



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – February 3, 2008

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

Welcome to our worship. We invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten, located in the church building basement. Please see nursery details on last page. Also, visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 a.m. on Sunday mornings). If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

NY Mission Trip

The OOC Youth Group would like to extend an offer to anyone in the church to join us for our Summer Mission Trip to New York City, June 23rd -July 1st. If you are interested please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, February 3rd at 3:30 at the Milligan House. See Associate Pastor, Mark Tucker for details.



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

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.

Nominations to Office of Elder & Deacon

Nominations are being accepted through the month of February for the office of Elder & Deacon. Questions? See today's handout for instructions and any elder for questions.

Directory Corrections & Additions

I've received some additions to the Directory. Are there any more? 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

Mark your Calendars for the following Events!

Parlor Fellowship

Our next Parlor Fellowship is next Sunday, February 10, after worship. Sign up to bring food. Hostesses are Annie Kuhn and Katherine Lutjens.

Leaders Meeting

February 12, 7 p.m. at Milligan House. Leaders, mark your calendar!

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.
See Greg Roig for questions.

English Conversations Class

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

Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 16
Milligan House - 7:15 a.m.
See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

Churchwide Retreat

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

Teen Fellowship Schedule

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.

Friday, February 15, 7 to 10 pm. Third Annual Burnathon at Milligan House.

Sunday, February 17, 5:15 pm. "Loving People." Creve Coeur Manor.

Three Nights Together—One's Left

Jerram Barrs, professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture at Covenant Seminary was with us this past Wednesday, challenging us to cooperate with God in bringing people to a saving knowledge of his Son, Jesus Christ, by developing relationships with them and finding good things in them to affirm and praise. Jerram helped us take fresh look at the way Jesus related to people who needed God in their lives, and challenged us to turn around and practice that in our small circles of influence.

So how do we do that—as individuals in the workplace, the classroom, the neighborhood, in our wider families? And how can we do that as a church family? That's what we will be thinking through and discussing together this Wednesday night at House Church, the last of our Three Nights Together. You need not have been at either of the first two nights to get something from this conversation, so come anyway, even if you didn't hear Jerram or do not participate regularly in a community group.

The night will be led by the community group leaders, so it should be a good time together. We will eat a potluck supper at 6 p.m. (bring a dish to share, whatever!) and then our conversation together will begin with worship at 7 p.m. Childcare is provided but you need to sign up for it this morning.

--Ron Lutjens, for the elders

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.

OOC Prayer Requests

Pray for Valerie Powers who is on a 10-day mission trip to Khazan, Russia.

Chris O'Neal. Pray for healing, strength and patience for Chris and the family as they wait for Chris to return to health.

Officer Nominations. Pray for God's leading as we nominate members to the office of deaconess, deacon and elder.

Biloxi Update

Here's an update regarding the work in Biloxi where our team worked last fall.

January 28, 2008

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

It's hard to believe that in just two months this work is scheduled to be over. The Lord has been gracious toward us and we are full, actually overfull, with volunteers for the rest of our time here except for next week. We have enough money to operate until we close. Let me explain this by saying that while we have enough money to finish out our work until we close, we could use millions of dollars more to help buy materials for other volunteer organizations and homeowners who lack money to buy building materials. So continue to send all the money you can. As we receive additional donations, we will use the money to buy supplies for both homeowners doing their own work and other volunteer organizations who lack sufficient funds to buy building materials.

I must share how the Lord has abundantly supplied finances for His work here. For example, we have never charged any fees for our volunteers to come and work here. We have as Malachi 3:10 says, tested God, and He has been faithful. He has indeed opened the windows of heaven for us and poured down blessings. It has been an awesome experience to witness how God has provided for this work.

In addition to money, there is something else you can do to help us here, and that is to pray for us to have a strong finish to this work. Beginning Feb. 23 through March 15, we have so many workers coming that I am seeking ways to make sure they are all kept busy doing productive jobs. Pray that my plans are God's plans so that they work out, pray that we would be most productive in our construction efforts, and pray especially that we would be effective in sharing the Gospel.

There are two people that I wish you would pray for the Lord to enable us to reach with the Gospel. Joe is a man around sixty years old, who has severe heart problems. We helped him a few months ago and he was willing to let us share Scripture with him. Pray for someone to reach out to him and for the Lord to give him and his family eternal life. Lucy is a lady of about 50, who we are currently helping get back into her house. She also is receptive to discussing Scripture. She is very lonely and she has attended one Bible class here at the church. Pray for Lucy's salvation.

Pray for Norman a man who has recently made a profession of faith in Jesus. Pray for someone to follow up and disciple him. We have not seen him at church for several weeks, and he has young children who would like to be here on Wednesday evenings to attend Pioneer clubs.

Even though this worksite is closing, the need for volunteers to continue to come to the coast continues. The situation is quite desperate for many people because their only hope for help is from the Church, and, many of the churches are rapidly closing down their volunteer efforts. There are still wonderful opportunities to continue to show the people of the Gulf Coast that God loves them. Below is some information about ongoing Katrina Worksites which I have visited in the greater New Orleans area that I think are worthy of all the support you can give.

The first one is working with Redeemer Presbyterian Church; a PCA church which is working on becoming a lighthouse to the community. This church could use financial help to pay its own

bills and also to help finance their community rebuilding efforts. I encourage you to do all you can to see this church thrive, in a city needing more Bible preaching churches. Pastor Ray Cannata Redeemer Presbyterian Church can be reached at 504-894-1204, or ray.cannata@redeemerneworleans.com website: www.redeemerneworleans.com .

Trinity Church in Covington, Louisiana is another church doing a great work and very worthy of support. They work in the Covington area and also in New Orleans. They need volunteers and financial contributions. Mark Lewis at Trinity Church of the Evangelical Free Church denomination can be contacted at 985-893-0218 or mark.lewis@efca.org website www.katrinaproject.com .

The Louisiana worksites are both trying to reach people with the Gospel as well as rebuilding houses. I hope you will continue to support the ongoing relief work taking place here on the Gulf Coast. If you can't come to work in Louisiana, please consider making financial gifts to these two churches. It takes a lot of money to rebuild houses and the people they help have very little money.

Mary Lee and I are continuing to look forward to life after Katrina, and we feel God calling us to foreign mission work. We have just sent an application to the African Bible College to see if we are the people God would have fill a position in Uganda. We ask that you pray along with us that God would make His plan for us clear. We realize that it isn't a normal thing for people of our ages and health to head off for the mission field, but we trust that God can use us despite our frailties.

In His Service, Bob Bolitho, Ptlalways@prodigy.net or 864-909-0943

P.S. This is a ministry where things change rapidly. We have just had some cancellations and we now need 20 volunteers for Feb.16-23, and 35 for March 8-15.

February 2008 Calendar Notes

- ❖ Sunday School Classes for Adults and Children, 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ **Super Bowl Party** at Milligan House starting at 5 p.m., Sunday, February 3.
- ❖ **Parlor Fellowship** is February 10 after worship
- ❖ Next **Lunch at Milligan House** after worship on Sunday, February 24.
- ❖ **Adult Choir**. Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** meet February 13, 20 & 27.
- ❖ English Conversations' Class. Fridays, 4:30 p.m. at Milligan House.
- ❖ **Three Nights Together**. Final night, House Church February 6. 6 p.m. Pot-luck supper & at 7 p.m. meeting. See article for more.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study**. 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House on February 16.
- ❖ **Leaders Meeting**: Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m. at Milligan House. Leaders, mark your calendar!
- ❖ Next *Overture* is out February 17 (Editor Heather Sparkman).

Promise Christian Academy

OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to attend an open house at the Westminster Town & Country Campus 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12.

Promise Christian Academy is a Christian School that provides a therapeutic approach to academic excellence for children with multiple disabilities

Accepting...Celebrating...Cultivating...Developing...

9:30 – 10:00 Introduction to Staff and Kids

10:00 – 10:30 Tour of the facility

10:30 – 11:00 Question and Answer Session

Refreshments will be served.

800 Maryville Centre Drive #227

Chesterfield, MO 63017

For more information, please call 314 439 9711.

--Meredith Heintz, Administrator, Promise Christian Academy



Hosts Wanted for Good Friday Meals in Homes

We are looking for hosts for the Good Friday meals in homes on Friday, March 21 at 5:45 p.m. The menu is soup and bread with water as the beverage. It would be helpful that your distance from the church is close enough to be able to get to Cornerstone E-Free by 7:30 p.m. The meal lasts for about an hour and the two types of meals are described below. If you can host, please sign up on the sheet circulating or call the church office. The host usually does not lead the meal. Thanks.

--Durinda Hood

Reciting Meal

During these meals we read the highlights of the story of our redemption in Christ. A Bible goes around the table, verses assigned for each person to read. As we hear of the movement back and forth throughout history—from Genesis onward—between God's grace and our sin, a center candle is alternately lit and extinguished.

Sharing Meal

During these meals we focus on certain passages of Scripture, or songs, or meditations on the suffering of the Lord and then there is some time for focused, individual sharing on how the work of Christ has affected our own lives personally.

Announcements

I am one of the co-chairs for my quilt guild's quilt show. For the first time, we are having it at Queeny Park. This quilt show is said to be one of the best in the area. Even if you are not into traditional quilting, there will be, as some say, "artsy-fartsy" quilts. Any questions, please call me. Dot Branson 314.402.1388



QUILT SHOW

Sat. March 29 10 - 5
Sun. March 30 11 - 4

Queeny Park – Ballwin, MO
Weidman Rd. between Clayton and Manchester

Special exhibits including:

- **“Quilt for the Cure” with silent auction of small quilts made by local quilters – to benefit Susan G. Komen For the Cure**
- “Ladies Art Company – The First Mail Order Catalog for Quilt Block Patterns” – curated by Connie Chunn
- Sewing machine raffle
- Over 400 quilts
- Vendors
- Appraisals
- Demonstrations
- Quilt raffle
- Door prizes every hour
- Marine Comfort Quilts and student quilt displays

First 500 paid attendees receive a "goody bag."

Admission: \$6.00 (good for both days)

www.bitsnpiecesguild.com

1-8-08

From Mission Gate

We have posted a “Thank You” note from Mission Gate for our participation in providing gifts given to children at Christmas. (These were the ‘angel gifts.’) Photos are included. See the bulletin board to the left of the drinking fountain. Thanks to all who helped with this!

---the Mercy Ministry

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for February 2008

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Praise for a fruitful trip for the Mercy Ministries Outreach trip to Peru this fall. Pray for Wilma as she is busy with seminars, the prison ministry and other teaching opportunities in Santiago at present.
- 2. Rob and Tunde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for Tunde as she is taking over the choir in their local church this month, that the choir members would accept her leadership. Pray for Rob as he will be speaking at an important conference for pastors and elders from different churches, Feb 10-15.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Pray that Gerry can have a positive spiritual influence on some important political figures with whom he has contact occasionally (including the President of the country!) Praise that both Gerry and Ruthie's health has improved. Pray for continued fruitfulness and protection in their ministry.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray that the new students will make the most of their stay and the staff will guide them wisely. Pray for the children of the staff in both communities, that they would grow in their understanding of what God's truth means for them, personally. Pray for financial needs as the value of the dollar continues to drop.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray that the Lord will encourage Dawn, give her wisdom as she initiates outreach projects and lead her to prepared hearts. Pray for a core group to form to help launch an outreach/ministry project on one of the campuses. Pray for small group Bible studies and many personal contacts.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Praise for protection in the dangerous days following the contested Presidential election. Pray for continued protection and opportunities to demonstrate God's love, particularly in the slum areas where the church is involved. Pray for reconciliation between opposing tribes and that further bloodshed can be avoided.
- 7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Pray that the Lord will supply all that is needed to continue the work of Colloquium, both financially (as the dollar continues to fall) and health-wise, as Luciano confronts his diabetes and stress related health problems.
- 8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Praise for protection and guidance in their initial contacts in the dangerous city where they plan to begin a new work (Zamboanga City). Pray for safe and appropriate living quarters near to the poor area where they plan to work and now have contacts.
- 9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Praise that a Bible study has begun! Pray for new Christian, Emanuele and his brother and father who both have attended and show interest in the Gospel. Pray for guidance as Joel continues a seemingly impossible search for a suitable place to hold church services.
- 10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru.** Pray for newly saved Marilu and her unsaved friend, Lourdes, as they meet with Shirley for Bible study. Pray for Robert as he preaches and teaches in various cities in Peru this month and then travels to the US, Feb 20 to March 14. (He will be in St Louis March 3-7.)

Children's Ministries During Worship

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

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.

February Birthdays

2/1	Kathy Nelson	2/18.....	Bruce Ji
2/1	Curtis Peck	2/19.....	Joseph Muutuki**
2/1	Angelyn Tag	2/19.....	Nellie T. Pun
2/2	Mary Ann Kelly	2/19/90.....	Jonathan Powers
2/4	Ron Nelson	2/20.....	Jessica Roland
2/6	Jessica Rinn**	2/23/83.....	Steven Carter
2/6	Jerry Taussig	2/23.....	Jon Coody
2/10/85.....	Tim Muutuki**	2/24.....	David Mitchell
2/11	Bruce Cook	2/24/98.....	Emma Powers
2/11	Lois Easterling	2/24.....	Jenny Dixon**
2/11	Stacey Stefanski	2/24/86.....	Anna Jennings
2/12	Gayle Gribbar	2/26.....	Katherine Mohler
2/12	Ron Lutjens	2/26/04.....	Isaiah Leung
2/16	Donna Knobbe	2/27.....	Jason Bartlett
		2/27/06.....	Simeon Woodard
**Member of missionary family.....		2/28.....	Gail Barker
.....		2/29.....	Gary Glasgow

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