

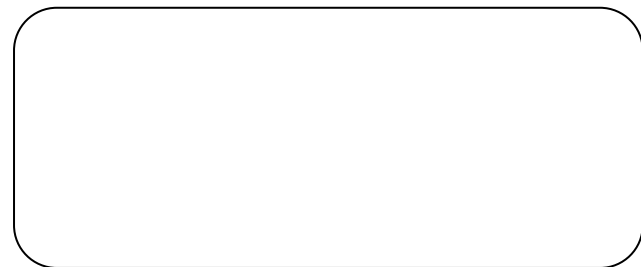


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Baby Dedication Sunday, September 23, 10:30am



Our Sunday 10:30am service will include a very special and important time of Baby Dedication. We host this event because we have a sense that God intends faith to be lived in a family context. Parents have the greatest opportunity to shape their child's spiritual development. Likewise, God seems to place a great portion of the responsibility for a child's faith and spirituality on the parents. Understanding the responsibility and the opportunity parents face, Ogilville Christian Church utilizes Baby Dedication Day as an occasion for parents to pledge to God and the congregation that they are serious about the task that is before them. We ask parents to commit themselves to raise their child to know the Lord Jesus Christ by loving, disciplining, training, and setting a positive Christ-like example for their children to follow. Alongside of our parents, our church family also recommit itself to love and minister to our children and to provide ample opportunities for them to grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Because the covenantal promise to God is made by the parents and not the child, we do not include baby baptism as part of the dedication service. It is our sense that baptism is meant to take place at a time when an individual makes a personal decision to follow Christ and is old enough to repent of sin and confess Jesus publicly. Contact the church office at 812-342-6907 if you wish to participate.

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What's on the calendar

- ◆ 3rd Labor Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- ◆ 5th Bible study w/Nelson Lee 7-8
- ◆ 8th Breaking Bread Free Hot Meal 11:30am
- ◆ 15th Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7am
- ◆ 8-26 thru 9-28 Basement Rest Room renovation project. Both RR's will be under construction and unavailable for use while they undergo a complete remodel. Thank You ahead of time for your patience.

Baptism August 19th
 Children of Renee & Ryan Day:
 Caitlyn, Chloe, Nathan, & Conner

Christian Education Opportunities

Beginning Sunday, September 9, a new Bible study/discussion class on the NT book of Colossians will be held weekly in the OCC Café at 9:00am. You are invited to join in and share. Virgil Clotfelter will lead the class each week.

Are there subjects, series, or leader/facilitators that you would like to suggest for a Bible study series at the 10:30am hour? Please share those ideas with Virgil so a Café class for that hour can meet for study and fellowship each week, too.

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Virgil Recommends.... IT IS WORTH SEEING!



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children's programs. See Zech Riggs or Kathleen Schwein for more information. Let's all pray for our children often. PS: Speaking of our OCC kids...did you know that OCC led the way with the most campers from one church this summer at Hilltop Camp? It's true! We're happy to report that OCC registered 48 campers for "Overcomer" sessions at Hilltop. What say that next year we raise that total to 60 or more OCC campers!! Start planning now.



Growing...Women's Bible Study...Come & Join In!



OCC women's Bible study is growing! Tuesday's study group (pictured here) has acquired many new faces and have enjoyed fellowships over the summer. We'd love to have you join us.

There are two opportunities for women to dig into God's word, worship and fellowship together. Tuesday ladies' study meets from 9—11:30am in the Café beginning August 28th. Thursday ladies study meets from 9—11:30am in the Kitchen beginning August 30th. Thursday's class has limited childcare provided.

If you have questions you may contact Mona 812-371-8051 (Tuesday's class) or Kathleen (Thursday's class). Both classes will study the book of Matthew.

HOW you can HELP

...with Communion

A cherished and beloved distinction at OCC is our weekly participation in the Lord's Supper. In many minds, Communion is the most sacred moment of our services. It takes many volunteer workers to enjoy this feast of memory every service. Help is needed for this ministry in the following ways:

- 1) A MINISTRY LEADER is needed. This is a coordinator's position to make sure Communion preparers are trained and scheduled, supplies are ordered in a timely fashion, and volunteers are reminded about their assignments. It also includes scheduling preparers for holiday and special services. Contact Paula Brown, our current coordinator, for more information.
- 2) Communion PREPARERS are needed for 2018 in the following months: September, October, November, and December. This job (often done as couples or teams) includes filling the cup trays and bread plates, and making sure they reach the sanctuary Communion table for all services for your assigned month. There is a monthly volunteer sign-up sheet at the Life Center. Please add your name to an open 2018 month.



Reporting from Camp OCC

New parent resources are coming your way! Sunday kid's class names have been updated. Restroom renovations are coming AND new helpers and fill ins needed. So... let's start this info share with some business items!



Subject #1 of info share: Nursery needs

We have 2 nursery spaces needing filled within the next few months, both in need of a certified volunteer. September 2 at 9am and October 7 at 9am
You may call or text 812-344-0810, Thanks!

Subject #2 of info share: Parent Resource Center

We have been working to keep our Parent Resource Center continually updated, current and stocked. Our most recent order includes:

(Subject : Book Title)
Discipline : Grace Based Discipline
Technology : Growing Up Social
Marriage : The 5 Love Languages

We are also restocking:
The 5 Love Languages for Children
How to Raise Your 3 Year Old

We are still working on your other subject suggestions. If you have any new suggestions, you may fill out a questionnaire located at the resource center. Resource items are free! There is a "mail box" on the resource wall for donations.

Subject #3 of info share: Restroom Renovations

From August 27 to September 28, OCC's downstairs restrooms will be under construction and unavailable for use while they both undergo a complete remodel! During this 4-5 week term, all children on Sunday mornings (age 2 thru 6th grade) will need to be escorted upstairs for any restroom needs during their class times. Therefore, we need your help!

We are seeking a few volunteers willing to be on restroom duty during a few services of your choice. Here are the dates and times needed: September 2, 9, 16 and 23 at both 9am and 10:30am. Please text 812-344-0810 with any questions or to sign up. Thank you!

Subject #4 of info share: Camp OCC class titles explained

As part of our upgrade with Camp OCC, we have decided to retitle the children's classes with age listings only. This is to avoid confusion regarding which class each child is to join. The classes are as follows:

Nursery: 0 to 2 years
2s and 3s
4 thru K
1st thru 6th grade

Until we have enough regular volunteers, we will continue to combine our 2s and 3s with our 4 thru K class. It's combination becomes the 2 thru K class. We hope to be able to split them again in the future. Please help us maintain regularity and safety by ensuring your children are in the correct class for their age. Required ages for helpers in each class is as follows:

Nursery help: must be in 8th grade
2 thru K: must be in 6th grade

If any of your children of the appropriate age would like to help, send them our direction so we can talk to and schedule them prior to their volunteering. Thank so much!!

Addictions Outreach Group...Update

What is Celebrate Recovery? Why do we have it our church? Does it help? Have you personally asked this question? If you have, you are not alone. I asked these questions when the outreach group started looking at ways the church could be a help to people suffering from substance abuse. The official answer to that question is easy to find. Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. The program is based on the 12 steps from AA and spiritual principles from the Bible. Some recovery programs only address the use of drugs or alcohol, Celebrate Recovery is a large umbrella program that allows many issues to be addressed. We meet each Tuesday night from 6:30-8:00 pm. Soup is provided at 6:00pm if you would like to join us. (We suspended child care until we find a consistent need for sitters.) September is Recovery month. The 2018 Recovery Month theme is, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community," According to SAMHSA – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services—the observance will help many people move toward the path to hope, health, and wellness. In addition, the materials support SAMHSA's message that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover. SAMHSA's 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health showed: an estimated 44.7 million adults aged 18 or older had a mental illness, 1 in 13 people needed substance abuse treat-

ment. They also found that of the adults suffering with an addiction and mental illness, only half received any treatment. Individuals misused opioids in 2016 — or 4.4 percent of the total U.S. population aged 12 or older-misused opioids in the past year. A person with a mental or substance use disorder may find it difficult to reach out for help alone, but families and support networks can help make the connection to appropriate resources. Getting help may improve the chances of managing a behavioral health condition, and reduce or eliminate associated symptoms, and save a life. Support systems can include family, church, recovery meetings, inpatient, or outpatient counseling. It is okay to reach out for help. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday nights. Listen to those around you and offer encouraging words. Pray for God's direction in our outreach team as we continue to grow. You may contact the church and leave a message or call 812-371-1147 if you have a question about Celebrate Recovery, God Bless...Charlotte Moss



Light Up the Night

Jessica Sherfick will be coordinating a safe and fun "Trunk or Treat" night for her Senior Class Project. Donations of food, candy, small prizes, and, of course, "Trunks" are needed! Look for sign up sheets at the Life Center for Trunks, Donations and Volunteers. Help Jessica make this a fun and positive way to spread God's love to local children and families in our community! More details to follow in the next edition of the ENCOURAGER.



The Bartholomew County Library's Bookmobile comes to OCC on a regular basis. You may order books, DVDs or Audio books to be brought to you and you may return any of the same whether you pick them up at the library or the mobile. They also carry a range of audio books and DVD's. The van is accessible Tuesdays from 2:00 — 2:30pm for the rest of 2018 on:

Sept 6 & 20	Oct. 4 & 18
Nov. 1, 15 & 29	Dec 13

Check out the bookmobile for the complete schedule!



Follow-Up on biking USBR #35

Mark and Doug Yeaton, along with Len Newton, would like to thank OCC for their prayers and support of their ride to Canada. They raised twice as much as anticipated and were able to fund more people in Ghana through Mission Resource. They set the fastest known time for riding the entire length of the USBR #35 since they were the first cyclists ever to ride the route. 😊 We are motivated to ride more in the future to further God's kingdom!! Peace, Praise, Prayers & PEDALING, Mark.