



Overture

The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

September 5, 2010

Welcome!

Welcome to our worship! We invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten; please see "Children's Ministries" below. Please see below also for information on children's ministries and Sunday School. **Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:00 a.m. on September 12.** If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

Sundays @ a glance

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (**begins September 12**)
10:15 a.m. Worship
6-8 p.m. Youth Group / Teen Fellowship

Calendar Goodies for September

an asterisk (*) indicates an article within that elaborates on this item

Recurring events

*Thursdays, 7:15 p.m., sanctuary: **Adult Choir Rehearsals**
*Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.: **Women's Bible Study**
Fridays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Milligan House: **English Conversations**

One-time events

Sun., 9/5 --Thurs., 9/16. Elder Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson away on vacation.
Mon., 9/6 -- Fri., 9/10. **Office closed.** Durinda Hood's vacation.
Mon., 9/6 Labor Day.
*Sat., 9/11 Tender Mercies meeting; 9 a.m. at Milligan House
*Sun. 9/12 **Parlor Fellowship** after worship (hosted by Becca Skrainka and Katherine Lutjens)
Deadline for OOC retreat registrations.
*Fri. 9/18 OOC Retreat; 6:00 p.m.; Eagle Hurst Ranch, Steelville, MO (ends 6:00 p.m. Saturday)
Sun., 9/19 Food & Diapers Collection for the Grace & Peace Food Pantry, Sunshine Ministries, WRHM, & Bethany begins. Watch for announcements!
Wed. 9/22 Day of Prayer and Fasting. Details forthcoming.
Sun., 9/26 Anniversary Worship. Picnic at Larson Park after worship (deacons host).
Mon., 9/27 -- Thurs., 10/14. Pastor Ron away for second half of his sabbatical

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Children's Ministries

NURSERY is offered for infants & children through Kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's basement.

Infant nursery for babies, crawlers, and 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 a.m.

Children's Worship, for children grades 1 through 5, **will not meet during the summer.**

*Mind if we
float an idea
by you?
See page 6.*



Youth Group Calendar

No Youth Group today (Labor Day Weekend) September 5.

Kick-off Family Cookout on September 12. 6 p.m. at Mark & Alice Tucker's home. **Family B'Sketti Dinner** (6th graders invited). Parents and kids invited for opening of the school year.

Friday & Saturday, September 17-18. **Church wide-retreat.**

Sunday, September 19. 5:15 p.m. **Loving People.** Sunshine Mission.

Teen Leadership Team meets at 4 p.m.

Friday, September 24. **Middle School Potter Party.** 6 p.m. at Killeen's home. **High Schoolers: Something fun.**

Sunday, September 26. **OOC Anniversary.** Picnic after worship at Larson Park.

Looking For Something to Do at 9am on Sunday Mornings?????

Come join us for "Dramas of Grace," where we will watch together a film each week that tells the story of God's intruding himself into the life of one person or another to show himself faithful and true and the Only One who can fix our broken selves. We start next Sunday, September 12! The first film will be the story of Karla Faye Tucker, the first woman executed for murder in the state of Texas since 1863. There will be coffee and bagels too....

Hope you can participate!

--submitted by Ron Lutjens

Unique Musical Opportunity

Come hear a free concert from a musical group (Spanesie) well known in Eastern Europe from the country of Belarus on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2:30 pm. The concert will be held at Memorial Presbyterian Church. In addition to music designed to be enjoyed by all age groups, group members will share their personal testimonies and the struggles the Church Universal endures in spreading the Gospel in that region of the former Soviet Union. Come to be uplifted as well as led to better understand and pray for Christians in that world region.

--submitted by Fred Johannsen and Rev. George Stulac, Memorial Presbyterian Church

On Stage - The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

DATE: Saturday, September 25th - Two Shows Only at 4 pm & 8 pm

PLACE: Anheuser-Busch Hall at the Touhill Performing Arts Center

On the campus of the University of Missouri - St. Louis

One University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121

PHONE: Call 314.516.4949 (Ticket Office).

RECEIVE \$10 OFF WHEN YOU BUY TWO TICKETS

Valid ONLY for the 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. performances

on Saturday, September 25, 2010

This offer is available in person at the Ticket Office at One University Boulevard at the University of St. Louis or by calling **866-516-4949** only. Code: **EST925**. **Subject to availability and not valid on previously purchased tickets. Service fees apply. OFFER EXPIRES September 25, 2010.**

A limited number of \$25 student rush tickets are available for each performance on the day of the show ONLY. No advance student rush tickets are available. Must show valid ID at the box office, limit one per customer.

--submitted by Larry Chambers

Next Parlor Fellowship

Our next parlor fellowship is on September 12. Please sign-up to bring food.

Hostesses: Katherine Lutjens and Becca Skrainka.

Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Fundraiser to benefit Promise Christian Academy

DATE: Friday, September 24 at 7 p.m. (doors will open at 6:30)

PLACE: The Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church

COST: \$160 for table of 8

Bring your own snacks for your table. Soda and water will be provided for a donation and a prize will be given for the best themed table.

Promise Christian Academy's Mission Statement

"Promise Christian Academy provides an education for children who need alternative instructional approaches. Their education is rooted in biblical truth as interpreted by the Westminster Confession of Faith, and seeks to reveal and develop in the life of the student those qualities and characteristics given by God for the student to fulfill God's will and purpose for his/her life.

Promise Christian Academy's Philosophy of Education

"Promise Christian Academy provides a therapeutic approach to academic excellence for children with multiple disabilities. We accept differences, celebrate uniqueness, cultivate awe and reverence toward God, and develop the whole child—body, mind, and spirit. Our philosophy of integration and celebration fosters in each student a high degree of self-worth, a desire to grow toward higher independence, and a recognition of a divine design and purpose in all of life."

GOD'S ROSEBUD

A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals. The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do. Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem:

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine."

"The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so easily,
But in my hands they die."

"If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?"

"So I'll trust in God for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance
In each step of the way."
"The path that lies before me,
Only my Lord knows.
I'll trust God to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

--submitted by Janet Rau

Men's Bible Study Has Resumed!

Welcome back, gentleman! We have begun to study the dramatic and complex book of Revelation. Next meeting Saturday, September 21, 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Milligan House.

--submitted by Hal Pendergrass, whom see for questions

Tender Mercies Prayer Opportunity

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 on Saturday, September 11 for a time of sharing and prayer. Our plan is to meet every other month for now. Please join us. If you are interested and not able to make this date, contact Betsy Roig.

Women's Bible Study – Sign-up Today – deadline to sign-up is today!

We are excited to announce that we will be studying Genesis for this year's Bible Study! Sign-up Sheets will be circulating after communion. We hope you can join us as we look at Genesis (along with many passages in the New Testament) that will help us more fully understand the fullness of God's Goodness and Redemption. We hope you will join us!

Morning Study

Topic: Genesis - In the Beginning GOD (start reading through Genesis as you are able before we start)

When: Fridays, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, starts September 17, 2010 & ends April 15, 2011

Where: Milligan House living room

Who: you ladies! (feel free to invite friends)

Led by: Betty McCracken

Materials Fee: one time \$20 fee (scholarships available)

Format: arrive, snacks, worship, discussion of lesson, prayer time

Childcare: available in church nursery (no charge!)

Evening Study

We are currently in the process of trying to gauge interest levels for an evening study of Genesis. Please let us know if you are interested by sign up on the sheets going around after communion.

Tentative Details: study will meet Monday or Thursday evenings @ Milligan House / no childcare available / \$20 materials fee.

All women (whether attending mornings or evenings) need to RSVP (by sign-up sheet or by email/phone) by Sept. 5th at the very latest. Please call or email me with any questions. Hope to see you there!

--submitted by Melissa Nelson

Lawn Mowing Volunteers Wanted

Looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building/Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, a disabled man 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 or Mark Robertson.

PLEASE...Make an 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), or email them to the church office. The next issue will be out Sunday, September 19, edited by Alyssa Catlin. Deadline for submissions is next Sunday, September 12!

Francis Schaeffer Lectures

October 1-2, 2010, (Fri., 7-9 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.); free admission. Focus will be on “**The Historicity of Genesis.**” Speakers [Prof. Jerram Barrs](#), professor of Christian studies and contemporary culture, and [Dr. C. John “Jack” Collins](#), professor of Old Testament. At Rayburn Chapel at Covenant Seminary.

Return to Sing-Sing!

Adult Choir resumes rehearsals, beginning Thursday, September 9. 7:15 p.m. *New Choir Members are welcome!*

Photo Directory—Link is on OOC website

The photo directory is a downloadable pdf file and is posted on the right hand side of Old Orchard's website, but it is password protected. For the sake of everyone's security/protection, please do not share the password with people you do not know. There is no personal information posted, just names and faces to help everyone get to know each other. You can see the same pictures on the photo board in the church lobby. If your picture is not included or you need an updated picture stay tuned to the announcements about when the next picture taking day will be.

--submitted by Sara Dodd, for the Welcoming Ministry

From the Fogases' Heart

I wanted to let the congregation know that the pastoral position in Nashville has fallen through as of a little over two weeks ago. Some of you may remember that when we went through the Mission To The World assessment a few years ago, we were told to wait based on issues connected to our marriage. Jackie and I have struggled over the years with communication. The church in Nashville had been willing to work through those things with us. A month or so after they offered me the job, we brought some more issues to the table that raised concerns on their end. Discussions ensued, lots of prayer and finally a decision was made on the part of the Session there, that due to the demands of the job, and the work that we continue to need to do on our marriage, they felt it was not in our best interest or the best interest of the Church for us to come at this time. So... while we are very sad, we are trusting that God will honor our honesty in all these things. We would appreciate your prayers.

--Michael Fogas



**C'mon...
Last Chance to "PONY UP"--Sunday, September 12.
'What for?' you ask?
Turn to page 6.**



Fall Tutoring Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to tutor students in need. Here are two of them to consider.

Tutoring Opportunity: You're invited to spread the gospel to the urban poor through tutoring an elementary student or a middle school/high student once a week for 1-1/2 hours. Firm Foundation Tutoring's *North City* program runs on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:15-5:45 for elementary students and from 6:00 – 7:30 on Tuesday and Thursday for middle school and high school students. The *South City* program is from 5:00-6:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Tutors choose which day of the week, time, and location works best for them. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laurie Jones at Firm Foundation. .

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Invites You!!!!!!

Volunteer as a tutor in the William Yandell Tutoring Program at the Rock Hill Baptist Church-The Rock, 9125 Manchester Road, Brentwood, MO 63144.

Volunteer orientation will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Tutoring will begin on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

Tutoring takes place on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. You will be matched with a student to tutor each week. Support, supplies and snacks are provided. Field trips are organized for students and tutors as well. Substitutes are available.

At this time we are looking for adults to help with the tutoring. You can provide a needed service to children in our community. This program is supported by many community churches.

If you are interested or have any questions regarding this program please contact:

Janet Stobart

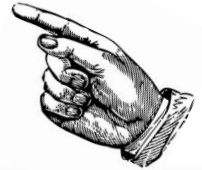
Elizabeth Cawthon

--submitted by Durinda Hood, for the Mercy Ministry

CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT



**“PRESSING ON TO KNOW THE LORD:
LESSONS I HAVE LEARNED”**



SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2010

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010!

**A BROCHURE WITH DETAILS CAN BE HAD--LOOK ON THE TABLE NEXT TO THE
OVERTURE.**



SEE



**JASON BARTLETT OR CHRIS O'NEAL
FOR QUESTIONS.
(AND THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR REGISTRATION.)**

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for September 2010

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for Wilma and the eight full-time Mercy School students as they go to the southern part of Chile for a week this month to help a church with the ongoing relief for the victims of the earthquake. Pray that it will be useful as a ministry and as a teaching opportunity. Pray for health and safety. [See the FM Bulletin Board for a very interesting letter from Wilma telling about the Mercy School and the individual students.]
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for Rob as the fall activities begin, that he will have discernment about how he spends his time and energy. Pray for a good start to the various programs and Rob's teaching responsibilities.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Continue to pray for their widespread ministry in the mountains, including relief work among victims of a devastating flood. Pray for their ministry in the church, various Bible classes and individual counseling and shepherding. Pray for continued health and physical and spiritual protection.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** In England, pray for good workers to be in place when the new term begins 9 /17 and for a good mix of students. In Switzerland, pray for funds to fix the damaged roof of one of the chalets. Pray for the Lord's working in the hearts of all of the students and for guidance and strength for the staff.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Dawn will be in speaking at the OOC House Church 9/1. Pray that her report will motivate us to be faithful in prayer for her as she returns to Madrid on 9/20. Pray that the Lord will especially bless her and her work with university students this year. Pray that the Lord will provide for her financially and with other staff to come alongside to help.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for Joseph as he will be in South Africa for two months to finish his thesis. Pray for patience, wisdom and protection for Elfi as (presumably) she will have the responsibility of caring for Ahish, the 12 year old girl who is living with them (to escape abuse in her home.)
- 7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Luciano plans a two week trip to the US this month with the headmaster of the Christian school where he teaches part time. They will be looking into the possibility of exchanging students and teachers with schools and churches in the US. Pray for receptiveness, if this is the Lord's will. Pray for the visa for the headmaster which had not arrived as of this writing, 8/31.

8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines. (Portal Study Center; House of Hope; Zamboanga City Ministry Center; Hillside Learning Center.) Pray that the Lord will continue to show them His plan for each ministry center with their different programs. Pray for protection as there has been violence in several places where they work. Pray for financial needs. Pray for physical strength with so many places and people to minister to.

9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy. Pray for guidance as they make plans and begin programs for the new school year, especially for contacts at the university. Pray for solid, consistent people to attend church services. Pray for good teachers for their children this year, especially for Ana, who is just starting. Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of individuals and churches that they visited this summer, to give so that the Ministry room can continue to be rented.

10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru. Pray for safety and physical strength for Robert as he plans last trips and visits in the mountains. Pray for the women Shirley has been ministering to, that they will be grounded in the Word and will remain faithful when they leave Peru in the fall.

11. Anne Reitsema – Khartoum, Sudan. (No news since March.) Pray for peace and stability in the country. Pray for the safety of their teams and for God to work in the hearts of the people they are helping. Pray for Anne as she leads the program: for faith, strength and wisdom. Pray for Christian fellowship and companionship for her.

<i>September Birthdays</i>	
9/2..... Nancy Rogers	9/16.....Sophie Lockard
9/3.....Brinson Hood	9/16Barbara Winters 9/17....
9/3.....Margie Kindt Sue vanHoorbeek
9/3/96..... Lilah Raquepaw	9/22..... Kelli McKie
9/8..... Donna Pollihan	9/22..... Valerie Powers
9/10..... Jessica Burdette	9/22..... Joel Rinn**
9/10..... Amy Grady	9/23..... Brianna Tamm
9/10..... Durinda Hood	9/24..... Jackie Ahn
9/10..... Po Sun Lee	9/26..... Bill Rogers
9/11..... Maryann Kohl	9/27..... AmyRuth Bartlett
9/11..... Bob Woodson**	9/28..... Don Branson
9/14/04..... Dulce Brown	9/30..... Michael Nelson
9/14..... Phil Patterson	9/30..... Denny Reinheimer
9/15..... Dorothy Woodson	**members of missionary or ministry families Old Orchard Church supports

Poet Scott Cairns to Read his Work at Schlafly Bottleworks--Monday, Sept. 6

When a roll call is taken of "poets of faith," names come to mind such as Mary Karr of *The Liars' Club* fame, Pulitzer-Prize winner Franz Wright, and Kathleen Norris, the author of *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*.

Another name in the top tier of such poets is Scott Cairns, who will be reading his work at 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6, at the Schlafly Bottleworks, 7260 Southwest Ave., in Maplewood as part of Observable Readings. He will be joined by the talented St. Louis poet Richard Newman. Admission is free.

Cairns is a professor of English literature and creative writing at the University of Missouri-Columbia as well as a high-profile ambassador for Greek Orthodoxy. However, if anyone is expecting the poetic equivalent of stained glass from Cairns, he or she instead should be ready for broken glass, or even flung open windows. Cairns is a poet at once theological, sensual, and comedic. As one interviewer once wrote, "Ask Scott Cairns a question and you're likely to end up his straight man." Who else could crack jokes in a series of poems titled "Adventures in New Testament Greek?" Author Annie Dillard, however, sounds a little more serious when she says, "Scott Cairns is one of the best poets alive."

Cairns' recent collections of poetry include *Philokalia*, *Compass of Affection*, and *Recovered Body*. He is working on a new collection with a tentative title of *Idiot Psalms*. His most recent work, a book-length essay titled *The End of Suffering: Finding Purpose in Pain*, was published by Paraclete Press in 2009. His work has appeared in the *Best American Spiritual Writing* anthology in 1998, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008.

Observable Readings is sponsored by the St. Louis Poetry Center. I am a co-curator of Observable Readings and a member of the board of directors of the Poetry Center, where I work with the center's esteemed executive director, Nancy Hughes. Please join Nancy and me for a wonderful night of poetry on Sept. 6.

--submitted by Bob Lowes