



OVERTURE

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – 16 March 2008

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.

Sunday School News

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our Risen Lord Jesus! Sunday School is offered to children age three years through high school.

Adults: After Easter, "Used By God" (Part 2) Adult Sunday School continues at Milligan House. New Members Class meets with Ron Lutjens at the Milligan House.

New Class for adults: 6 week class on **Leviticus** will start Sunday, April 13 at Milligan House. Teachers: Mark Tucker and Currie Bishop. *Who says the Old Testament can't be fun?*

Sunday School Classes meet at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Congratulations, Currys!

Brian "Win" Godwin Curry was born on Saturday, March 8, 9:05pm, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz., 20.5 inches to Brian and Andrea Curry. All are doing well!

"A Mother's Helper"

A perfect opportunity for a young girl to gain baby sitting experience, or a busy student in need of a stress free way of earning some money is to be a Mother's Helper. I work from home (in Maplewood) and need someone to play with my 3 year old daughter a couple of hours a week (or more). I need help thru the end of April (maybe longer). I can work with your schedule, will pay and I will be in the house working so it's an ideal way to gain some baby sitting experience, earn some cash and play dress up, dolls . . . be creative and have fun. Please call Jennifer Brown at 781-2585.

Flowers Wanted for Easter Morning (March 23)

Part of our tradition is to decorate the sanctuary and parlor with spring flowers. We are looking for people to bring flowers Easter morning, Sunday, March 23. If you can help, please let Barbara Winters know.

Praying for Anne Reitsema

When Anne Reitsema spoke in church recently, I am sure that many of you (like me) were struck with the enormous responsibilities that this amazing young woman has been given and the danger that she is in, serving in Darfur, Sudan (Africa)

We have decided to make the emails that she and her parents are sending out with prayer requests available to you. If you would like to be kept up to date by email on her prayer needs, please email me, Dorothy Woodson. I will be making up a list and will forward Anne's emails to you as soon as I receive them.

Please write out your address in the body of your letter to make it easier for me to make up the list.

Anne is not on our regular Foreign Missions prayer list because she is not being financially supported by OOC. And some of her requests are urgent, so having up to the date news is helpful.

She is making life and death decisions every day, she is in one of the most dangerous places in the world and she is just barely thirty years old! She also shared with me that she is lonely. Let's uphold her in prayer.

--Dorothy Woodson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jessica Symes worked with Seth Dyrness at Missouri Baptist and requested that we make this opportunity known to the congregation:

Opportunities to serve at Missouri Baptist Medical Center

Do you have a desire to serve at a hospital? Missouri Baptist Medical Center is looking for volunteers in a variety of departments.

Opportunities to serve include:

- Assisting in the Gift Shop
- Transporting patients in wheelchairs throughout the hospital
- Performing office tasks—clerical and computer

With Benefits including:

- The satisfaction that comes from serving others
- Opportunities to meet new people and learn new skills
- Special discounts at the Pharmacy, Gift Shop and Cafeteria
- And more!

For more information, call Jessica Symes at 314-996-5132.

Thank You From Elaine Ivery's Family

Dear Old Orchard Church Family,

Thank you so much for so lovingly opening up your doors to my parents and family for my mother's memorial service. Mom would have been so happy to know she was there once again—how she loved Old Orchard Church!! Thank you, too, for hosting such a wonderful and delicious lunch for our family. We were amazed and blessed by your great kindness and hospitality, and are most grateful. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Becki (Ivery) Backe, daughter of Cliff and Elaine Ivery

Update From Biloxi

Here are some excerpts from what was called a "final" letter from Bob Bolitho as he and his wife plan to leave Biloxi. Biloxi is where Old Orchard's team of volunteers went and served last year.

Dear Friends of South Mississippi,

March 3, 2008

It is with mixed feelings that I write this final letter from Biloxi. While I am looking forward to having some time off, I hate to leave with so much more work left to do. However, for a variety of reasons, I feel that the timing of our leaving here is God's timing. This is not a complaint, but working thirteen to fourteen hours a day for months on end can become wearisome. For example, my last day off was in the middle of September. However, I am especially sad to be leaving because there are still so many people needing our help. We are not closing because I am tired as I am sure the Lord would reenergize me if He wanted me to stay longer. We are just no longer getting the volunteers that we need to continue. Past history tells us that after Easter, we could expect to have many weeks with few or no volunteers.

So far 2008 has been exciting as we have seen so many volunteers come and do so much work. We are currently working on eleven houses which we hope to finish before we close in three weeks. Another church has committed to finishing any of our houses we don't finish as long as we supply the necessary building materials.....

Many survivors of Hurricane Katrina are discouraged. They are discouraged because after two and a half years they don't think they are going to ever get to live in a house again. Last week a lady asked for help in supplying building materials to help her family convert a workshop into a house for her family of four. They are a hard working responsible family who can do the work themselves as long as the building materials are available. They seem to be fellow believers and it is a joy to help them. The mother shared with me that just a few days earlier her seven year old daughter asked her if they would ever live in a house again.

Many survivors of hurricane Katrina are frightened. They are frightened because they know that the time is coming when they will have to move out of their FEMA trailers, and they have no place to go. They can see that there aren't many volunteers left. Many of you have probably seen recent articles about the dangerous levels of formaldehyde that has been found in many trailers. This has caused the government to pressure families to move out of their trailers; the trouble is that there aren't places for these families to move into. One of the families we are helping was told on a recent Saturday evening that he had to move immediately. They were told that they would be moved into an apartment in Jackson, two hundred miles away.

As I reported in my last newsletter, Mary Lee and I are continuing to look forward to life after Katrina, and we feel God calling us to fulltime mission work. Up until yesterday, we had felt that the Lord was calling us to a particular ministry, but this is not to be. 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. We certainly have no desire to return to our "former" lives in South Carolina.

I hope, after returning home to South Carolina, to write a short booklet telling of our two and a half years working in this ministry here in Mississippi. I want to share how God has been so faithful and how He has blessed this ministry....

I started out this letter telling how I am going to be leaving with mixed emotions. This is because of people like the family of four that I mentioned above. The hope that God offers these people through His church is overwhelming. We feel blessed to have been allowed to serve here.

--Bob Bolitho

Discover Adoption

Adoption Information Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2008

6:30 to 9 pm. at the Tesson Ferry Library, 9920 Lin-Ferry Drive, St. Louis.

Bethany staff will present information on infant, international and embryo adoptions. A panel of adoptive families will share their stories.

RSVP. 314.781.6363. Childcare is not available.

Sponsored by Bethany Christian Services.

Good Friday Meals

You are invited to participate in our meals in homes on Good Friday, March 21 at 5:45 p.m. The meal is simple with bread and soup as the menu.

There are two types of meals, sharing meals and reciting meals. In a sharing meal there is open sharing with each other how Christ's finished work on the cross is having its effect on us, right where we live. In a reciting meal we read to each other the dramatic story (highlighted from Genesis to Revelation) of our rebellion and God's redemption. We encourage you to bring non-Christian friends to these meals. Sign up sheets are posted by the kitchenette.

Please sign up for the Good Friday program and special meal for children (divided ages: 1-4; 5-11 years) at the Milligan House during these adult meals (arrival time at 5:30 p.m.). We also are looking for volunteers to help with this meal. See Mark Tucker.

Easter Morning

Please plan on joining us for our festivities on Easter Sunday morning, beginning with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. led by our teenagers. We will have a Hallelujah Buffet at Milligan House starting at 8 a.m. Today there is an insert in the bulletin for you to let us know you are coming to the buffet and what you can contribute. Please fill it out and put it in the Easter Basket that you will find in the parlor. Thanks to our Hospitality Ministry (Lois Easterling, Jan Rau, Sharon Kern, Kelli McKie) for organizing this for us.

We'll also need people to each bring a dozen decorated hard boiled eggs on Easter morning for the children to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt during the hour before our worship.

Overture Editor Wanted

We have four editors who take turns producing our newsletter. One of the editors, Heather Sparkman, is graduating from Covenant Seminary and needs to resign soon. We are therefore looking for a new editor. You would edit 6 issues during the year; but since we are already into 2008, it will be four issues this year. If you are interested, and want to know more, please contact any of the current editors: Heather Sparkman, Melissa Nelson, Jim Lowe, Susan O'Neal. Or you can contact Durinda Hood in the church office.

Thanks!

Submitted by Durinda Hood for the Editors

Overture Deadline

The next Overture will be out on Sunday, April 6. 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 (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or you can place your signed articles in the Overture box (in the coat room). We have a rotating crew of Overture editors; the editor for next time is Melissa Nelson.



Help! Sound Technicians Wanted

Currently there are only 3 people serving on the sound board, so we really need more. I'm looking for a few more technology-oriented, responsible people to serve as sound board techs. After training, you would serve once a month. Please see me if you're interested. Thanks.

—Mike Kuhn, 645-3563

Adult Choir

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

Teen Fellowship Schedule

Sunday, March 23, 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday!

Sunrise Service. Teens in charge. No teen fellowship

Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30 – Starve-In. No teen fellowship.

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. Thanks!

English Conversations Class

Meets Fridays at 5:00 p.m. in Milligan House, but not on Good Friday, March 21.

Men's Bible Study

Meets Saturday, April 5, Milligan House at 7:15 a.m.

See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

Randy Mayfield Classical Concert

Mark your calendars for Classic – Randy Mayfield, a concert featuring Randy and an orchestra on Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. This concert will showcase a different side of Randy's talent and benefit Promise Christian Academy.

Special guest vocalist, Carmen Worley will join Randy along with the Central Orchestra under the direction of Philip Rowland. It will be a wonderful night of music and praise featuring some of the great classical music of all time along with several Christian classics!

"Promise Academy" here in St. Louis is a school for special needs kids and some of these kids will also perform a number that evening.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00. For more information, please call Promise Christian Academy at Central Church at (314) 727-2777.

Meredith Heintz, Administrator, Promise Christian Academy, 314 439 9711

Trivia Contest Night

Sponsored by South City Community School

Event location:

Hanley Road Church
7701 Maryland Ave
Clayton, MO 63105

(At the corner of Hanley & Maryland. Entrance is at the back)

When:

Saturday, March 12, 2008

Time: 7 pm

Free dessert

RSVP at

info@sccommunityschool.org

to reserve your seat \$20 per person OR \$100 for a table of 6

Call Mark Tucker, 314.680.3670

Visit our new website at www.sccommunityschool.org

for more information about the school

Calendar Notes

- ❖ Adult Choir. Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
- ❖ English Conversations' Class. Fridays, 5:00 p.m. at Milligan House. No class on March 21.
- ❖ Good Friday: March 21
5:45 p.m.: Meals in homes. A Children's Meal will be here at Milligan House for ages 11 and younger. Please sign-up!
7:30 p.m.: Joint worship service at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church (Ron Lutjens preaching)
- ❖ Easter Sunday, March 23. No Sunday School. See detailed schedule in *Overture*.
- ❖ Men's Bible Study. 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House on April 1.
- ❖ House Church: Wednesday, April 2, 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ Next Overture is out April 6.

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Easter Sunday Schedule

Remember, no Sunday School!

Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m. at Blackburn Park (led by our teenagers)

Hallelujah Buffet available at Milligan House starting at 8 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for children (9:15 a.m.—listen for announcement) on the Milligan House lawn.

Folk Dancing 9:40—10:00 a.m. in the parlor if it's too cold outside

Easter Service in the sanctuary 10:15 a.m.

Balloon Launch. The children (& maybe some adults!) will send off helium-filled balloons as a symbol of Christ's resurrection. Buffet leftovers also after the service.

For Easter Buffet—Next Sunday!

We need to borrow warming trays to be used Easter morning. Anyone who can loan us one or more, please let us know before Thursday, March 20 so that they can be picked up on Thursday or Friday. You may either contact one of us, or place your name and telephone number on the Easter sign-up sheets in the bulletins.

Thank you for your help!

--Easter Buffet Coordinators—Lois Easterling, Jan Rau, Kelli McKie & Sharon Kern

“And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

- Luke 19:28-40