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Calendar Events

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- ◆ 1st & 4th Friend & Neighbor Day
- ◆ 4th Daylight Saving Time Ends
- ◆ 4th Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- ◆ 10th Breaking Bread Ministries Community Hot meal 11:30a.m.
- ◆ 11th Veterans Day
- ◆ 17th Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7a.m.
- ◆ 15th & 18th Special Building Fund Offering
- ◆ 22nd Thanksgiving Day, Evening Service canceled
- ◆ 22nd & 23rd Office Closed

Expressing Thankfulness

An Attitude of Gratitude

Thankfulness and gratitude are rather frequent and common "prescriptions" among Bible commands.

Who does not enjoy it when we receive a word of thanks from someone with whom we have shared kindness?! If we enjoy getting thanks then it makes sense that we should live and act in such ways to bring joy to others by giving thanks.



Expressing our sincere thankfulness puts us among a crowd of Bible heroes such as King David, Paul, and Jesus himself. Excellent company; I think you would agree! Being openly thankful is a year round opportunity that we should all take advantage of. Start this happy habit today!

New Sermon Series in November



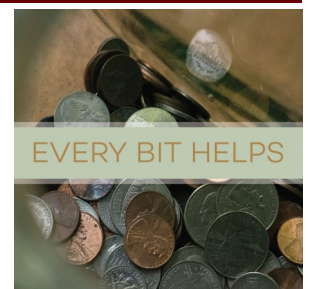
Our upcoming sermon series simply entitled "BE", challenges us to truly BE the people Jesus has

called us to BE. Think for a moment of some of the things Jesus call us to BE—salt, light, wise, kind, compassionate, holy, transformed...and the list goes on. In fact, Jesus has a lot to say about what and who we are called to BE. Join us for this 4 week teaching and preaching series which focuses on the teachings of Jesus and His call for us to BE all we were created to BE.



Special Offering Nov. 15 & 18

During the weekend of November 15-18 there will be a special offering time designed to offset the cost of the upcoming building expansion. We encourage you to prayerfully plan ahead with how you might participate in this special endeavor.



How to Register for

1.19.19 all day event



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

- ◆ Start at registration table
 - ◆ Fill out registration form
 - ◆ Place it with check (\$50, write retreat in reminder area) or cash in envelope provided
 - ◆ Put in offering plate or turn into the office
 - ◆ Questions? Contact Mona Peterson 812-371-8051
- WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FRIEND DAY

Sunday, November 4

We remind you to bring a friend, relative, business associate, co-worker, team mate or neighbor to church with you on Sunday, November 4th.

Your guests will receive a special gift and the service is designed with guests in mind—very visitor friendly. We appreciate your efforts to share the exciting things God is doing at OCC with your friends!

Also, because there will be several guests with us on November 4th, we ask you to make it a point to introduce yourself to those around you before and after the service. Please be quick to offer directions or assistance to anyone who seems lost or needs help. Thank you for helping us make Friend Day at OCC a great Day!

PACKING PARTY!! Come Fill a Shoebox

I can't believe November is already here! I have looked through some of our donations and am very pleased with everything I have seen!

Please mark your calendars for our OCC Operation Christmas Child packing party on **Sunday, November 4th** at approximately 12 p.m. Pizza will be provided so please contact me with your name and the number of individuals planning to attend at my email address: ramandakinnick@yahoo.com.

Collection items for the month of November are:

- cards/letters/notes to the children
- Money for shipping the boxes

Shipping cost per box is \$9.00. Our goal is 200 boxes which comes to \$1800. If our committee is

blessed beyond this goal, we will be able to purchase other items needed to fill the boxes we have.

For those who love packing boxes with the family at home, boxes are available for pick up in the church foyer. Please return those boxes with postage already paid by Sunday, November 11th.

I would also love any feedback or advice you might have to help improve our efforts next year.

Thanks to everyone that has helped in making Operation Christmas Child a success.

Ramanda Kinnick

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13



Senior Class Project for the Homeless



For his senior project, Nash Murphy will be collecting hats, socks, gloves, foot warmers and hand warmers for the homeless in our community. Look for a collection box to be placed at OCC soon. Thank you for your contributions to this worthy cause.

Sunday Education Class

Virgil Clotfelter continues to lead a weekly study of the book of Colossians during the 9 AM service in the OCC Café through November. Read chapters 3 & 4 in preparation and bring your Bibles.

The Lord Helps Those...

Kathy Bradley

"The Lord helps those who help themselves."

This is a phrase we sometimes use and then quickly remind ourselves that it is not to be found in scripture. But – just maybe there is a concept here that we DO find in God's love letter to us, though not the connotation that initially comes to mind.

How often have you sat at Grandma's kitchen table on a Sunday afternoon or Thanksgiving Day with such a vast array of food items so as to barely leave room on the table for your plate? And it would seem (at least in my experience) that Grandma's sole mission in life was to stuff me tighter than a tick. Frankly, I don't need any help with that, but I digress...

"Here, have some more."

"Is that all you're going to have?" oft times accompanied by, "Are you sure you're feeling alright?"

"But you haven't had any (fill in the blank) yet; I made it just for you."

"Who's ready for dessert?" (ALL eyes pop in disbelief!)

And the ever-popular, "Help yourself; there's plenty."

But wait a minute – I know I've heard that somewhere else...

"Help yourself, Child of Mine,

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, – Eph 3:20 KJV

there's plenty. There's more than you can imagine."

"Would you like some forgiveness? It's right here, help yourself."

"How about some grace? Don't worry, there's plenty more where that came from."

"You really should try My strength – it's like nothing you've ever had before!"

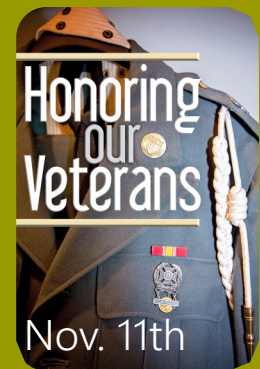
"Oh, and don't forget to taste the love – it's just heavenly!"

And so, it would seem that God does indeed help those of us who help ourselves – to His abundance of grace, mercy, forgiveness, strength, wisdom, love – the list goes on and on. So help yourself. He provided it all JUST FOR YOU!

"According as his divine power Hath GIVEN unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that bath called us to glory and virtue..."



Once again this Christmas season, OCC will be blessing others by participating in the ANGEL TREE program. This is a program where area children in need are "adopted" by church families and groups to receive Christmas gifts where there might be none. OCC has been so very generous toward this worthwhile project in past years and we hope that continues and increases. On November 11, 2018, the "Angel Tree" tree will be in our foyer so you may pick up your desired child and begin your shopping fun. Names are not included, but helpful information (sizes, ages, gift preferences, etc.) is on the tag. What a wonderful way to love and touch "the least of these" this Christmas season and see for yourselves how the words of Jesus, "it is more blessed to give than receive" are indeed true.



Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped support me with my Senior Project. Thank you to all who donated candy, hosted a trunk and all the volunteers that helped with games and activities. Thank you for helping make our Annual "Light Up the Night" a huge success I could not have done it without your help and support!

—Jessica Sherfick

VICTIMS of Hurricane MICHAEL Need Your HELP! Hurricane Relief Work Day

The International Disaster Emergency Services organization, also known as IDES, is looking for volunteers to help with Hurricane Michael disaster recovery efforts. As part of their ongoing effort, they are building storage sheds to give to families in Florida as they attempt to rebuild their homes and communities. On February 2, 2019, OCC will be sending a work team to the IDES headquarters in Noblesville to build sheds. "Skeeter" Kinnick will be leading our building team for this project. Those interested in helping can sign up at the OCC Life Center. Please contact Skeeter for more information or contact the OCC office at benitawagner@occtoday.org or 812-342-6907.



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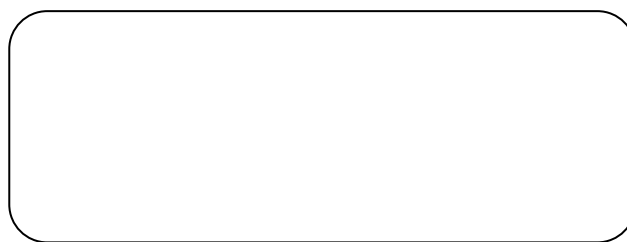
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Presenting "A Whale of a Tale" With John Thomas and Tommy Oaks



Kick off the Christmas season with Hilltop Christian Camp's 9th Annual Fundraising Winter Banquet, An Evening Beneath the Stars, Thursday, December 6, Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8. Doors open at 5:30pm with a meal, catered by Hilltop, served at 6:00pm. Come enjoy an evening featuring special guests John Thomas and Tommy Oaks performing "A Whale of a Tale". You will also receive a ministry update. For Information/Sponsorship/Tickets/Table Host Materials Call Camp 812-988-4991

OR Call or Text Eric 812-322-2889 or Tiffany 812-821-4603. Seating is Limited so you must RSVP.

TABLE HOSTS

Fill 6 seats per table, provide your guests with banquet information, tickets and the value of supporting the Hilltop Christian Camp Ministry

GUESTS

Call ahead to reserve your seats

BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

\$60 per table, provide your guests with banquet information, tickets and the value of supporting the Hilltop Christian Camp Ministry