



Otterbein United Methodist Church
Charleston, Illinois

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

OCTOBER 2015

PASTOR'S PERUSALS

By Chuck Trent

CHUCKIN' ALONG FOR THE LORD, By Chuck Trent

II CHRONICLES tells us to whom we should pray.

JESUS gives us the model for prayer in the Lord's Prayer.

THE APOSTLE PAUL informs us that we are to, "Pray without ceasing."

YOU HAVE FIGURED OUT THE theme of the column by now, I hope.

WHOLE BOOKS have been written on various aspects of prayer so I won't cover everything on this page.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT REVEREND CHO says that the largest church in Seoul, South Korea, does, is pray.

THIS IS MY WAY OF REMINDING ALL OF US, what we already knows, but don't do nearly often enough.

WITH ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES WE HAVE COMING UP, we all have something to do, some more than others, but everyone needs to be in prayer, covering every aspect of our mission, outreach and programs in prayer.

IF YOU DON'T PRAY, then start.

IF YOU DO PRAY, pray more.

IF YOU PRAY A LOT, pray better, by listening with the open word.

GOD IS BLESSING US ALL THE TIME. Prayer will help us realize, appreciate and multiply those blessings, and together we will be

MAKING BETTER AND MORE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST.

Shalom, *Chuck*

LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

On the radio today, I heard a commercial that asked the married listeners the following question, "What have you done for your marriage today?" The focus of the commercial was to remind the married listeners that it takes work and commitment to have a successful relationship with your spouse. I was reminded that on the 18th of this month, I will have been married to Linda for 40 years. Counting our time of "going-steady", it has been a total of 46 years! I started thinking about what Linda and I do on a daily basis, which reminds the other that we have been thinking about them during the day when we are apart. Little things like leaving notes, small surprises for no reason, buying something for the other one without a special occasion, and generally being thoughtful around the house to keep things running smoothly are a few ways that we have found to work for us.

How about our relationship with Christ? How many times each day do our thoughts turn to our Savior? Do we do "little-things" throughout the day to strengthen our walk with Him? Remember that our physical life on this earth is merely a blink in eternity. Does it make sense to concentrate all of our efforts for temporal things and ignore the eternal? God has planted in each of us a desire to be with our creator. The trouble is that since God gave us free will, many of us do not understand this craving and try to satisfy it with earthly things such as money, power, and prestige.

Isaiah wrote in chapter 55 verse 2, "Why *spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?*" Why indeed? C.S. Lewis addressed this question in his book "**Mere Christianity**" when he wrote:

Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger; well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim; well there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same."

I encourage all of us to make it a point each day to nurture your relationship with the one who's holding you in His nail-scarred hands.

In His grip,

Butch



Thought for the Day

People of his day tended to keep rabbis and "holy men" at a respectful distance, but Jesus drew out something else, a hunger so deep that people closed around him just to touch his clothes." –
Phillip Yancey, *The Jesus I Never Knew*



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

Jim & Bertha Anderson

13250 E Cty Rd 210N
Charleston, IL 61920

Joan Hutton

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

Tom Watson

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



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 2015. These include Greeters, Acolytes, Ushers, Family Cross and Children's Moment Leaders. We appreciate your involvement in our weekly worship service.

Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*Nov2015*) will be printed and distributed around the first week in November. The deadline to submit articles or information in the November newsletter will be **Thursday, Nov 22nd**. Please contact Michelle Price (217) 549-7285 or email the church office if you have information to include.

Please Note



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Family Night

Every Wednesday

6:00-6:30 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30-7:30 for the Whole Family

J4J (Kid's Club) W / Jane Cox

LinC (Youth Group) W / Sean Hackett

Bible Study (Adults) W / Pastor Chuck

FINANCE REPORT

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

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/Devozine	\$ 27.00
<u>State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)</u>	<u>\$ 285.15</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,779.45
Weekly	\$ 1,245.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$ 1,356.55



Celebrations



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Cord Hackett	10/12
Sue Payne	10/13
Rick Waltrip	10/17
Rose Snider	10/25
Wayne Cox	10/28
Bill Snider	10/29
Mackensie Williams	10/30



Happy Anniversary

Butch & Linda Hackett 10/18

Marty & Lorretta Buzl 10/20



October Worship Leaders



	<u>10/04</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>10/18</u>	<u>10/25</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Rick & Sharron Waltrip	Clinton Tribby	Sandy Smallhorn	Jim & Carolyn
<u>Acolyte</u>	Mackensie Williams	Jade Smyser	Tyvon Smallhorn	Kayla Donley
<u>Family Cross</u>	Jim & Carolyn Craig	Bill & Rose Snider	Sharon Johns	Butch & Linda Hackett
<u>Ushers</u>	Sean Hackett Jim Hackett Lisa McDaniel John McDaniel	Jerry Payne Larry McGrath Wayne Cox Doug Hennig	Rose Snider Betty Potts Sandy Smallhorn Becky Rice	Debra Bircher Alesia Smyser Ian McDaniel Deece Schwartz
<u>Children's Moment</u>	Carolyn Craig	Paula Dennis	Pastor Chuck	Jane Cox



<div>  <h1>October 2015</h1>  </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	2 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	3
4 <u>Worship</u> 9:30- 10:30 am <u>Fellowship</u> 10:30-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:45-11:30 am	5 <u>Finance Meeting</u> 6:30 PM <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	6 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	7 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Family Night</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	8 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	9 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	10
11 <u>Worship</u> 9:30 -10:30 am <u>Fellowship</u> 10:30-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:45-11:30 am	12 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Special Nuture Meeting 1 pm</u>	13 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	14 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm <u>Fellowship</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>AA Mtg 8:00pm</u>	15 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	16 <u>Soup Stop</u> 10:30am-1pm	17
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10/16 Jim Hackett Sale @ Johns Auction Barn, with Youth Concessions / 10:00 am
 10/16 "Spoon River Girls" Dinner Drama Theater / 6:30 pm
 10/17 "Spoon River Girls" without Dinner / 6:30 pm
 10/25 Otterbein Charge Conference / 2:00 pm

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Sunday Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:45 a.m.

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All are welcome!

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