



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~ September 7, 2008



welcome!

If you are a guest, we are so glad you are here. Please feel free to read this:
our church's little newsletter.

Attention Men!

"God's Challenge to Men"
Men's Retreat, October 3 - 4th
You can't do it alone!



Men, in less-than-24-hours, we believe that your life will be different...better even. This is in part because we will be sitting at the feet of a man who has desperately failed at authentic manhood. Nate Larkin, author of *Samson and the Pirate Monks*, will be our guest speaker. As well, we will make time to simply be together as brothers. The cost is \$50 which includes food (3 meals), shelter (the beautiful and wild Camp Trinity), and speaker (Mr. Larkin). Deadline to register, at www.oldorchardchurch.org, is September 31st. We encourage you to consider joining together for this Old Orchard Men's Retreat, Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Contact Ron Lutjens, Greg Kern or Hal Pendergrass with questions. — Mark Tucker

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Women's Bible Study Begins This Thursday!

Our new women's Bible Study, "The Good Life: The Law and Grace," will begin this Thursday, September 11 at 6:45 pm. Jerram Barrs, Covenant Seminary Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture and Resident Scholar of the Francis Schaeffer Institute, will be leading us. You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity for growing in the Lord and fellowship with your sisters in Christ! Please sign up on one of the clipboards after worship if you plan on attending. We are looking for help throughout the year with greeting, refreshments, and "question reading" for group discussion time, so please note that on the clipboard, as well. ***Guests are welcome!!!!** -- Megan Philip

Ladies: Reserve Your Spot at the Women's Retreat!

Please reserve February 27 & 28, 2009 for our Women's Retreat. We will be staying at Todd Hall in Columbia, IL for Friday night and through the afternoon of Saturday. (<http://www.toddhallrc.org>)

Cost for this event (one night stay in a double room with Sat. breakfast and lunch provided) will be \$60.

Sign-ups begin in September with \$10 to hold your spot. This also goes towards our deposit in reserving the date with Todd Hall. You can place your registrations in the box labeled "Women's Ministry" which will be in the coat room.

Private rooms are available for an additional fee. Anyone holding back because of financial or other issues is encouraged to talk to Dot Branson or Ann Stuber.

Zumba Class Offered

Carine Barrs is offering a Zumba class in the parlor of Old Orchard Church on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. The class is an aerobic Latin dance and will start September 6 at 9 a.m. Price: \$5/class or a punch card for 10 classes for \$50 per person. Anyone over the age of 6 years old can participate. Contact Carine Barrs if you have questions or want to attend.

needs!

Help Wanted!

Mary Beth Glasgow is **looking for a team of two** to help with Children's Worship once a month. Please see her if you are interested.

Our Children Need Us!

Thanks to those of you who came forward to help with the needs in the various children's ministries. But we still have openings that we need to fill:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have all the SS teachers we need, but Megan Philip would like to have 5 substitutes who can be called in an emergency. Right now she has 2.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Mary Beth Glasgow still needs two people (one team of two) to lead children's worship once a month. (only the last 35 minutes of the worship service)

PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY: Michelle Kraft still needs 4 people (2 teams of 2) to take a once-a-month turn leading pre-school worship (during the worship service). That's two hours a month, plus an hour of preparation – not much time for the sake of these little ones!

INFANT & TODDLER NURSERIES: Please let Alice know if you would be interested in being a nursery coordinator.

Please think and pray about this; consider if the privilege of teaching and loving these kidlets might be yours this fall. – Ron Lutjens, on behalf of our children

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. **Please Note: No Children's Worship until the Fall!**

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Parlor Fellowship

After worship on Sunday, September 14. Hosting are Valerie Powers & Christine Raquepaw. Please sign up for food on sheets circulating today.

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.

Sunday School News

No Sunday School through September 7! Fall Sunday School classes will begin Sunday, Sept. 14.

New Adult Sunday School Class!

On Sunday, September 14, elder candidate, Nate McKie will begin leading a study of the book of Acts. We've been working through the Lord's teaching recorded in Matthew, and it will be fascinating to pay particular attention to how the early church works out Jesus' teaching in its infant life. We will start at 9 a.m. in the Milligan House living room on September 14. Hope you will join us!

--Ron Lutjens'

Cheryl Cook Invitational Soccer Tournament

Hosted by Fontbonne University

Sunday, September 7, 1:00 p.m.

Gay Field, Gay Avenue, .5 mi north of Ladue Road

To benefit the ALS Association.

mercy ministry needs

Newborn Diapers & Newborn Gentle Wipes Needed!

We will be collecting newborn size only diapers, and also gentle newborn wipes, for Bethany Christian Services to disperse to their clients. Often birth moms will decide to parent, with counseling and other help from Bethany, and it is a blessing to start them off with gift baskets of necessary supplies. Please look for the barrel in the foyer and bless these little ones with supplies!

International Adoption Through Bethany - Please Pray

Also, Bethany is always looking for families to adopt international children who have been orphaned. There are presently over 200 children available. Often they are handicapped, older in age, and want to stay with their siblings. Bethany is expanding to include African nations that have been ravaged by disease and have many children available who need forever families as their parents and relatives die.

Please check out their website for up-to-date- news (www.bethany.org) and our bulletin board, and if adoption holds any interest at all for you, there are several classes available to answer your questions. If there are enough people from our congregation, we can even host classes at our church. But if you are not called to adopt, please consider praying for one or more of these children to find homes. It is a wonderful thing to give a child a safe home with plenty of food and an education; it is far more wonderful to place them in a Christian home where the Gospel will be presented and lived out before them every day!

--Debbie Pendergrass

Rides Wanted

Jan Rau had hip-replacement surgery recently. Jan will not be able to drive for 6 weeks after surgery. Marie Chambers will give her **rides** to church (from her home in Maplewood) to the Women's Bible Study (starts 9/11), but we are looking for substitutes in case Marie isn't able to. Substitutes will be

put on an "on call" list for when you are available. Let us know if you can help. After August 29 through September 8 you can contact Janice Beekman while I am on vacation.

--Durinda Hood for the Mercy Ministry of OOC

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) and Renee Bennett (see print copy) 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 Willie Lee's Lawn!

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. See Matt Philip if you have questions about the church lawns; see Brian Curry if you have questions regarding mowing Willie Lee's.



teen stuff

Teen Sunday School: No Sunday School this week. (Sept 7th). Next week (Sept. 14th) will be our first Sunday School. Here is what it will look like:

6th graders: You will meet downstairs in the youth room (the back room) to get an introduction to what we will be doing this year in Sunday School. We will study an ancient document that changed the world (but not so near as much as the Bible, even though it is based on the Bible). You will be joined by the other middle schoolers the following week.

7-12 graders: You will be taking a refresher course on the Church nursery, led by the marvelous and beautiful Alice Tucker. If any of the 7th grade girls plan to help in the Nursery this year you **NEED TO BE HERE** for this meeting.

Teen Fellowship: Growing Together, 6pm this Sunday: This means you have the option of bringing a few bucks if you want something to snack on. But we will hang out, talk a little, play a little, eat a little, etc.

Notice to Parents: I know the Overture in church said that we were having a cookout at the Tucker's but we needed to postpone that until NEXT WEEK.

Next Week: Teen/Parent Cookout at the Tucker's. in the evening. 6th graders and parents are encouraged to come.

Mark's Thoughts on the Purpose of the Youth Group

let me start with the simple reminder of WHAT we at OOC believe the purpose of Youth Group is. I will paraphrase from our Youth and Family Ministry document: ...'the family is the most fundamental social relationship and parents carry the primary responsibility before God to bring up their children to know, love and obey the Lord. Pastors (as in me), teachers, and the church in general are servants in equipping and enabling parents to do this.' That is my intention and passion. That is ultimately why we do the things we do. Whether it is sharing, singing, learning, serving others, or even being goofy together, it is God's glory that is at the core of our intention.



Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for September 2008

Note: With the falling value of the dollar and increasing inflation in most countries, all of our missionaries are facing financial crunches. Some are looking for ways to cut back their ministries (such as the Quimbos). Pray for the Lord to supply their needs.

1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile. Pray for Wilma as she is busy with training, seminars and other teaching, that she will “present things as the Lord sees them.” Pray for various helpers who are getting further training. Pray for good health.
2. Rob and Tunde Futo – Budapest, Hungary. There is a new Bible school that start is starting in Budapest this month. Pray for those who will be attending and teaching. Pray for Tunde’s work in their church choir.
3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru. Pray for continued fruitfulness and protection in their ministry in their church, in mentoring young people and in various Bible studies and personal contacts. Praise that though both have serious health issues, they are under control for now. Pray that treatment will continue to be effective.
4. L’Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland. In Switzerland the term began in mid-August: pray for God’s working in the lives of the students. In England, they are on break until Sept 22: pray for rest for workers and then a good mix of students for new term. Pray for financial needs.
5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain. Pray that a full campus team would be developed consisting of full-time staff and Spanish volunteers in connection with local churches. Pray that new staff, Bekah, will raise her support in time to be there for the start of classes in Oct. to work with Dawn. Pray for needed additional support.
6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya. They are presently taking a six month sabbatical in Berlin (Elfi is German). Pray that they will be refreshed and be able to raise additional support. Pray for the congregation in Nairobi in their absence. Pray for a planned visit to the US in Oct.-Nov. Pray for their three children in college: Tim, Matthias and Anne.
7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil. They will be in St Louis until Jan ’09. As they visit churches to report on their work, pray that they will raise substantial support. Pray for health and safety in travel.
8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines. Praise for a strong the beginning of the new work in strongly Muslim Zamboanga City, (several hours travel from their present location) in spite of difficulties and some danger. Pray that their current ministries will continue to be fruitful. Pray for funds to continue their ministries.
9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy. Praise that Joel has found a possible location for Bible Studies in Verona. Pray for Joel as he negotiates with the owner and for needed funds if he is successful. Continue to pray for the conflict between two women in their core group. Pray for Emanuele and Maria whose wedding is now planned for the spring.
10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru. Pray for Bob with his heavy schedule teaching and preaching. Pray for Shirley as she is visiting England Sept 2-22, where she was born and lived until age 14. She hasn’t been there for 30 years.

11. Anne Reitsema – Darfur, Sudan. We have had no news from Anne, but the situation remains volatile. Keep praying.

calendar stuff

Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 20, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.

English Conversations Class

Begins again on Friday, September 12 at 4:30 – 6 p.m. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson 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. Our deacons will host again.

Arts Ministry

Arts Ministry meets Tuesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. We will meet in the Milligan House.

Birthdays

9/3.....Brinson Hood
9/3/96.....Lilah Raquepaw
9/8.....Donna Pollihan
9/10.....Bill Grady
9/10.....Durinda Hood
9/10.....Po Sun Lee
9/11.....Maryann Kohl
9/11.....Bob Woodson (foreign missionary)
9/14.....Phil Patterson
9/15.....Dorothy Woodson
9/16.....Barbara Winters
9/17.....Sue vanHoornbeek
9/20/04.....Noah Harris
9/20/07.....Quentin McKeon
9/22.....Kelli McKie
9/22.....Valerie Powers
9/22.....Joel Rinn (foreign missionary)
9/27.....AmyRuth Bartlett
9/28.....Don Branson
9/28.....Jessica Anderson
9/30.....Michael Nelson
9/30.....Denny Reinheimer



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