



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~ January 20, 2008



Three Nights Together

Next week is the start of something new: the first of what we're calling "**Three Nights Together.**" It's a new teaching structure the Session decided to try when we went to our new Community Groups. If you are NOT a regular attendee at your weekly community group you can still participate in 2/3 of this—and we hope you will! We're doing this as a way of saying that thinking together, studying together, is important if we want to grow in our relationship with the Lord and be used by him. We are under tremendous pressure these days as Christians in the west, and it only promises to intensify. **Twice a year** we want to step outside the box, if you will, of our normal community prayer nights and our normal house church routine, to listen to some teaching and talk together about how to apply it to ourselves, both individually and as a church family.

So here's the structure for the first **Three Nights Together:**

Wednesday, January 23 Community groups meet for discussion and prayer together around the theme to be taught on the following Wednesday, January 30

Wednesday, January 30: JERRAM BARRS TEACHES ON THE THEME OF OUTREACH AS THE OVERRFLOW OF OUR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. HE HAS TITLED HIS TALK, "*COOPERATING WITH GOD*". People are encouraged to bring a dessert. We'll eat and visit from 6:30-7pm and then Jerram will teach for an hour. Childcare is provided, but you need to sign up for it or let the Tuckers know.

Wednesday, February 6: House church meeting to "unpack" Jerram's teaching. The community group leaders will be leading this meeting. ALL in the fellowship should think about coming to these last two nights. We will do our normal routine of eating a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and then begin with worship at 7 p.m.. Again, childcare will be provided, but you need to sign up for it.

I'm glad we asked Jerram to teach. He's Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture at Covenant Seminary and Resident Scholar at the Francis Schaeffer Institute. It's our privilege to have him with us. Please feel free to invite friends from other churches. And don't forget a dessert!

Your elders are hoping and praying that you will see this as an opportunity to learn. It will mean giving up a couple of Wednesday nights; but we're supposed to be stepping out of the boat of our comfort and moving toward Christ in our lives anyway. This is a good way to do that.

Hope you can join us.

Ron Lutjens, for the elders

Women's Forum

One thing that became clear through all the thinking and talking about our vision statement, about our focus and direction as Old Orchard Church: women want more involvement with each other in some way, shape, or form.

The Session realizes this, and has set aside **Sunday night, January 27, at 6:30 p.m.** to bring the women together to brainstorm about where we go from here.

We'll build a fire in the fireplace, and representatives of the Session will be there to listen to any and all interested Old Orchard women. We're prepared to try to develop

some kind of more intentional ministry to women here, but we need to know what Old Orchard women want. It's not primarily a gripe session; we want you to come with ideas about what we can do from here on out to strengthen the women in our midst, and even to develop a few things that might draw in women outside our fellowship. Childcare will NOT be provided; that's your husband's job that night! If he won't do it, call me at 962-6196 very soon.

-- Ron Lutjens, for the elders



Meal Today

All invited to share a meal today after worship at Milligan House. See Chris Carter if you have questions.

Randy Stonehill Concert Coffee Shop! --With Jon Hardy (Pastor Ron's Son)

Old Orchard Church is hosting a concert featuring 30 year music veteran, Randy Stonehill on Friday, **January 25, 7 p.m.** We are encouraging members to use this as an opportunity to invite friends. The cost is \$10 per person which covers coffee and dessert. See Mark Tucker for details.

Directory Corrections & Additions

I'd like to publish a corrections/additions sheet soon. Please give or send me corrections and additions. If you are new, not in the current directory, and want to be listed, please e-mail me your information or see me for a directory form to complete. If you need a copy, please let me know as well. Thanks, Durinda Hood

Communion Set-Up Volunteer Wanted!!

We have a fine, faithful crew of people who set-up and clean up our communion for us every week. We have had one volunteer come forward to take a regular turn at cleaning the communion ware, but we are still looking for a set-up person to be part of a monthly rotation. The volunteer picks up the bread on Saturday and then sets up the communion before worship service. See Durinda Hood if you want to help. Thank you!

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
See Greg Roig for more.

Arts Ministry

We will meet this Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. at Milligan House. Yes, we do still exist.
--Ron Lutjens

Bring Food Any Sunday

Non-perishable food donations welcomed and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Just leave it in the container in the parlor.

Churchwide Retreat To Be in May

Set aside the dates of **Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4** for our annual churchwide retreat. See Mark Tucker for details.

English Conversations Class

Class has resumed. Meets Fridays at 4:30 p.m. in Milligan House.

Invitation to Hear Presentation About Indonesia

Dita Purnama will give a presentation to the youth group about her home country of Indonesia on Sunday night, January 27th at 6 p.m. in the youth room in the basement of Milligan House. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.



Superbowl Party

The teens of Old Orchard and Memorial Presbyterian will have a Superbowl Party at Milligan House starting around 5 p.m. on February 3. Anyone in the congregation is welcomed to join them.

Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 3 at Milligan House, 7:15 a.m.
See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

Teen Fellowship Schedule

January 20, 5:15 p.m. "Loving People" Sunshine Ministry. Teen Leadership Team meets at 4 p.m.

Friday, January 25, 7 p.m. Concert Coffee House with Randy Stonehill and Jon Hardy (\$10 includes dessert)

Sunday, January 27, 6-8 p.m. Hot Topix "Who Cares About Nature" Guest speaker

Sunday, February 3, 5 p.m. – late. 4th annual IgnoretheSuperbowlbutshowitanyway party with Memorial Presbyterian at Milligan House. Bring friends.

Sunday, February 10, 6-8 p.m. Growth Group. Bring \$\$ if you want a snack.

Bethany Christian Services--our new neighbors!

Bethany Christian Services has moved to Webster Groves! They now have a more central location, easier for clients to reach, right here at 7520 Big Bend Big Bend near Laclede Station Rd. There will be an open house in early spring. Please check out the Bethany bulletin board in the hallway and see a picture and address, as well as information on Bethany Missions trips.

--Deb Pendergrass, Old Orchard's Bethany representative

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 20-27, 2008 marks the 35th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions that legalized abortion in the USA. Today is recognized as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. In honor of it, we are distributing inserts from Bethany Christian Services. You are also invited to attend our Presbytery's worship service this evening. See below.



Missouri Presbytery's Annual Sanctity of Human Life Worship Service Tonight—January 20!

Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, 12330 Big Bend Road
(636) 861-1870
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Dr. Cortez Cooper, preaching.

Preaching from Colossians 1:11-14 and Titus 3:14 on "When the Rescued Become Rescuers." A love offering will be taken for Bethany Christian Services.

Nursery will be provided for children ages 3 years and younger. Children ages 4 – 3rd grade will worship with us for the first part of the service in the Sanctuary and then will be dismissed during the Offering to the Reception Hall downstairs for a Children's Worship Time.

Note for singers: We will have a Joint Presbytery Choir for the evening; so, please inform any of your singing members that they are welcome and encouraged to join us. The choir will help lead hymn singing as well as sing the anthem, "Psalm 139" by Allen Pote. Rehearsal will be at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Music will be provided. Please ask singers to arrive 10 minutes earlier to ensure enough time to gather music and find a seat in their voice section.

Join your brethren from the MO Presbytery's many PCA churches as we together worship our God of life! A reception will follow the worship service.

WRHM Trivia Night

"Webster-Rock Hill Ministries(WRHM) is holding its annual fundraiser, "TRIVIA NIGHT", on Friday, March 14th at 6:30 pm at the Richmond Heights Recreation Center.

This event is the only special fund-raising event of the year for WRHM and last year brought in more than \$5000 for the Ministries. It is a fun event to test your trivia skill and enjoy an evening dining on your favorite picnic dinner and beverages.

A table of eight has been donated in Old Orchard Church's name so there is no cost to you to attend. If you are interested see Phil Patterson or call him at 314 719 6570."

Overture & Tidbits Notes

The next *Overture* will be out on Sunday, February 3. You are invited to write for it! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. You can send your submissions for our newsletter via e-mail to the church office or you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). Church office e-mail: office@oldorchardchurch.org. We have a rotating crew of *Overture* editors; Susan O'Neal is editor for the next issue. The *Tidbits* comes out again on January 27. Brief announcements may be submitted for it to the church office.



Cornerstone Housing Corporation Requests Help

Cornerstone is a non-profit housing corporation that provides affordable housing to low income residents and is a ministry Old Orchard Church financially supports. One of their apartments is in need of a lot of cleaning up after a recent eviction. We have been asked to provide two or three workers for Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with pizza provided. (Meet at office at 6030 Etzel.) If you can help, call the church office or

sign-up on the sheet circulating or posted in the vestibule. Phil Patterson is the only person signed up, thus far! For more information, see Margaret Wilke who serves on the Cornerstone board.

January-February 2008 Calendar Notes

- ❖ **Sunday School Classes** for Adults and Children, 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Adult Choir.** Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** meet January 23.
- ❖ Next *Overture* is out February 3 (editor Susan O'Neal).
- ❖ **English Conversations' Class.** Fridays, 4:30 p.m. at Milligan House.
- ❖ **Three Nights Together.** January 23 & 30, February 6. See article for more.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House on February 2.
- ❖ **Randy Stonehill Concert.** Friday, January 25 at 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Superbowl Party** at Milligan House starting at 5 p.m. on February 3.
- ❖ **Leaders Meeting:** February 12, 7 p.m. at Milligan House. Leaders, mark your calendar!

Narnia Summer Children's Program : Photos & Prayers

If you would like to view pictures from this past summer's Return to Narnia program, Hannah Nelson has put together a website at www.return2narnia07.piczo.com and contact Mark for the password. It is not too late to begin praying and thinking about the 2008 Narnia Summer Children's Program the first week in August.

--Mark Tucker

Children's Ministries During Worship

Nursery is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's basement. Here's how it works:

Infant nursery for babies, crawlers, & very early walkers.

Toddler nursery for children who are walking up to three years of age. Children who turn three from January-August are invited to attend preschool worship starting September 1. Children who turn three from September-December are invited to attend preschool worship starting January 1.

Preschool worship for age 3 through Kindergarten. Three-year-olds (see above) and four-year-olds are welcome during the whole service. Five-year-olds remain upstairs in the worship service until dismissed at 10:50.

Children's Worship. For children grades 1-5 and meets across the street at Milligan House from 10:50 until just before communion. Please listen for dismissal from the worship leader. Does not meet the fifth Sunday of the month.



Children's Ministries During Worship

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