



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

JANUARY 2015

LAY LEADER'S LINE

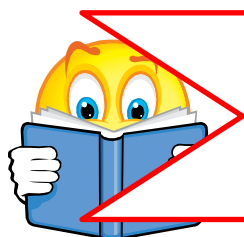
Butch Hackett

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

In the book 'EVANGALISM WITHOUT ADDITIVES' by Jim Henderson, he teaches the reader how to bring God's love to the people that Jesus misses most. For a long time these people were referred to as the "lost". The author points out, in one of the chapters, that by labeling these people as "lost" sets up an invisible line that can cause the people we are trying to reach as thinking of Christians as pious or better than they are. This is the last thing that we want to do. It is hard enough to share the gospel with those who don't know God without creating a barrier like this to overcome. When I read this chapter of the study, I began to think about how we treat other Christians? Do we treat our differences of beliefs as points to argue about or food for thought? Do we look at other churches as "snobs" or "up-itty" because they large congregations or huge impressive sanctuaries? Let's bring it even closer to home; how about the way we treat the other members of our own church? Read the following scenarios and see if you can recognize any similar reactions in your church.

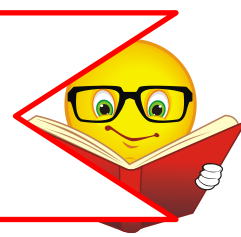
- A man angrily shuts his hymnbook and pouts through the rest of the service if the song leader doesn't sing every verse of his favorite hymn.
- Members are at odds and argue against adding a new service geared toward youth because they don't like the music.
- The middle aisle of the sanctuary is a demarcation line between two classes of people who refuse to mix.

Sound familiar? I hope not. As Christians, we must stand for truth as spelled out in the Bible. Though truth was not violated in any of these situations, these professing followers of Christ acted in decidedly unloving ways. They chose to protect personal preferences rather than demonstrate the love of Jesus to a watching world. How can we reach those who Jesus longs for if we can't be loving to each other? In 1 John 4:7-21, we see that God's love seeks to transform our behavior. In His love, we don't react disdainfully towards others simply because we don't agree. Jesus said in John 13:35, *"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* Do others see the love of Jesus in you? Let's make a goal to increase His love in our lives in this New Year!



Thought for the Day

A Church with one heart and one mind will
make for a won world.





IS THE WEATHER OUTSIDE TOO FRIGHTFUL?

**HERE IS SOMETHING SO
DELIGHTFUL!**

**Join other Otterbein folks for
an Email Bible Study on the
book of John!**

January 19 - February 15 (4 weeks)



To participate, here's what you do:

- 1) Sign your name and email address on the tear-off form below.
- 2) Read one chapter in the book of John per day (*Monday thru Friday*).
- 3) Use the **SOAK** method as a guide to study your chapter:

S is for Scripture (*note a specific verse or 2 that stands out to you*)

O is for Observations (*note any observations from the passage--like a command/promise from God*)

A is for Applications (*apply the passage to your life—is there an action you need to take or a sin you're struggling with*)

K is for Kneeling (*write/pray a prayer, praise, or confession to God while kneeling--if you can*)

- 4) On the weekend (*Sat/Sun*), share any scriptures that stood out to you, and/or any questions or observations you may have, by typing them on a group email to those participating. Optional: you may share how you have applied (*or intend to apply*) what you read to your life.
- 5) If you have insights to help answer some of the questions shared, or encouraging thoughts to offer, you may continue to share your additional comments throughout the weekend.
- 6) Even if you do not wish to share your comments on the group email, but would simply like to follow along, that is fine too. Just give us your email address below.

____ Yes, I would like to participate in the Email Bible Study (Jan 19-Feb 15).

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Tear off this form at the perforation and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to the Craig's, or send your email address to them at craig4146@gmail.com they will set up a group email to get us started.

COMMITTEE'S

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Finance</u>	Jim Craig Jim Hackett	Jane Cox Marcia Lawhead	Rex Johns Kenny Smallhorn
<u>Trustees</u>	Jim Hackett Harold Hackett	Randy Rice Rick Waltrip	Dan Bircher Ian McDaniel Bill Harrison
<u>PPR</u>	Melody McGrath Mary Hennig Jerry Payne	Butch Hackett John McDaniel	Bill Snider Jim Hackett
<u>Nominations</u>	Mary Hennig Keridwen McDaniel	Larry McGrath Butch Hackett	Bill Harrison Lisa McDaniel
<u>Nurture</u>	Cathi Brockman Lisa McDaniel	Becky Rice Melody McGrath	Sean Hackett Joan Johns

Intentional Faith

Family Night

Something for EVERYONE!!

Bring YOUR whole family!

Wednesday Evenings

6:00-6:30 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30-7:30pm Small Groups

(All Ages)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 10:30am)

Sunday School classes available for all ages—Everyone is welcome!

Preschool Class
(Age 3-Kindergarten)
Meet in Noah's Ark Room
w/ Jane Cox



M.S./H.S. Class
(6th-12th grade)
Meet in Blue Room
w/ Pastor Chuck

Adult Class (Believers)
Meet in Gold Classroom
w/ Butch Hackett

Elementary Class
(1st-5th grade)
Meet in Garden Room
w/ Sandy Smallhorn



**Please stay and share with us in Fellowship Time
each Sunday following the worship service
(even if you do not plan to stay for Sunday School).**

This is a wonderful time to reconnect with your church family ☺

Let us continue to remember our shut-in and homebound members.
Please remember them in your prayers and feel free to visit or send a card ☺

Francis Adkins

Odd Fellow Rebekah Home
201 Lafayette E
Mattoon, IL 61938
Birthday: 5/25

Tom Watson

2200 Madison Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920
Birthday: 8/10



Joan Hutton

Hilltop Conv. Center
910 W. Polk Rm. 209
Charleston, IL 61920
Birthday: 4/21

Eleanor Rice

Heartland Christian Village
101 Trowbridge Rd
Neoga, IL 62447
Birthday: 2/9

2015 Worship Leaders

Please check the website for a current list of Worship Leaders for 2014. These include **Greeters**, **Acolytes**, **Ushers**, **Family Cross** and **Children's Moment Leaders**. We appreciate your involvement in our weekly worship service.

www.charlestonotterbein.org



Please Note

*If you need to reach
Pastor Chuck Trent*

Cell (618) 262-3409

chucktrent47@gmail.com

Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together...



Newspapers

Betty Potts would like to thank everyone who has brought newspapers for her. She really appreciates it, and she could always use more if you have extras 😊

Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*Feb 2015*) will be printed and distributed around the first week in February. The deadline to submit articles or information in the February newsletter will be **Thursday, January 15.** Please contact Michelle Price (217) 549-7285 or email the church office if you have information to include.



But Let Us Encourage One Another (Hebrews 10:25)



January 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	2 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	3
4 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	5 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm Finance Meeting 6:30p	6 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	7 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	8 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	9 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	10 Fellowship Hall in use 2p-4p
11 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	12 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	13 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	14 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	15 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm Newsletter Articles due	16 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	17 Arts Council 8:30a – 3p
18 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	19 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	20 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	21 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	22 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	23 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	24
25 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	26 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	27 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	28 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6pm-7:30pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	29 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	30 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	31 

FINANCE REPORT

Please note the following figures and reports provided by the Finance Team.

LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

	<u>Amt Received</u>	<u>Amt Needed</u>	<u>Over/(Short)</u>
12/07	\$ 2,323.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,078.00
12/14	\$ 1,638.02	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 393.02
12/21	\$ 745.00	\$ 1,245.00	(\$ 500.00)
12/24	\$ 271.07	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 271.07
12/28	\$ 1,244.00	\$ 1,245.00	(\$ 1.00)
TOTAL	\$ 6,221.09	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 1,241.09

Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself.



— John Wesley

MONTHLY EXPENSES PAID BY LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

Ameren CIPS (Church)	\$ 495.00
City of Charleston (Water Dept)	\$ 26.00
Conf. Group Health Ins. (Pastor)	\$ 1,525.00
Consolidated Comm. (Church)	\$ 93.00
IGRC Missions	\$ 1,062.00
IGRC Pension (Pastor)	\$ 836.00
Childress Mowing	\$ 160.00
Janitor/Secretary Wages	\$ 494.04
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 40.00
Chuck Trent	\$ 2,380.26
Chuck Trent TV/Hse. Phone	\$ 120.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 41.00
Postage	\$ 49.00
Print Co (Newsletter)	\$ 24.00
SS Material	\$ 72.00
Upper Room/Devozone	\$ 27.00
State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)	\$ 285.15
TOTAL	\$ 7,779.45
Weekly	\$ 1,245.00

Building Fund / Current Balance

12/31 -\$1,143.72

Monthly Mortgage Payment **\$ 1,356.55**



Celebrations

Birthdays



Pastor Chuck Trent	01/03
Randy Rice	01/04
Dereck Hennig	01/09
James Hackett	01/15
Marty Buell	01/16
Debra Bircher	01/22
Tabitha Lewis	01/26



January Worship Leaders



	<u>01/04</u>	<u>01/11</u>	<u>01/18</u>	<u>01/ 25</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Dorothy Cox	Rick & Sharron Waltrip	Clinton & Bonnie Tribby	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jade Smyser	Brandon Schulz	Kayla Donley	Tyvon Smallhorn
<u>Family Cross</u>	Randy & Becky Rice	Marty & Loretta Buell	John & Lisa Bircher	Rex & Joan Johns
<u>Ushers</u>	Betty Potts Jim Hackett Wayne Cox Rose Snider	Marcia Lawhead Bonnie Tribby Randy Rice Jim Craig	Dan Bircher Vickie Bircher John McDaniel Lisa McDaniel	Deece Schwartz Ian McDaniel Kenny Smallhorn Christopher Schulz
<u>Children's Moment</u>		Carolyn Craig	Jane Cox	Jane Cox



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Sunday Morning Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

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All are welcome!