



Overture

The Almost Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✝ August 17, 2008 ✝

Welcome!

We welcome you to our worship. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the pew racks. We also invite you to use our child care services for infants through children in kindergarten.

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.

Please note: No **Children's Worship** until the fall.

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CALENDAR NOTES

- **No Sunday School through September 7!**
Fall Sunday School classes will begin Sunday, September 14.
- **Women's Ministry Meeting:** Monday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. 2nd floor of Milligan House.
- **House Church:** Wednesday, September 3. Pot-luck supper at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share.
Meeting at 7 p.m. Child Care Provided. Please let us know if you are bringing your child. A couple weeks before we will circulate a sign-up sheet or call Hannah Nelson and let her know you plan to bring your child.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Next study is Saturday, September 6, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- **Anniversary Celebration & Picnic:** This year's 27th anniversary of Old Orchard Church will be celebrated on Sunday, September 28. Picnic after worship will be at Larson Park.
- **Men's Retreat**
Men, mark your calendar! Dates: October 3-4.
- **Lunch at Milligan House:** Next Sunday, August 24. Please sign-up! Betsy Tevebaugh and Maryann Kohl are hostesses.

ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Photos Displayed!**
The OOC Welcoming Ministry has displayed photos they've taken of OOC folks. Take a look at the board in the hallway going to the vestibule by the two doors entering the sanctuary and parlor. If your photo isn't up there, please see Ben Dodd.
- **Overture Deadline!** August 31 for the September 7 issue. Please place articles in the *Overture* box in the coat room. Editor for the next issue will be Melissa Nelson.
- **Finding a Staff Person....Vacation Dates!**
 - Ron Lutjens: Friday, August 15 - Monday, August 25.
 - Susan O'Neal: Sunday, August 24 - Saturday, August 30.
 - Durinda Hood: Sunday, August 31 - Monday, Sept. 8.
- **Volunteer Office Help Wanted!**

I am looking for someone(s) who could *fold bulletins on a regular basis*. Jan Rau has been doing this task, often weekly, but there are times she is not available. Perhaps we might have two people rotate. Also, Jan will be having surgery August 19 and will not be able to help for awhile. So it would be great to find someone by then! If you are interested in helping out, let me know.

Also, if you would like to help in the office to do occasional jobs, let me know. I'd like to have two or three people on call I could ask to do specific tasks as the need arises. E-mail me at office@oldorchardchurch.org or call 314.962.3795 Monday through Friday. Thank you.

-Durinda Hood

➤ **Tutors Wanted!**

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (WHRM) will begin its tutoring program for the 2008-2009 school year on September 16 at Rock Hill Baptist Church, 9125 Manchester Road.

Peggy Kachulis (See print copy for phone#) and Renee Bennett (See print copy for phone#) are this year's Tutoring Coordinators. You may call Peggy, Renee, or the WHRM office (314.961.5082) to volunteer.

If you have general questions about WRHM, please see Old Orchard Church's representative, Phil Patterson

➤ **Volunteers Wanted to Mow Lawns!**

All of the dates for Milligan House and the church lawns are now filled! That's great! However, we still have spots available for Willie Lee's lawn. Willie Lee is disabled and we have been mowing his lawn for a few years. Sign up to take a turn for one of the weeks in September. See Matt Philip if you have questions about the church lawn; see Brian Curry if you have questions regarding mowing Willie Lee's.

➤ **Yard Sale for South City Community School—Donations Wanted!**

The Woodard family is holding a yard sale to benefit South City Community School in their front yard (231 Orrick Lane, Kirkwood) on Saturday, August 23. Any donations would be appreciated! This is your opportunity to clean out your attic and feel good about it! Call Anne at 314-984-0737 or email at woodard75@yahoo.com.

➤ **Women's Bible Study In The Fall!**

*"Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your commands."
Psalm 119:73*

Ladies, please plan to join us Thursday evenings beginning this fall for a Bible study taught by Jerram Barrs, "The Good Life: Law and Grace." We will be exploring God's law in its many facets, including the relationship of Law to grace, to the work of Christ and to the power of the Spirit. Come grow with your sisters in Christ and learn why the psalmist says, "*The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.*" We will meet from 6:45 -8:45 p.m., beginning on *Thursday, September 11*.

Please prayerfully consider inviting a friend -- The question of what it means to live a good life is a universal one. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk about true righteousness and grace with unbelievers!

-Megan Philip for the Women's Ministry at OOC

STORIES AND SUNDRIES

To the OOC ladies,

Thank you so much for coming to my bridal shower last month, and all of your thoughtful gifts. My kitchen is very well-equipped now, and I can't wait to try out all of your recipes! Most importantly, thanks for your prayers. Nathanael and I have felt God's guidance and strength the past few weeks on our wedding day, honeymoon travels, and the move-in process. Please continue to pray for us as we get settled here.

To everyone who attended the wedding, thanks so much for coming! We had a blast and loved seeing everyone out on the dance floor. Keep

in touch!



Love,
Anna Morejon (formerly Jennings)

Our new mailing address:
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Sons & Daughters

I was raised in a Christian home; I can't remember a time when the presence of God did not surround me. When I was 9 years old my Sunday School teacher shared the four spiritual laws booklet with us. I took it home and showed it to my mom. She explained that I have to make my own decision, that it wasn't enough to live in a Christian home. So that night I asked the Lord's forgiveness and invited the Holy Spirit to rule in me. The Lord has graciously guided and protected me to this day.

As a teenager, I asked the Lord for direction regarding college and career. He told me to study Russian, which in 1979 (Iron Curtain, Cold War) seemed like a ridiculous idea to me. But He was insistent. After studying Russian at the University of Illinois and beginning a Master's at Wheaton in Intercultural Communication, I took a "break" to earn some money. During this break, I met Mark and the Lord began to weave our stories together.

One of the themes of God's teaching in my life has been that God is not an American; His blessings are to be shared with all people everywhere. Mark and I both wanted to work overseas, especially in Russia, but given the history of the Soviet Union our options were limited. We began making preparations to work at a refugee camp located in Vienna for Eastern Europeans fleeing political oppression. In the midst of our preparations our son Jonathan was born and the Iron Curtain was dismantled. We were given permission to move to Moscow! (Remember how I thought God's plan for me to study Russian was ridiculous? I'm sure going to try never to repeat that mistake!)

We spent four and a half years in Moscow teaching English and hosting Bible studies for Russian teenagers. It was marvelous to see all the works of God's Hands during this time. I count this as one of the highlights of my life; it was such a wonderful privilege to be there.

Since our return, we've been blessed with the birth of our daughter Emma and the opportunity to serve God's Kingdom at work and in school. I always thought my testimony was boring...Sunday School yada, yada, yada.

Then I read Deuteronomy 6 and realized that actually that was God's whole plan from the beginning that parents should pass His Word to their children and that they should walk with Him all their days. As a parent now, I'm thankful to have a Deuteronomy 6 testimony and I pray that the Lord will make me a fit parent so that my children can share the same Deut. 6 blessings.

Looking back, I'm thankful to see that God has been a patient disciplinarian at smoothing some of the rough edges of my life and unlovely stains in my character. I struggle as an 'aging' adult not to become lethargic, but my desire is to keep my eyes on Him, to be conformed to His image and to follow wherever He leads.

-Valerie Powers



As I reflect on my personal faith journey, I recognize that I have many things to be thankful for.

First, I am thankful for my parents. My father was a person of the Proverbs. He rarely quoted them; he simply lived them. He was a great example. My mother was a person who always examined Scripture for herself. While her interpretive methods were flawed, she set an example of where to find trustworthy guidance.

I am also thankful for the church I grew up in. We were fortunate to have a pastor who not only preached about missions but was a frequent short-term mission participant in countries all around the world (especially those in Eastern Europe). He always returned from his trips enthused about missions and that enthusiasm was contagious.

Another important person in our church, at least in my own personal spiritual development, was the pastor's wife. It was during children's church, under her direction, that I came to realize that "all have sinned" included me. I was six years old when I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins.

In addition to the pastor's family, we were blessed to have non-staff members of our church provide significant spiritual leadership for us. There were several families who had major roles in disciplining me, and I look back with great appreciation for their commitment, patience, guidance, and gracious handling of a large group of teens.

In transitioning to my college years, I am thankful for the church I attended and for the Urbana missions conferences sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and hosted on our campus. It was through both of these influences and scripture from Haggai that I made a decision to pursue opportunities to live overseas.

Of course, I am very thankful that Valerie and I found the same church home after our college years. We were very blessed to have been committed to living overseas before we met and to be able to explore together what it means to be led to overseas ministry. We look back on our time in Moscow as life-changing, and our experiences there continue to affect our view of God, His world, and our place in it.

Finally, I am thankful for Jonathan and Emma who are not only great sanctifiers but provide more rewards for parenting than one could ever hope for.

-Mark Powers

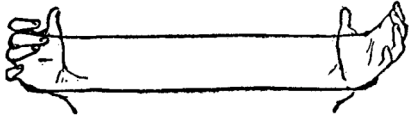


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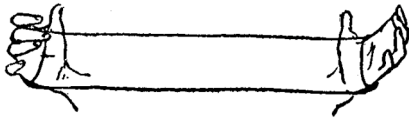


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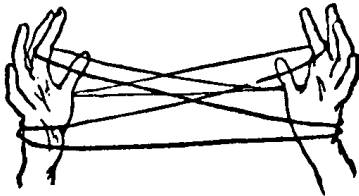


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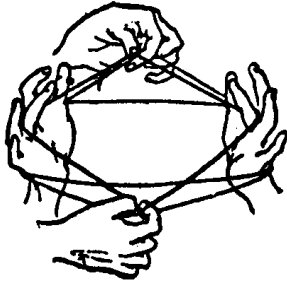


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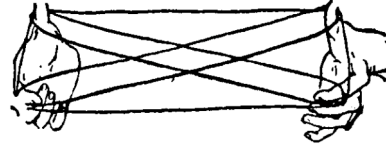


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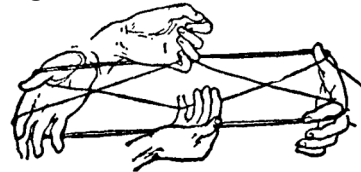


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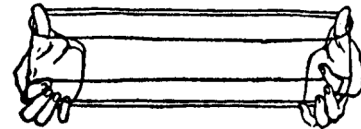


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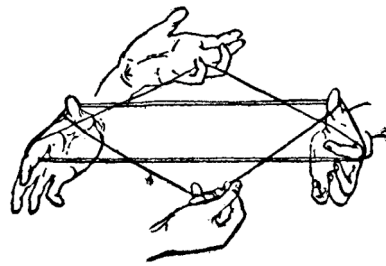


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THE WOLF AND THE LION

Aesop

A Wolf had stolen a Lamb and was carrying it off to his lair to eat it. But his plans were very much changed when he met a Lion, who, without making any excuses, took the Lamb away from him.

The Wolf made off to a safe distance, and then said in a much injured tone: "You have no right to take my property like that!"

The Lion looked back, but as the Wolf was too far away to be taught a lesson without too much inconvenience, he said:

"Your property? Did you buy it, or did the Shepherd make you a gift of it? Pray tell me, how did you get it?"



What is evil won is evil lost.

*Say not the struggle naught
availeth*

Say not the struggle naught avaieth,
The labor and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke coneal'd,
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,
And, but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets
making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light;
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright.

ARTHUR CLOUGH

Patty-Poem

She never puts her toys away;
Just leaves them scattered where
they lay—
I try to scold her, and I say
“You make me mad!”

But when to bed she has to chase,
The toys she left about the place
Remind me of her shining face,
And make me glad.

When she grows up and gathers poise
I'll miss her harum-scarum noise,
And look in vain for scattered toys—

And I'll be sad.

NICK KENNY

Even such is Time

Even such is Time, which takes in trust
Our youth, and joys, and all we have;
And pays us but with age and dust,
Which, in the dark and silent grave,
When we have wandered all our ways,
Shuts up the story of our days:
And from which earth and grave and dust
The Lord shall raise me up, I trust.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH