

ENCOURAGER

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July's Calendar

- 4th Independence Day
Office Closed
- 14th Breaking Bread Meal
11:30am
- 15th Hymn Sing 6:30pm
- 21st Men's Breakfast 7am
- 22-25 Elementary VBS
5:30-8:30pm
- 23-26 Preschool VBS
9:30-11:30am

New Members

- Kris Eggers
- Dylan Eggers
- Dale Bolte

Baptisms

- Phil Bacon

We Can Do This!

*As We Come Together With God and One Another
The Way Forward Becomes Clearer*

**"...With God all things are possible."
Matt. 19:26**

After multiple information events, question and answer sessions, formal and informal conversations, architectural consultations and strategic planning meetings, the congregation has overwhelmingly approved moving forward with a building expansion. In fact, 96% of those voting affirmed moving forward with the \$560,000 expansion project, easily exceeding the constitutional requirements necessary for such a project to proceed. The project now moves into the fundraising and bid securement phase as details begin to finalize and the sequence of construction events begins to come into clearer focus.

Breaking Down The Cost

A half of a million dollars seems like a lot of money, yet in reality, if our families each give just bit more (less than \$9.00 of additional giving each week)

we can easily pay the project off in 5 years! While we will get into the specifics of funding more in the coming weeks, please just know this is a very accessible addition for a congregation of our health and size, and it is certainly accomplishable with God's help and blessing!

Plans for three special offerings which will help reduce any funds we might need to borrow are set, with the first occurring on November 18, 2018 (for those of you who like to plan ahead)! In fact, if each person who voted for the project were able to give a one time gift of \$1,970 on that day the entire project would be paid for in a single day!

Who knows what God has in store in the coming weeks? Whatever God's plan, we trust that God will provide what is needed and we look forward to the opportunity to join with God in this expansion!

Martin Wright



2400 Sq. Ft.

Entry Addition

Ogilville Christian Church
...making a difference today.



Camp OCC Launch Date

August is back-to-school season and time to begin a new ministry year. How exciting to look back at a summer full of camps, sports and VBS, then take a deep breath and look forward to a new year of enthusiasm at Camp OCC! Remember as a kid going back to school and entering a new classroom? There was so much anticipation. It was even fun to peek into your old room to see what had changed. The same is true for our church classrooms. On our launch day, come on down and look around our space with fresh eyes and be prepared to see some exciting new renovations! We will even have a camp themed photo booth ready for some crazy “campers!” We can’t wait to see you there!

MOVING UP...Class Changes

- ⇒ Thursday evening midweek service August 2nd from 6:30—7:30pm
If your child will be going into 2nd grade in August, we invite them to join us with the 2nd-6th graders
- ⇒ Sunday morning service August 5th both 9 and 10:30am services
If your child will be going into 1st grade this August, we invite them to join us with the 1st-6th graders

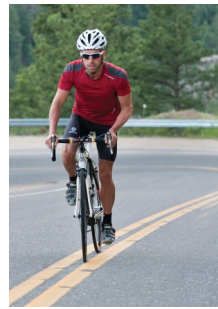


Songs From Our Ancestors

For many of us there is nothing that can soothe our soul or calm our spirits like a beloved old hymn. Singing those songs that our grandparents and great grandparents sang keeps alive a legacy of the past. We hope you’ll join us for our next Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 15 at 6:30pm. Bring your children along so they can also learn to appreciate these treasured songs.



How Far Would You Go.....



Starting July 7 and finishing July 15th, Mark Yeaton, along with his brother Doug and friend Len Newton, will be riding bicycles from the Ohio River in Louisville, Canada following the USBR #35 (United States Bicycle Route). This ride will be a fund raiser for Columbus based Mission Resource and will benefit two families in Ghana. Their goal is to raise

\$1600. The three cyclists will ride self supported, meaning they carry all camping gear on their bikes. They will average 100 miles a day for nine days. If you would like to donate to this ride go to missionresource.org. For more information check out Mission Resource or Mark and Sherry Yeaton on Facebook. Posts will be made daily as their ride progresses. They would appreciate your prayers for safety during this ride.

Mark Yeaton

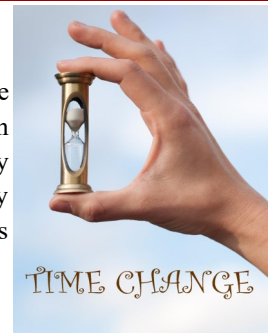


Operation Christmas Child

Great progress is being made with our donations. Our goal is to fill 200 boxes total. Collection items needed for July include: shirts, pants, pillow cases, dresses, underwear, shoes, socks, flip flops, hats, scarfs, mittens, sunglasses, tote bags, purses, hair bows, combs, brushes, washcloths, compact mirrors, nail clippers, files, tool sets to name a few. There is a complete list of needs available at the Life Center. For questions you may contact ramandakinnick@yahoo.com or check out our Facebook group at OCC’s Operation Christmas Child Project.

B.L.A.S.T & Wee Believers

Beginning Thursday August 2nd, B.L.A.S.T. (2nd-6th Grade) and Wee Believers (Age 2 through 1st Grade) will make a time change and begin ending earlier. Both classes will start at the same time as the Thursday night service (6:30pm) and will conclude after the service ends (usually around 7:30pm). Please come pick up your children after the service is complete. Thank you and God bless!



BUT... WHAT ABOUT COURAGE?

I have adopted yet another personal verbal prohibition. My latest phrase to be flushed is, "Be safe."

My own mother said it to me, though she actually said, "Be careful," whenever I left the house. I really hadn't thought much about it at all until a commercial aired wherein a race driver donned his helmet to ride in a golf cart. His reply to an incredulous onlooker – "Hey, safety first!" I felt irritated but wasn't sure why.

Perhaps part of it was my upbringing. Cars had no seatbelts then; I rode in the seat, on the floor, across the seat, up in the back window (not much), even in the FRONT seat (Horror of horrors!), learning to shift gears at my mother's side (a useful skill for our future Bronco). I was free to improvise and imagine. When we bought an automobile that did have seatbelts, I imagined I was on an airplane.

These are commonly used words, nothing inherently bad, but their recurrent use reflects a culture obsessed with safety, almost to the extent that we can barely move without a warning label. Do I desire safety for my kids? For my grandkids? Of course I do, and will go to great lengths to ensure it. Am I talking out of both sides of my mouth? Of course I am; I'm still sorting it out.

And yet... I remain irritated and I think I'm beginning to understand why. My mind keeps returning to the following (albeit a bit out of context).

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Few who have made a difference have played it safe. Simply look to Scripture for examples. David made difference when he faced the giant. Gideon made a

difference when he obeyed the Lord in spite of his fear, facing the Midianites with a mere 300 men. And Christ – where would we be had our Lord Jesus Christ played the safety card? (Fortunately, that's not who He is, but I digress.)

We are about to celebrate the 242nd anniversary of our nation's independence. It took courageous individuals to stand for liberty when it would have been safer to remain unobtrusive. Courageous men and women have fought and died to ensure the freedom of future generations. They didn't play it safe.

Josiah climbed 8 feet up our chimney. (My grandson, not the king.) He didn't play it safe (as he gave his mom a coronary).

But courage isn't only about obvious heroics. Courage is going to the same job day after day to provide for one's family. It is standing beside the friend who feels hopeless. It is correcting the gossip when it would be safer to remain quiet. Courage is doing the right thing (with any luck it will also be legal).

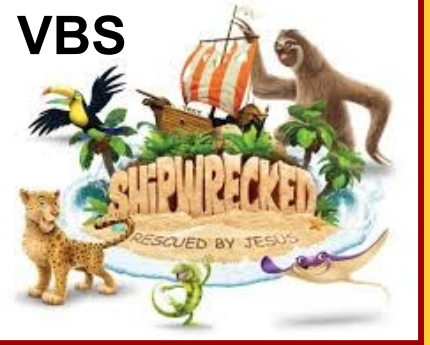
Perhaps if we remain strong and courageous, we can lead the next generation to inherit the kingdom God has given us through His Son.

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

And so, when you take your leave of me or head out on a trip, don't be surprised that you don't hear, "Be safe." You will more likely hear, "Be courageous!"

Kathy Bradley

VBS



Jesus Rescues! That is a phrase we will soon hear echoing through the building. Jesus is always there to help us through life's storms. We are so excited to spend this time with you children and learn and grow in God's word. This year we will be introducing multi-aged crews. Multi-aged crews will allow children to draw a closer bond to adults, each other and set an example for younger children.

Thanks to everyone who donated food items. There are still a few bags available on the table. All items need to be delivered no later than July 20th. If you have an item that has a specific deliver by date, please drop it off by the date specified.

We are still in need of several adult volunteers. Volunteers would simply lead students from station to station in small groups. On-line registration is now open. Simply go to www.occtoday.org click on the VBS tab and register your child and / or yourself. Elementary week (completed kindergarten-6th grade) July 22-25 from 5:30-8:30pm, supper included. Preschool week (2-kindergarten) July 23-26 from 9:30-11:30am, snack included. We will close the week on Thursday evening during our service and end with a pizza party.

Expectations

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.
Psalm 5:3

It takes a lot of faith to hope. Even more to expect. But you can do both when it comes to your faith and your prayers. It's not that you will always pray for a specific thing and get it, like placing a catalog order online (not that that always works out either). But what you can expect, when you lay your concerns before God, is that He will answer. Your prayers do not fall on disregarding ears. You can count on that.

From Everyday Blessings, Rebecca Currington



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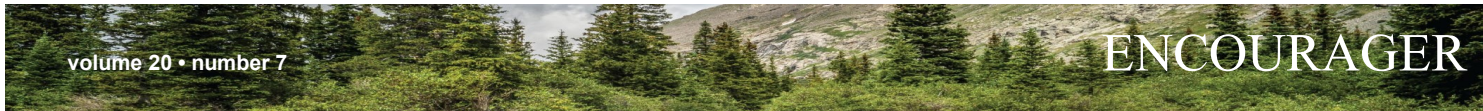
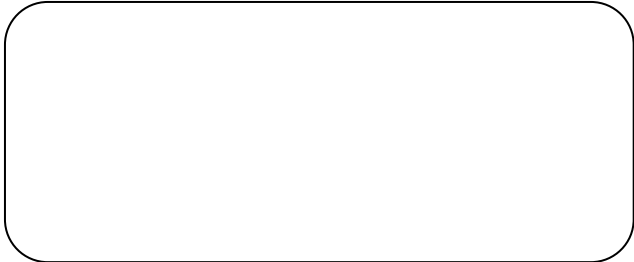
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“Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So”

Psalm 107:2



Independence Day always brings our focus to freedom, and rightfully so! Our national freedom is a great blessing that we cherish and enjoy. It must never be taken for granted or neglected. We do love the freedom our homeland provides. AMEN!! However, the redeemed of the Lord have that added reason for joy and celebration in remembering our freedoms.

So, while we raise our flags, say our pledges, shoot our fireworks, and enjoy our picnics, let us never forget to thank God for the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. Every believer should be ready and excited to testify as to God’s goodness in acting with great love to give us freedom from sin, guilt, and punishment. As the Scripture commands, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.” (Psalm 107:2) May our lips always be full of praise for the God who gives complete freedom through His Son, Jesus Christ. **Enjoy and Happy July 4th!**

Virgil Clotfelter