-July 2**  
 Dean – John Sighting, New Hope

**U** **Day Camps I & II – July 3 or 5**  
 Deans – Dean & Christine Wright, Columbus

**L** **Junior I – July 7-12**  
 Dean - TBD

**E** **Junior II – July 14-19**  
 Dean - Maggie Mobley, Sherwood Oaks

**S** **Handi-Camp – July 21-24**  
 Hilltop Staff

**C** **College – August 8-10**  
 Dean - Danny Wright

