



Vacation Bible School

Martin Wright



OCC is excited to welcome all young people to our Weird Animals VBS—where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind! This amazing experience will help kids (and adults) explore God's amazing love for His children. Our Weird Animals VBS provides a habitat that is

filled with incredible, Bible-learning experiences. It's a place where kids see, hear, touch and even taste what God has to offer. In fact, given that everything is hands-on, we encourage parents to make sure to send their children in play clothes and safe shoes.

At the core of the Weird Animals VBS is the truth that Jesus loves us: Even when you're left out. Even though you're different. Even when you don't understand. Even though you do wrong. Even when you're afraid.

Preschool Week runs

June 16-20 from 5:30-7:00 for children ages 2-5 year olds who have not attended kindergarten. Elementary Week runs June 23-27 from 5:30-8:30 for those who have completed kindergarten through those going into the 6th grade.

We still need help in all areas: kitchen, games, crafts, sound tech, and crew leaders for both weeks. If you are unable to help in this capacity, you can still be a part by praying for the staff and kids each day and by donating food items to be cooked for our evening meal.

Consider "Sunday Morning" Bible Study

Virgil Clotfelter

A lot of us have mistakenly assumed that Sunday morning Bible study or "Sunday School" is only for kids. The reality, however, is that our Sunday morning Christian Education program provides a valuable opportunity for discipleship for every believer, not just children. In fact, most of those who currently attend a Bible class at OCC will tell you that rich fellowship and Bible study make the early arrival time worth it all.

Unfortunately, bad experiences with Sunday School in the past may have left some reluctant to give it another try. No one wants to find a class filled with cliques or unfriendly folks. Fortunately, OCC teachers and class members welcome new class participants with much love. Indeed, our groups share a common concern for one another that is really powerful.

We recognize that for some of you, a Sunday morning Bible study group will be

a completely new experience. Even if you have never been a Sunday School person, we encourage you to try out Sunday School at OCC. You may very well find that it is like trying new foods for the first time...initially you may be reluctant to try shrimp, broccoli, salmon, or any number of other tasty foods, but once you try them they may well become a tasty part of your diet. We think you'll find you enjoy this spiritual meal and hopefully you will make it a regular part of your life as well.

Sometimes we hear prospective participants share a fear that the group leader might call on them to read, pray, or offer comments, and that they are uncomfortable about such things. We certainly realize the potential exists that such a thing might happen, but we encourage anyone with such concerns to simply share them with the group leader before the session

begins. We are confident they will respect your wishes. Although, in time, we hope you will grow to feel confident to let your voice be heard in class discussions as we feel certain each person has something helpful to contribute and add to each weeks discussion and study.

We hope you will make attending Sunday School a regular part of your faith walk. Those who do will tell you it is a blessing in their life. (Sunday morning Bible studies are offered from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at OCC every Sunday. For class information please stop by the OCC Life Center or contact the church office at 812-342-6907.)



Repairs to OCC Underway

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As the Encourager goes to print, the church building continues to dry out from the weekend flood. The flood was caused when backup systems on the baptistery failed, allowing the baptistery to overflow for nearly 17 hours. Water cascaded from the baptistery into the sanctuary and baptism preparation rooms. The water then spread across the floor all the way to the front door and down the steps into the basement.

Additionally, water escaped through access holes in the concrete floor and inundated the fellowship hall ceiling. Much of the ceiling in the janitor's closet, men's and women's restrooms and the kitchen collapsed under the weight of the water. As the



ceiling came down, it brought down several light fixtures and made a terrible mess of the fellowship hall.

An emergency response team was quickly dispatched and worked through the night cleaning up the mess, extracting the water and setting up industrial sized dehumidifiers. Dozens of high powered fans were also strategically placed around the building to aid the drying process. At the time of publishing, most of these devices have remained in use.

Several items received water damage, some severely so; but on the whole, OCC appears to have been fortunate the flooding and damage was not significantly worse.

God of Judgment, Part 2

Zech Riggs

Several months ago, we discussed God's judgment of His people in Israel because of their blatant lack of focus on God and His commandments. We were prompted with the question, "How can a God of love be also a God filled with wrath, anger and judgment?" We established that God's wrath, anger, and judgment is not an explosion against us but His strong opposition to the worldly things that are keeping us from serving Him fully. It is actually God's strong love for us that prompts Him to want to destroy all the evil in this world.

There is yet another reason that God is and must remain a God of judgment. Some people have established the thought in their minds that if one believes in a God

who smites evildoers, one may think it is perfectly justified to do acts of violence or smite others as well. On the contrary, it is the lack of belief in a God of vengeance that actually nourishes violence within us. "The human impulse to make perpetrators of violence pay for their crimes is almost an overwhelming one. If you have seen your home burned down and relatives killed and raped...[you] are drawn to go far beyond justice into vengeance. Once [you] do this, [you] are pulled inexorably into an endless cycle of vengeance, of strikes and counterstrikes nurtured and justified by the memory of terrible wrongs." In other words, if we do not believe in a God who will put all things right, then we have the possibility of being sucked into endless maelstrom of re-

taliation.

"Only if I am sure that there's a God who will right all wrongs and settle all accounts perfectly do I have the power to refrain," says Miroslav Volf, a Croatian theologian who has seen such violence in the Balkans. So many people in this world complain that the belief in a God of judgment will eventually, if it already hasn't, lead to a more violent society. On the contrary, "If we are free to shape life and morals any way we choose without ultimate accountability, it can lead to violence." Volf strongly believes that this doctrine of God's final judgment is necessary for His people's practice of love and reconciliation.

Fall Women's Retreat



Hello Ladies!! Do you long for a time of relaxation spent with friends? A time to get away from the busyness of life and just walk with God? It's time for a lovely, green, and vibrant Garden Getaway!

Research shows that those who have friends at church are more likely to be involved, to grow in their faith, and to stay connected Plus

having friends is good for your health. After all, God designed us to be social—we need friends!

Garden Getaway is planned for this coming September. Keep watching your bulletin and newsletter for details to follow in the coming weeks. Plan to set a time to "getaway" this fall!



Mission Resource One-Day, One-Way, 160 miles



On July 12, 2014, Mark Yeaton will be riding his bicycle across the state of Indiana in the annual RAIN Ride (**R**ide **A**cross **I**ndiana) to raise funds for Mission Resource.

Mission Resource is a ministry founded in Columbus, IN by David Ketchum. Their mission is to provide 0% loans for small businesses in Ghana and Kenya. This year,

Hilltop Christian Camp will be hosting Mission Resource for all summer camp needs. Abby Glaser (marketing director) paired Mark's ride with a family needing a loan. The goal of this one-day, one-way ride is \$1600. Imagine, if 100 people donated just \$16 the goal would be met! A family would be changed forever by the love of

Christ. If you would like to help change the life a one family, go to <http://www.missionresource.org/> to donate. Also, check out more info on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152152127097775&set=pcb.1015215213137775&type=1&theater>

Seniors "On the Go"

Norm Love

The first senior outing was a good time for all that participated. The 9 people attending discovered many interesting particulars about "Singing In The Rain." For example: Debbie Reynolds was only 19 and just a fair dancer. In order to dance with Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor, she needed lessons. Her teacher: Fred Astaire! Gene Kelly was a taskmaster

and Donald O'Connor was an incredibly athletic dancer.

On June 14th, we will have our second outing. We will travel to Metamora for a day of fun, fellowship and lunch together there. Plans are to leave the OCC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m.

We are all looking forward to future outings and hoping more will

join us. Any and all ideas for a name for this group would be appreciated. Future outings may include: Mother Bear's Pizza (a pizzeria in Bloomington voted the best pizza in the nation), Spring Mill State Park, Kopper Kettle Inn, and Indianapolis Zoo.

Contact Norm Love with ideas for future outings or names for the group.

Children Are a Blessing From God

Meg Mullins

Are you looking for a fun way to serve God? The OCC nursery may be where God has been calling you. The nursery has opportunities available for anyone who wants to love and serve children. Teachers in the nursery show God's love by caring, playing, singing, reading and praying with the children.

Another way you can support the nursery is by keeping our babies

healthy by cleaning their toys and books. The possibilities are endless so please use whatever gift God has given you to glorify Him. I challenge you to pray how you can serve God, not only at OCC, but in our community, nation, and world.

If God lays it on your heart, please consider contributing to our ministry beginning in July for at least one Sunday (whichever Sunday you

choose) for the remaining 2014 year. Remember, God does not call us because we are qualified...He calls us because we are willing. If you are willing to give God one hour of your time, please sign-up at the Life Center. If you would like more information or have ideas you would like to share, please contact me at (812) 216-7655. Thank you and God Bless!

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1Peter 4:10

Yeatons Journey to Africa

Kenya...Africa...to be more exact, the Yeatons will be northeast of Lake Victoria in the Rift Valley of Kenya. Mark, Sherry, Kendall, & Victoria have been planning for several months to visit the village of Lobiroi where a well was drilled to give clean water to that community. They are excited to represent OCC, IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) and Christianity

in a part of the world far removed from the comforts of America.

They will also have an opportunity to visit an orphanage through ALM (African Leader Missions). Travel dates are June 5 through June 16. The Yeatons want to express how greatly indebted they are to the congregation at OCC for their support and ask for your prayers of safety while they are

away. Upon completion of this journey, Mark will be finishing the final chapter in his book chronicling his cross-country fund-raising bicycle ride (aka "Ride for IDES").

"To say the least, the result was well worth the effort, no pun intended. Peace, Praise, Prayers, & Pedaling"
— Mark

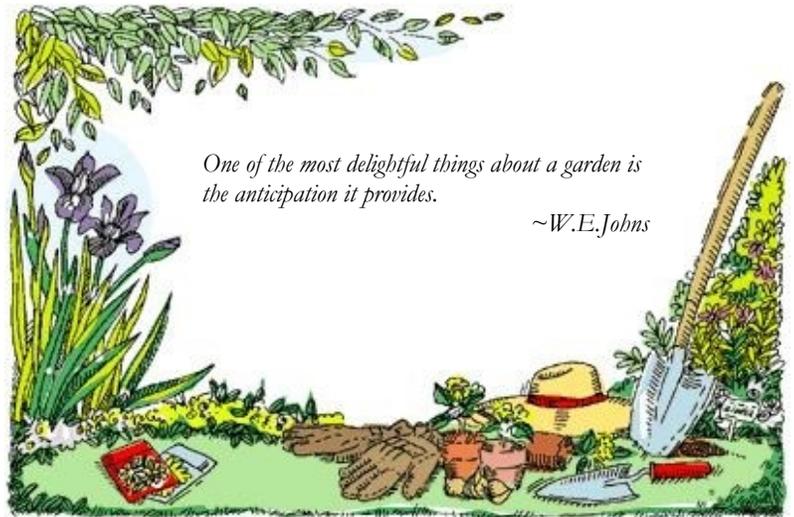


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One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides.

~W.E. Johns

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**Additions to
 Graduate List**

Whitney Michael,
 Columbus East
 Kayla Johnson,
 IVY Tech

...on the calendar

- ◇ 6.1 Donut Sunday & Graduate Recognition
- ◇ 6.14 Mission Team Fish Fry, SWFD 10:30-5
- ◇ 6.15 Father's Day
- ◇ 6.16-6.20 Preschool VBS week
- ◇ 6.21 Men's Fellowship Brkfst 8 a.m.
- ◇ 6.23-6.27 Elementary VBS week
- ◇ 6.28 — 2-5pm Ellis & Dianna Well's 50th Anniversary Celebration (see bulletin for details)

New Teen Summer Study

By Lisa Pardue

If someone asked, 'Are you a fan of Jesus?,' how would you answer? You attend every movie featuring a certain actor, you know the stats of your sports hero, and you can recite lyrics from your favorite songs. In short, you're a huge fan. But are you treating Jesus the same as the other people you admire? The truth is Jesus wants more than the church attendance, occasional prayer, and the ability to recite Scripture---the fan response. He's looking for people who are actually willing to sacrifice in order to follow him. Kyle Idleman uses humor, personal stories, and biblical truth as he challenges you to look at what it means to call yourself a Christian and follow the radical call Jesus presents. **So, Are you a Fan or a Follower?**

Lisa Pardue will be leading a 6 week study starting July 9th at OCC from 6-7:30 pm. Students will watch a short video and have discussion time. Some materials may be needed so sign-up in the Life Center today.

birthdays & anniversaries

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| 2 Cinthia Taulbee | 18 Sandy Hundley |
| 3 Alayna Kinnick | Norshell & Sandy Gilley* |
| 5 Travis & Brooke Mouser* | 20 Shynyn Murphy |
| 6 Carl & Kyla Jones | 21 Paul & Faye Nay |
| Nash Murphy | 22 Brenda Bruner |
| 7 Chuck & Brenda Fleetwood* | Tami May |
| 8 Bob & Conetta Casey* | Andy Robison |
| 9 Zoe Kranz | Isaac Miller |
| 10 Bob & Judy Kirby* | 23 Karrick & Kimberly Hutchinson* |
| Randy Phegley | 24 Martin & Mona Peterson* |
| 11 Caleb Shewmake | Chris & Tonya Shewmake* |
| 12 Blayne Reynolds | Nathan Long |
| Elijah David Wright | 25 Nichole(Nikki) Sparks |
| 13 Larry Burkman | David & Melinda Foust* |
| Wyatt Hutchinson | 28 Norman & Marijane Love* |
| 14 Ava Pruitt | 29 Nancy Baldwin |
| 15 Eric & Tammy Carlson* | Jacob Wilcoxon |
| Barty & Kathy Moffett* | Carmen Senesac |
| 17 Jeannie Long | Virgil & Dorri Clotfelter* |
| | 30 Rick & Kim Morgan* |