



OVERTURE

The (Almost-Fortnightly) Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✙ April 26, 2009 ✙

Welcome!

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 below. 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.

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 for children grades 1-5 (not including 5th Sundays of the month) and dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

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Overture

Due to circumstances related to Durinda Hood's vacation, the Overture wasn't printed last week, nor was there a Tidbits. Many apologies. This week we are publishing the Overture and not a Tidbits. And next week will be another Overture as scheduled. So get your articles in!

Deadline today for the next *Overture* which will be out next Sunday, May 3. 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 Melissa Nelson.

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, May 2, 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. **Last class is Thursday, April 30, 2009.** See Melissa Nelson or Megan Philip for more.

College Bible Study. Thursdays, 7:00 – 8 pm @ Webster University Student Center. **Thursday, April 30** is our last day to meet.

Officer Retreat. Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the home of Jack & Lois Easterling.

House Church. Wednesday, May 6 at Milligan House. 6 pm potluck supper (bring a dish to share). 7 pm meeting. Child care offered during meeting. Let Hannah Nelson know if you plan to bring your child(ren).

Parlor Fellowship. Sunday, May 10, 2009 after worship. Hosts: Niko & the Teenagers! Sign up to bring food today.

TEEN CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26. **Teen Fellowship.** 6 to 8 pm Growth Groups (Small group discussions. Bring a few \$\$ for snacks if you want something.

Saturday, May 2. **Cornerstone Work Day.** 9 to 1 pm. Lunch provided. Yard work. Participating in Operation Brightside Project Blitz so there will be cleaning out of basements. Also some indoor painting. Let Mark Tucker know if you plan to attend.

Sunday, May 3. **Teen Fellowship.** 6 to 8 pm. Harvest Night (bring a friend if you can). Pancake Party.

Sunday, May 10. Mother's Day. **No** Teen Fellowship.

Sunday, May 17. **Teen Fellowship.** 5:30 pm to 8 pm. "Loving People." Serving a meal at Sunshine Ministries Homeless Shelter.

Sunday, May 24. **Teen Fellowship.** 6 to 8 pm. Hot Topix: "Our Weird World" (guest speaker on current events.

Sunday, May 31. **Teen Fellowship.** 6 to 8 pm. Parent/Teen Night (cookout).

CHURCH BUSINESS

Today, April 26 is Compassion Sunday!

Today you'll hear about Compassion International, a Christ-centered child sponsorship program, and you'll have the opportunity to sponsor a child. Last year through Compassion Sunday efforts, over 20,000 children were sponsored. How awesome! Please pray for the children who are awaiting sponsorship, and listen in during Moment for Missions to hear more details.

Submitted by Annie Kuhn

Sunday School News

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

Book of James study ends today. What will be offered next? Come next week and find out!

Photographs Still Wanted

The Website Committee is seeking digital photos of people at Old Orchard Church events. Please send them to Amy Butz.

Budget Process Calendar

Reminder, our fiscal year now is July 1 to July 1.

Reminders for Leaders & Ministry Coordinators:

- ◆ Our vision sharing meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m. (be talking with your ministry groups).
- ◆ Reports and proposals for the next budget due Sunday, May 17.
- ◆ Budget Construction meeting will be May 26, 7 p.m.

And for all of OOC members: The Congregational Budget Meeting: Wednesday, June 10 (6:45 pm).

Additional Communion Cleaning Help Sought!

We are looking for a couple more people to be on the monthly rotation regularly to clean communion ware, and also substitutes. We work in teams. Durinda Hood would love to hear from you when she returns from vacation. It seems that no one, thus far, wants to be added to the cleaning crew....

LETTER FROM OLD ORCHARD CHURCH'S SESSION

April 23, 2009

To the Members of Old Orchard Church,

As our fiscal year nears its close at the end of June, the Session has become very concerned regarding what appears to be a significant budget shortfall that we have been experiencing since January. We have been running behind on the income we need to pay for the commitments made in this year's budget for several months, and at the end of March we reached the point where we are \$10,000 behind on what we have paid out versus what has come in. We have consistently fallen about \$10,000/month short of what was budgeted throughout the fiscal year, but this has been offset by a very generous December in which we took in almost three times the expected amount, and the issue has not reached a critical point until now.

The bottom line is that, should this trend continue, we will find ourselves **over \$40,000 short of expected income by the end of June**. Of course we understand that the financial times we are in are not easy for anyone, and several in our congregation have lost their jobs over the last several months. However, it is the responsibility of the officers of the church to remind the congregation of the commitment we made in the current year's approved budget, and ask for your prayers and consideration as we may be forced to take some difficult steps to cut expenses unless we see a significant increase in giving in the near future.

As always, we depend entirely upon our Father's providence to support the expenses we feel led to make on His behalf. We ask that the Lord would guide all of us to make financial decisions that are in line with His will for our church and community.

In Christ,
Nate McKie, Ruling Elder, for the Session

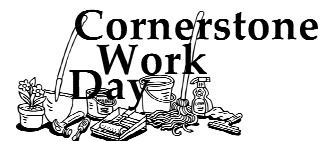
ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cornerstone Work Day—Sign Up Today!

We will have a **Work Day** for Cornerstone Corporation (not-for-profit housing ministry to low-income families in St. Louis) on **Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Last Sunday we heard from Board President Cathajane Rieger with an update about this ministry.

Tasks on Work Day – Something for everyone!

Matt Kimbrell of Cornerstone tells us more about what our group will be doing on Saturday:



“We will be participating in the Operation Brightside Project Blitz, which is a city-wide spring clean up initiative. What this means is that we will be hauling clearing our basements of accumulated clutter-- non-functioning appliances, broken furniture, anything else we find in our basements that we expect will serve no purpose.

Beyond that, I expect that we may also have some painting for folks who desire to work indoors. We will of course have plenty of horticultural projects to go around, including clearing a fence line for a playground.”

A sign-up to attend the work day will be going around again today. Community groups might consider it for a quarterly project—the West County group has decided to participate. *Durinda Hood for the Mercy Ministry*

“Cultivating a Gospel-Centered Marriage”

Friday, May 1. 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Saturday, May 2. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Presented by: Stu and Ruth Ann Balstone at Central Presbyterian Church.

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per person; \$30.00 per couple

Door Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person; \$40.00 per couple

For more information or to register contact Andrea Sanders at Central Presbyterian Church at 314.727.2777 or

andrea@centralpres.com or visit our website at www.centralpres.com.

This conference is designed to focus our attention on the Gospel's power to challenge and change us, and to give us joy in our marriages. We are confident that this time will be enlightening, engaging and encouraging.

Conference Topics:

- Receiving and Sharing Forgiveness • Freedom from Defensiveness
- Emotional, Spiritual and Physical Intimacy • Honesty and Openness

See flyer posted on bulletin board.

Senior Sampler. Sunday, May 3, 2009. 2 pm to 4 pm

- Visit senior service providers at the Webster Groves Recreation Center.
- Visit Open Houses at Webster Senior Living Centers.

Sponsored by the Webster Groves Senior Roundtable. Come to the Webster Groves Recreation Complex at Glendale & Elm Avenues (2 to 4 pm). See flyer and information posted on the bulletin board. For more information call 314.963.5307.

WRHM Summer Camp Program Opportunities

See bulletin board for opportunities (paid and volunteer) to work in a summer camp program offered through Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (314.961.5082). June 8-July 31, 2009. Deadline for applications: May 17, 2009

They are also seeking a Camp Director

Qualifications: Minimum age of 22. Prefer college.

Strong Christian example. Formal education in childhood education or experience in working with children. Capable of working with others. In good health.

A desire to lead children to a better understanding of what they can be with God's leadership.

Never convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving child abuse or neglect. No criminal record.

Must provide to background check. Responsible to the W-RHM Director.

STORIES AND SUNDRIES

Thank You Note

Dear OOC,

Thank you so much for all your support through my surgery and recovery. We have felt very loved and cared for through your kind words of encouragement, prayers, cards, e-mails, meals, and visits.

Love, Currie & Abby Bishop

Congratulations--Baby Boy Born!

Born to Nate & Gina Woodard

Wyatt Anderson

Sunday, April 12, 11:54 am!

7 lbs 8oz and 22 inches long.

Here's The Woodards' e-mail note they sent out:

Hello Family and Friends,

Gina and I are filled with joy to tell you of the birth of our son, Wyatt Anderson Woodard. He was born on Easter Sunday, April 12, a little over a week ago now. He is 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 22 inches tall.

It is impossible to tell you how much we love this beautiful boy. Every hum, every cry, every hiccup is precious to us. We thank God for this glorious gift -- we are grateful beyond description.

Links to a few pictures are below -- we hope you enjoy! We'd love to hear from you and we hope you'll get a chance to meet Wyatt soon.

Much love, Nate & Gina Woodard, 923 S. Harrison Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122

Both links are to the same set of pics.

Photobucket: [See print copy for link!](#)

[Facebook](#): See print copy for link!

Anchor Points

Marie and I have been reading the book [Six Hours One Friday](#) by Max Lucado in preparation for Good Friday/Easter. Using the metaphor of a houseboat in a hurricane, the book speaks of the need for deep anchor points to insure that the boat will survive the coming storm. The anchor points will provide a safe place that will not move when the storm is at its roughest.

I was also reading [The Coming of the Third Reich](#) by Richard Evans, a book about the rise of Nazism in Germany after WWI. Prof. Martin Heidegger, a German philosopher, was made Rector at Freiburg University in 1933. In his inaugural address Heidegger explained the new philosophy the university would adopt. "Academic freedom would no longer be the basis of life in the German university: for this freedom was not genuine, because it is only negative. It means a lack of concern, arbitrariness of views and inclinations, a lack of anchorage in doing things or not doing them." Heidegger then explained that it was time for the universities to find their anchor in the German nation and to play a part in the historic mission the nation was now fulfilling.

Anchor points. Where are our anchor points? It can be our culture, our jobs, our education level, etc. But these are not deep anchor points. They are only places that will shift when the storm comes. They do not offer a safe resting place.

Only Christ, the God who transcends all our storms, offers deep anchor points. In Him we can rest as the storms of life come in and threaten to overwhelm us.

I have not reached the point in my life where I can say Jesus is always my anchor point. There are successful days and not so successful days. Perfection will be reached when I meet Jesus face-to-face in Heaven.

Submitted by Larry Chambers

Cuban Lunch, Anyone?

My Canadian friend used to eat this (in Canada) when she was a young (Canadian) girl. She (Canadian friend) gave up (Canadian or other) chocolate for Lent (which they also celebrate in Canada), then broke the fast with this oh-so-wonderful (albeit Canadian) treat! I don't know why its name is... what it is. Canadians, eh?

[Cuban Lunch](#) (submitted by Prisca Rice)

- 2 cups peanut butter chips
 - 2 cups butterscotch chips
 - 2 cups chocolate chips
 - 1 ½ cups crushed ripple potato chips
 - 1 ½ cups peanuts (salted is best)
1. Melt together the peanut butter, butterscotch and chocolate chips on top of a double boiler, or microwave carefully.
 2. Add crushed potato chips and peanuts; mix.
 3. Spoon into mini (or regular!) cupcake paper cups.
 4. Chill in fridge until set. Use freezer if in big rush and just really want to eat one now (preferred method).

Editor Prisca Rice Recommends....

- "The Prodigal God," Timothy Keller (book)
- "Three Colors: Red," Kieslowski (movie)
- "Live from Mountain Stage," John Hartford (music)
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LAWN MOWERS WANTED!

We're at that season again—looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building and at the home of Willie Lee, disabled and lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** will coordinate lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Brian Curry** will coordinate lawn mowing at Willie Lee's. Sign up sheets will circulate starting today!



WAIT NO MORE: ADOPTION EVENT

Right now, more than 1,400 legal orphans in Missouri foster care are waiting for adoptive families. Missouri has over 8,000 churches, and God has given clear commands for Christians to take care of His orphan children.

Join us on Saturday, June 6th, 2009, at Calvary Church (Mid Rivers Campus) in St. Peters. You'll hear more about the kids who are waiting, the process of adoption from foster care, and ways to support adoptive families. In addition, agency and county representatives will be on site to answer questions and help you get started.

So come explore what the Lord may be asking you to do. Together, we can ensure that no child in Missouri is waiting for someone to call mom or dad.

Wait No More:
Finding Families for Missouri's Waiting Kids
Saturday, June 6th, 2009 from 10 am-2 pm
Calvary Church (Mid Rivers Campus), St. Peters

You can get more information or register for this event at <http://www.icareaboutorphans.org>.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Introduction from the National Day of Prayer Website (www.ndptf.org):

The 58th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 7, 2009. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. The theme for this year is "**Prayer... America's Hope**" and is based on the verse from **Psalms 33:22** which states: "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

Beth Moore will join Shirley Dobson to lead the nation in prayer as the 2009 Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

"Meet at City Halls"

Thursday, May 7th, 2009, Noon to 1 pm

Many gatherings will take place at City Halls (<http://www.gatewayndp.org/events.htm> has a list), including Webster Groves, St. Louis City, St. Charles, Brentwood, Ballwin, Chesterfield, Clayton (Court House Plaza, 11:30 am to 1 pm), Crestwood, Kirkwood, Maplewood, Sunset Hills.