



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – March 1, 2009

Children's Ministries During Worship

Nursery is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building 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. Offered for children grades 1-5 and are usually dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

Nursery Schedules Are Out!

Please pick yours up! See Alice Tucker for questions.

Parlor Fellowship Next Week!

Please sign up today for the Parlor Fellowship to be next Sunday, March 8. Becca Skrainka and Michelle Kraft are hosting.



Extra! Extra! More OOC Babies to Arrive!

Baby Shower for Amy Ruth Bartlett and Gina Woodard

Where: Milligan House

When: Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m.

Hostesses: Katherine Lutjens and Lois Easterling

All OOC women are invited to a baby shower for Amy Ruth Bartlett and Gina Woodard. Both first-time mothers will welcome their babies in April. Gina and Amy Ruth are registered at Babies-R-Us and Target.

If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift for each expectant mother. Please give your contribution to Katherine or Lois by Sunday, March 14.

If you are able to bring a plate of refreshments to the shower it would be greatly appreciated. An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship with one another and to encourage our new mothers. Come and be a blessing.

Hans & Susan Bayer's Sabbatical Plans

Susan and I plan to be in Europe March 4th through August 15, 2009. We are currently on sabbatical with a P&R contract to write a book on Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark (possible title "Following Mark's Call"). Most of our time will be spent near Schloss Mittersill, Austria. Schloss Mittersill is essentially an IFES leadership training center, committed to training young European Christian leaders to engage with the present challenges facing Europe.

From March 9-13, I will be lecturing at the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary, in Riga, Latvia.

We will be in Basel, Switzerland. April 12-22 for Katharine's wedding. [Editor's Note: Katherine's invitation is posted on the bulletin board. The wedding is April 18. See note below for address.*]

From May 23-27, Susan and I will be participating (together with "our own" Richard Winter and Dr. Dan Zink) at the European Leadership Forum in Eger, Hungary. See the European Leadership Forum's website www.euroleadership.org

From August. 3-7, I will be giving lectures at the Bible & Culture conference at Schloss Mittersill, Austria. You may want to look at Schloss Mittersill's website www.schlossmittersill.org.

Our last Sunday in church will be March 1.

Blessings and greetings to all,

Hans and Susan Bayer

*For those who want to congratulate Katharine and Daniel you may use the following address. It is the newlywed couple's address after April 18 until August 2009 (and is Daniel's present address).

Daniel Gleich

See print copy for address or contact the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org)

Germany

Babysitting Tickets Available--Raising Funds for Mission Trip

I am selling babysitting tickets for \$15 each. Each ticket would be 4-5 hours of babysitting. All funds would go toward my cost of \$1500 to go on the Dominican Republic Mission Trip.

Please see me to purchase your ticket.

Bryn McKie

"For the Sake of Justice" by Brandy Campbell

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(Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Many OOC members, as well as our Sunday School program, sponsor children through Compassion.)

--Article submitted by Annie Kuhn

Injustice can do one of two things: cripple or empower.

Israel Candia grew up watching those in his community, Las Cuadras, Bolivia, crumble under injustice. He saw children denied an education because their parents could not afford school fees. He saw the government ignore the plight of those living in poverty. He watched adults driven to sell drugs to feed their children. He saw his own parents work 12-hour days yet make such meager wages they couldn't afford clothes for Israel and his eight siblings.

It would be years before Israel could link those moments in his life to the term "injustice." But when he began to recognize the lasting effects of despair and indignity wrought by injustice and poverty, he made a promise. "I said to myself, 'One day, I will help these people. There's got to be a way that I can help these people.'"

Unlike most of his peers, Israel grew up knowing a catalyst to overcoming injustice. As a registered child at the Compassion-assisted Temporal Family Helper Project, he saw there could be a different life for the people of Bolivia. He came to understand that injustice and poverty didn't have to be the norm. Israel was able to attend school, and he became active in the local church. Education and his faith in God became tools in his arsenal against injustice.

More important, Israel and his friends were told that they could do anything — even right the wrongs they were faced with daily. And Israel believed every word.

Israel was particularly inspired by his own sponsors, who made sacrifices to support him.

"It was interesting for me to see that my own sponsors sometimes struggled," says Israel. "To know that they were making sacrifices for me was life-changing. They weren't wealthy, yet they saved their money to help me. That gave me the strength to make sacrifices to do well in school and prepared me to make other sacrifices later in my life."

Israel excelled in school, and in 1997 he graduated from high school. For the next year he worked odd jobs. With an unemployment rate of 40 percent, full-time work was nearly impossible to find. Israel was frustrated but not ready to give up. Moving to another community wasn't an option, as his ailing father depended on Israel's care. So he prayed, waiting for God's direction.

The answer to Israel's prayers came in 1998, when Compassion launched the Leadership Development Program (LDP) in Bolivia. The Leadership Development Program offers student leaders who have graduated from Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program the opportunity to attend college through a sponsor's support. Israel applied for the program. He still remembers the day he learned he had been accepted.

"It seemed like such an ordinary day," Israel says with a smile. "We got this phone call, and it was Compassion telling me I was in LDP. I began to jump up and down! My family didn't know what was going on. When I told them, everybody started screaming and laughing! It was just so much joy for all of us, for the whole family. I felt that finally all of my dreams could come true."

After much prayer, Israel decided to enroll in the law school at a local university. He says the decision was difficult. Corruption is rampant in the Bolivian government, with millions exchanged in bribes every year*. Lawyers are often in the midst of that bribery, and many of Israel's friends tried to convince him to pursue another career. But Israel knew this was his chance to right much of the injustice he had experienced growing up.

"I decided to become a lawyer to help those who do not have enough money to afford the right to be defended properly," Israel explains. "I entered this profession and I understood the difficulties that I might face. Even some people at my own church, they said it can't be done. 'You can't become a lawyer. It's much too political. You're going to become corrupt.' But I saw that not as an obstacle but as a challenge."

Israel has now been practicing law for five years. He and his wife, Benedicta, are active in their church, where Israel is also a pastor. His life has come full circle, he says. He still faces injustice every day, but now, instead of falling victim to it, he seeks ways to destroy it.

"When I was little, I grew up seeing corruption and injustice — I saw the poor stripped of their dignity," Israel says. "I am here to change that."

Success, he says, is not about money or power. "What really matters is the people that we help. My Compassion sponsors helped to teach me that. They taught me that success is measured by how we serve others. I hope to help as many people as I can. I hope to make the Lord and my sponsors proud."

Sunday School News

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings (for both children & adults)

Classes For Adults:

Book of James: Study led by Mark Tucker. No childcare for infants and toddlers unless someone would like to organize it. See Mark Tucker.



Daylight Savings Time Starts Next Weekend!

Sunday, March 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins (actually at 2:00 a.m.!) Don't forget to set your clock **ahead** one hour on Saturday night so you'll be on time the next day!

Announcing....

Christine Elizabeth born February 24, 2009, 8 pounds 1 oz., born to Mark and Terri Ryan, former OOC people.

Women's Crafty Saturday!

Women's Ministry Crafty Time
Saturday, March 28, 2009
Milligan House – 9 am to 1 pm

Come join us for a time of crafting and fellowship! Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, scrapbooking, origami - whatever! Or, if crafting is not your thing but you still want to visit with friends, you can bring any other work you need to catch up on, or just bring yourself. Tables and chairs will be provided. Bring snacks for yourself or to share if you want to nibble on something while you craft. And feel free to invite friends from outside Old Orchard; this can be a great opportunity for outreach! Questions, call or email Amy Butz. (see print copy for number and e-mail).

OOC Work Day

Saturday, April 4. 9 to 5 p.m. Lunch provided. Let Matt Philip know if you can help with lunch. (Our chef, Jim Lowe, isn't available this time!) Mark your calendar!

Communion Cleaning Help!

Interested in serving once a month helping to clean the communion ware? We are looking for a couple more people to be on the monthly rotation regularly, and also substitutes. See Durinda Hood.

March Birthdays

3/1	Dave Dundore
3/2/03	Matteo Zavaglia
3/6	Chris Carter
3/7	Hurvey Woodson
3/8/08	Brian Godwin Curry
3/8/01	Keegan Donovan
3/8	Jane Hutchinson
3/9	Linda Carson
3/9	Nate McKie
3/11/99	Samuel Kern
3/14/89	Taylor Branson
3/19	Jim Lowe
3/19	Shirley Woodson**
3/21	Mark Robertson
3/21/01	Connor Wilke
3/22/00	James Barrs
3/23	Abby Bishop
3/25/06	Judah Kuhn
3/31	Richard Winter

March Calendar

Sunday, March 1. **Dominican Republic Mission Trip members** meet with Mark Tucker at 12:15 at Milligan House.

Wednesday, March 4. **House Church**. Potluck Supper at 6 p.m. (bring a dish to share). Meeting at 7 p.m. Child care offered. Sign-up or let Hannah Nelson know that you need child care.

Sunday, March 8. **Parlor Fellowship**. (Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward!)

Saturday, March 21. **Baby Shower** 10 a.m. See separate announcement for details.

Sunday, March 22. **Lunch at Milligan House**. After worship.

Saturday, March 28. *Women's Ministry's* **Crafty Saturday**. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See separate announcement for details.

Weekly Calendar Notes

Adult Choir. Rehearsals Mondays at 7:15 pm. See Greg Roig for questions.

English Conversations Class. Meets Fridays, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for questions.

Men's Bible Study. Next one is Saturday, March 7, 2009, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass. (Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month)

Women's Bible Study. Thursdays, 6:45-8:45 pm. Jerram Barrs teaching. See Melissa Nelson or Megan Philip if you have questions.

Overture Deadline

Deadline next Sunday, March 8 for the next *Overture* which will be out on Sunday, March 15. You are invited to write for any of our issues! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. All submissions should be signed by the person submitting them. You can submit articles to 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 the next issue is Jim Lowe.

Guys Night Out

Some guys are getting together informally tonight at 5 p.m. at Greg Kern's house (7815 Grove Avenue, 63119) to watch together the movie, "Dad" (Jack Lemmon and Ted Danson). Bring a little cash for pizza. Call Greg if you can come.

--Ron Lutjens

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for March 2009

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Wilma asks prayer for her health, teaching opportunities, the next Mercy School [dates not given], opportunities to present Christ to many and the continued work in the Valparaiso women's prison.
- 2. Rob and Tunde Futo – Budapest, Hungary** Pray that the newest lawyer working on their property sale will be given wisdom and skill. Pray that the outcome will be better than expected. Praise that other areas of their work are fruitful. Pray for direction as they consider starting a Christian school.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Praise that their health has been better recently. But continue to pray for physical protection as different kinds of violence in the area are increasing. Praise and prayer for the three new congregations that have been planted in the area in the last year.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** In both branches: pray for wisdom for the staff as they deal with the problems and questions that the students have. Pray that every month they would receive enough donations to pay all their expenses.

5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain. Pray for Dawn as she interacts with students, that Christians will be encouraged in growth and others will be brought to saving faith. Pray that the Lord would continue to work in the hearts of the Christian students who have been reaching out to others.

6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya. Pray for a difficult situation in the church that has caused turmoil and division. Pray for wisdom for Joseph and the church officers and for healing reconciliation. Pray for continued outreach to Asian Hindus and Muslims.

7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil. They will begin regular Colloquium activities on March 6. Pray that the Lord will send those to whom he wants them to minister. Continue to pray that they will find a new property for the ministry and their home (before September).

8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines. The new work among Muslims in Zamboanga City is in a very dangerous and hostile neighborhood. As far as I know, the day care teacher, Maribeth, is there alone. Pray for protection for her and the tiny room where she lives and where they hold the day center and adult literacy classes. There are frequent fires and violence and Maribeth is very isolated.

9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy. The first church service in the new ministry room is planned for March 15. Pray for new contacts and even new direction for the work, as they are near the university. Pray that the contacts they already have will have revived interest. Pray for Maria and Emanuele who plan to be married April 4, that they will find time for pre-marriage sessions with Joel this month.

10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru. Pray for Bob with his heavy schedule teaching and preaching. Pray for both of them as they counsel and teach individuals and in churches.

Emily Roig – Dominican Republic. Continue to pray for Emily as she adjust to life in the DR in somewhat primitive conditions. Pray for her patience and skills as she is learning how to teach English to “11, 12, and 13 year old wild girls with attitudes. J”

Introduction to Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, Bible-based recovery program that ministers to those who struggle with life’s “hurts, habits and hang-ups.” The program is not just about addictions; it is also for those who struggle with hardships and pain in this life. The program is for those of us who struggle with relationship issues, problem behaviors, and/or besetting sins and have not been able to change them on our own. These include: problems with anger, abuse and/or the results of abuse, grief, depression, guilt and shame, financial loss, divorce, dysfunctional families, sexual problems, eating disorders, and much more!

A Word of Caution: Celebrate Recovery is not therapy, or counseling, the program does not provide legal advise, rehabilitation, or treatment.

Celebrate Recovery provides a safe environment for real life change in Jesus Christ, as participants work through specific biblically-based recovery principles and steps in the context of Christian community.

Celebrate Recovery’s curriculum takes participants through The 8 Recovery Principles, which are based on the Beatitudes. Celebrate Recovery ministers through the traditional means of grace – worship, Bible study, prayer, personal testimony and fellowship. It incorporates many

features of the well-known 12 Step recovery programs, including weekly meetings, sharing our stories, small groups, one-on-one Sponsorship and team Accountability Partners, taking a searching and fearless Moral Inventory and sharing it with one's Sponsor, and Making Amends for wrongs done in the past. However, it goes beyond secular recovery programs by explicitly naming the Lord Jesus Christ as the one and only Higher Power, and by encouraging Forgiveness for the wrongs done to us.

If all of your efforts to find comfort and freedom from pain in this life have in fact led to more pain and emptiness, perhaps it is time to try something different. Please join us as together we pursue real life in Jesus Christ and Celebrate the Recovery that only He can bring to His people through His Word.

All Sunday evening weekly meetings will be held at Grace & Peace Fellowship, 5574 Delmar, at 6:30 pm. Meetings include: worship/singing, a testimony or lesson (alternating weeks), small group sharing, and dessert. There will be a meeting next Sunday, March 8 to which those interested in Celebrate Recovery are invited.

For more information contact Tim and/or Judy Sloan (see print copy for contact info).
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