



Overture

The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – April 18, 2010

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

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. Our **Sunday School** is offered for all ages and meets 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.

Our Children's Ministry

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 in grades 1-5 and meets in the Milligan House during worship, dismissed at 10:50. Does not meet on the fifth Sunday of the month.



Congratulations to the Tuckers and Lemens!

New Tucker Baby Born!

Welcome to the world Sol Tucker. Born April 13 at 10:45 am (checked in to St. Mary's at 8:45 am). Sol is 7 lbs 15 oz and 20 inches.

Mom and baby are doing well. Thank you all, our community, so much for praying for us.

--Mark Tucker

Linda Lemen's a Grandmother!

Luciana Lemen born to Scott Lemen & Michelle Espinoza on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. 6 pounds 11 oz 20" long. All doing very well LOTs of black hair.

-Linda Lemen

Adult Sunday School Class

9 a.m. Sunday mornings at Milligan House. "A Few Good Men and Women" Come watch and discuss good films featuring Christian men and women who helped shape history. Next week's film will be a film called *Briars in the Cottonpatch. The Story of Koinonia Farm*".

Here's a summary of what the film is about:

Briars in the Cottonpatch tells the nearly forgotten story of a courageous group of blacks and whites who withstood bullets, bombs and boycotts in the years leading up to the tumultuous Civil Rights era. Narrated by former Atlanta Mayor and Civil Rights veteran Andrew Young, this one -hour documentary examines the remarkable personalities and events of Koinonia Farm [which was located in rural southwest Georgia].

See how Koinonia survived the battles of integration, changed the lives of generations to come and...Although not widely known, its significance and impact stretches around the world because it is the seed from which Habitat for Humanity International grew.

Briars in the Cotton Patch follows Koinonia Farm from its humble beginnings in 1942 through the challenges of the 21st century.

Nearly four years in the making, *Briars in the Cottonpatch* includes interviews with more than 30 people who experienced these amazing events first-hand. Hundreds of old photographs, archive film footage, newspaper articles and documents have been painstakingly researched and pieced together to tell this remarkable story.

Come see the film during the Sunday School hour on April 25!

The above summary was taken from the DVD's jacket and from the website: www.briarsdocumentary.com where there is additional information. Rated PG/

Tender Mercies Prayer Group to meet.

Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9 to 11 a.m. at Milligan House

This is an opportunity to pray for our adult covenant children who are not walking with the Lord. Many of these young adults were baptized at OOC and we promised to pray for them. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Milligan House for a time of sharing and prayer. Our plan is to meet every other month for now. If you are interested, please join us. If you are interested and not able to make that date, contact Betsy Roig.

Next Lunch at Milligan House

Sunday, April 25 after worship. Sign up today. Our Hostesses: Betsy Tevebaugh and Ann Stuber with the assistance of the Butz Community Group.



Non-perishable food donations will be collected on any Sunday and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Please refrain from glass containers. Just leave it in the box and the tall wicker basket in the parlor. When we have food accumulated we will donate it.

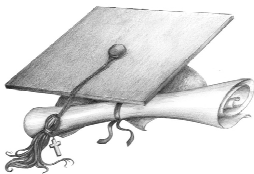
Missouri Presbytery Mission Trip to Haiti

A mission trip to Haiti is being planned through our Presbytery. For more information or if interested in going, contact the church office. (office@oldorchardchurch.org) and we will get info to you about preparations for the trip you can begin to do now.

Bethany's New Program

Bethany Christian Services is looking for 10 families to be available for a new program called "Safe Families for Children." It is to help parents experiencing a temporary crisis arrange for their children to stay with a Christian family until the crisis has passed. A crisis may be financial, sudden illness, postpartum depression, loss of housing etc, and parents do not wish to have the state intervene and put them in foster care. The time of care may be 1 night, or it may go as long as 45 days, but no longer than that. Unlike the interim care I give, both parents may work, as children may go to daycare, or, may already be in school. It is strictly a volunteer situation, and a wonderful way to meet the growing demands of family disruption with the help of a Christian family to care and pray for them. Children may be from birth to 18, but most of the needs are for children under 5. There is a screening and training process for volunteers, but it is not nearly as extensive as for foster care. The need is great, and if you think you may be called to do this, please see the bulletin board for more details, the website at bethany.org, or give me a call. Thanks--

Debbie Pendergrass



Graduates—Who Are You?

During the next two parlor fellowships we will be honoring our graduates. On May 9, we will honor seminary and graduate school graduates, and on June 13 we'll honor high school and college graduates. If you are graduating, we'd love to hear from you so we can include you so please send to the church office an e-mail and let us know! Write office@oldorchardchurch.org. Thank you!

Lawn Mowing— Please sign-up!

We're at that season again—looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building/Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, disabled who lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** coordinates lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Mark Robertson** coordinates lawn mowing at Willie Lee's. Sign up sheets are circulating today! For questions, please contact Bill Grady at (see print copy); or Mark Robertson at (see print copy).



"The Reinheimers have entered the 21st century"

Please add our e-mail addresses to your directory.

Denny still has his other e-mail address.

Karen (see print copy)

Denny (see print copy)

-Karen Reinheimer

PRAYER! FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Thursday May 6, 2010.

As part of the National Day of Prayer on May 6, the Gateway NDP team invites you to an **Evening Concert of Prayer** at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Cornerstone is located at [921 Edgar Road in Webster Groves](#). If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-965-0648.

Thank you very much,

John Ritland, Cornerstone Elder & member, Gateway NDP team

Calendar Notes/Recurring Meetings

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study.** Meets 9:15-11:30 a.m. on Fridays at Milligan House. See Melissa Nelson for more.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- ❖ **Choir.** Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for more.
- ❖ **English Conversations.** Meets Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m. See Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson.

WHAT HELPS YOU TO PRESS ON TO KNOW THE LORD?

TELL US ABOUT IT IN THE OVERTURE!

Most of you know that our church's current theme is (Let Us) Press On To Know the Lord. (Hosea 6:3) We want to create a space here in the Overture for people to be able to share ideas of what is helping them to press on to know the Lord. Hearing from others practical ways of doing this is helpful and encouraging. So please submit your book titles, experiences, & routines...anything that is edifying. Share what you are learning about Him, not in order to boast, obviously, but in order to give glory to God and to encourage the rest of us as we all Press On to Know the Lord. Overture submissions can be made electronically by emailing the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or by placing a SIGNED article in the Overture mailbox in the coatroom.

-- submitted by Melissa Nelson

Next Overture

You are invited to write for any issue of our newsletter, the *Overture!* We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. All submissions should be signed by the person submitting them. You can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The next issue will be out Sunday, May 2. Editor will be Jim Lowe. Deadline is next week, April 25.

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