



# OVERTURE

THE (ALMOST) FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER OF OLD  
ORCHARD CHURCH ~  
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## **WELCOME!**

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming! 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. Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. and is offered for all ages. See notes about Adult Sunday School classes.

If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the lavender or blue pads on the chairs or in the hymnal rack.

## **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. Listen for dismissal announcement.



## **LUNCH AT MILLIGAN HOUSE TODAY**

Join us today for a lunch at Milligan House after worship! Thanks to our hostesses, Betsy Tevebaugh and Ann Stuber.

## **LEADERS MEETING!!**

Leaders—elders, deacons, ministry coordinators—we meet this Tuesday evening, January 25 at 7 p.m. Let Pastor Ron know if you're not coming!

## **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Missouri Churches of The Presbyterian Church in America Invite You to a Multi-Denominational  
St. Louis Regional

Sanctity of Human Life Worship Service  
Sunday, January 23, 2011; 6:00 pm – 7:20 pm  
Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church  
12928 Ladue Road, 63141  
Childcare Provided up to Age 3



Rev. Bill Wade Preaching, Senior Pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS JUST BEGUN!**

Struggling to Know How Best to Manage Your Money as a Follower of Jesus?

How can I honor God with my money? Can I afford to tithe? Is putting money into savings a luxury? Is credit card debt a bad thing? And so on. These are practical questions serious Christians wrestle with and need to answer. But there's help! On Sunday, January 23, at 9 a.m. sharp we will begin our winter semester of adult classes during the Sunday School hour. This year we are featuring a class listening to talks (via CD) given by Dave Ramsey, a believer in Christ and a financial counselor who has helped thousands of people learn some basic "money principles" set out in the Scriptures.

Even if you feel like you've answered some of the questions above, come join us anyway, and treat it as a kind of "refresher course."



**UPCOMING COMMUNION CLASS?**

Parents: If your child is at least 7 years old and has shown signs of a simple, childlike trust in Christ, and an interest in participating in the Lord's Supper, please contact me and let me know. As soon as we get a small knot of kids together we will do a 6-week class preparing children to be admitted by the elders to Communion. I'd like to start when we have at least 4 children. --Ron Lutjens, 314.962.6196

**MOM'S GROUP**

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon, in the nursery area of the church basement, beginning this week. Geared toward mothers with young children at home, but all are welcome! Come join us to fellowship and share our joys, burdens, and wisdom together in this grand ministry to which we have been called. Talk to Kathleen Shumate or Melissa Nelson for more information or to be put on the email list.

**TENDER MERCIES PRAYER**

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. Saturday, January 29 at the Milligan House for a time of sharing and prayer. We have been meeting every other month, and plan to continue to do so for now. If you are interested, please join us. If you are interested and not able to make that date, contact Betsy Roig.

**NEXT OVERTURE! & NEW EDITOR NEEDED!**

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, February 6, edited by editor to be announced. Deadline for articles is next Sunday, January 30.

Thank are 2010 editors: Prisca Rice, (with Tamara Rice), Jim Lowe, Susan O'Neal and Alyssa Catlin for their service to the congregation! One of our editors, Susan O'Neal, wants a break. **We are looking for someone** to join the other three editors, taking a turn once every 2 months. See Durinda Hood.



**OOO DIRECTORY. CALL FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES....**

We hope to go to print this week, so if you have any last minute corrections, this is your very last chance without becoming a correction in the *Tidbits/Overture*. See Durinda Hood. She will have a draft will be posted on the bulletin board for you to look at.

### **MARK ROBERTSON WANTS TO MEET WITH YOU!!**

I won't eat all your cookies, I promise. If you have a child of any age at Old Orchard, I would like to meet with you. I am setting up appointments in January and February. I will stop by your home (shouldn't be more than an hour) and chat with you, or if you like, you could always come by the office. Let me know what days and times work best for you! You can email me or call 314.707.6050. --*Mark Robertson*

**Editor's Note:** Give Mark a chance to NOT eat all the cookies....

### **SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN**

This Sunday's "Moment for Missions" will highlight "Safe Families for Children," a program of Bethany Christian Services. Its coordinator is Kristina Duce. Her e-mail is [kduce@bethany.org](mailto:kduce@bethany.org) and Bethany's phone number 314-781-6363. Here's a brief summary of the program.

**Safe Families for Children (SFFC)** is a network of host families that provides a loving sanctuary where parents may temporarily and safely place their children in times of crisis. Host families serve purely out of a sense of compassion and receive no compensation.

**Mission Statement:** SFFC extends community support by hosting vulnerable children and strengthening their families in crisis through a network of volunteers motivated by compassion.

The SFFC movement is based on the perspective that the safety and health of our community children are the responsibility of each one of us and that parents are the key to providing long-term, safe environments for their children.

The URL for Bethany's website page is:

<http://missouri.bethany.org/A55798/bethanyWWW.nsf/0/AAE4CE37632387F885257642004A73F8>

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Both of the women's Bible studies are studying the book of Genesis. The Morning Study meets Fridays, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, at Milligan House (child care available.) and the Evening Study meets Thursday evenings also at Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. For more info about either study, please contact Melissa Nelson.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Our next study will be Saturday, February 5 at 7:15 a.m. Newcomers welcome! We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and are studying the book of Revelation. -- Hal Pendergrass

### **ADULT CHOIR**

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Please see Greg Roig, music director, for schedule & questions.

### **COMMUNION CLEANING! VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

I am looking for volunteers to rotate on a monthly basis to help clean communion ware. The job goes faster if you work with someone else as a team. I am looking for at least two more people, and substitutes.

If you are interested in this important, but behind the scenes job, please see Durinda ASAP. Thanks! --  
Durinda Hood, 314.962.3795 or 314.397.3988. E-mail: [office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)

### **TEACHERS WANTED FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Westminster Christian Academy in St. Louis, Missouri, a Christian secondary school with 872 students in grades 7-12, is accepting applications for the following full-time faculty positions for the 2011/12 school year: High school English (9-10 grade); high school physics/physical science; middle and high school art; high school history (Western Civilization and U.S. History); middle and high school Spanish; high school special needs; middle school math/science; and part-time middle school French. Visit our website at [www.wcastl.org](http://www.wcastl.org) for application information and/or contact Becky VanValkenburg, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, at [bvanvalkenburg@wcastl.org](mailto:bvanvalkenburg@wcastl.org) or 314-997-2900.

### **PHOTOS FOR OOC 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

For our 30th anniversary we would like to update our OOC photo albums. We are looking for a team to work on this. Although most of our albums are currently scrapbook style, we plan to purchase an album in which photos are slipped into photo sized sleeves so don't think you have to decorate scrapbook pages.

Also, if you have photos of OOC events/people you want to submit to give to the album or to have scanned for the album, please get them to Barb Winters. Please indicate whether they are for us to keep or to scan and return.



Each family will also be given the opportunity to submit a picture or two of their family with a brief description of how the Lord brought them to OOC or a significant way the Lord used OOC in their lives. So be thinking about this, and look for a picture of your family you'd like to submit. If you have a photo of you or your family around the time you first came to OOC, we'd like that as well. (again, Barb could scan this if need be)

Please let Barb Winters or Durinda Hood know if you want to be a member of the "Anniversary photo album team."

### **OOC YOUTH CALENDAR**

*Youth Group meets Sunday evenings, 6-8 p.m. in the Milligan House basement*



YOUTH GROUP  
CALENDAR

- January 23 – Demolition Ball (*bring \$10*)
- Wednesday, January 26 – The Market (for juniors and seniors in high school)  
Webster University Campus Crusade - 9:30 pm
- January 30 – The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Genealogy
- February 6 – Super Bowl!!! (starts earlier)
- Friday, February 11 – Guys' Night
- February 13 – The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Temptation
- Friday, February 18 – Girls' Night
- February 20 – The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Fishing
- February 27 - The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Rules

**HOUSE/PET SITTING OFFER-- TO MEET HOUSING NEED!**

Would there be anyone who would be vacationing from June 1-6 and would like a family to house sit/pet sit their home? We have need of a home to house some family, including 3 small boys during that time. If so, please call Debbie Pendergrass (see print copy for contact info). Thanks!

**NEXT HOUSE CHURCH**

House Church meets Wednesday, February 2, 6 p.m. pot-luck supper (bring a dish to share). 7 p.m. meeting.

**Child care** offered at 7 p.m. Let Mark Robertson (314.707.6050) know if you need child care.

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES NEWS & TABLE HOST FOR DINNER WANTED!**

January 5, 2011 (received by e-mail to church office)

Dear Church Partner:

God has been at work this year in Bethany Christian Services serving Missouri and Central/Southern Illinois in remarkable ways!! We have seen an increase in the number of pregnant women we are able to walk with as well as an increase in adoptions. Bethany has brought on a male counselor to serve expectant fathers. We have opened a service location in Springfield, Missouri adding a full-time worker. Furthermore, we have launched a new initiative called Safe Families for Children and have seen over 100 children in need of services since mid-July. [Editor's note: see separate article in this issue regarding this.] SFFC will be launched in Springfield, Missouri and Central/Southern Illinois in 2011, as well. YOUR CHURCH has played a significant role in all these occurrences with your partnership.

We are currently preparing for our first annual Fellowship Dinner on April 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Renaissance Downtown St. Louis. The purpose of the dinner is first, to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of people who are touched by Bethany's ministry in our area; second, to cast vision for where we believe God to be taking us to serve more children in our community and around the world; third, to challenge our guests to partner with us financially as we do God's work through Bethany.

As we are trusting God for these things, we need your help in two ways. First, I would like your church to be present at the dinner, and second, I would like someone from your church to serve as a table host.

Being a table host would simply involve committing to fill a table of eight by inviting church friends to join you. You DO NOT have to pay for the table -- just fill it. This will help us tremendously, as we trust the Lord to extend His work through Bethany. By helping in this way we will be able to acquaint more at your church at what God is doing through Bethany Christian Services in our area. (*If you are interested, please see Durinda Hood, Mercy Ministry Coordinator.*)

I would invite you to contact me with any questions and look forward to the opportunity of having members of your church with us for the evening.

In His Service, Donna Nicholson, Bethany's, Director, 314-315-7645



## **SOUP FOR SUPERBOWL SUNDAY**



You're invited to bring canned soup on or before Super Bowl Sunday, February 6 to help stock Sunshine Ministries' food pantry. If each household just brought one can, we'd have about 100 cans! So when you pick up your goodies for the game (or just your groceries even if you're not planning to party), please pick up soup for those who are struggling.

--Sponsored by the OOC Mercy Ministry

## **SPRING FUNDRAISER FOR PROMISE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

*"An Evening of Music & Promise"*

*with Randy Mayfield & Friends and special guests, Tag & Gina Tuck*

Friday, March 4, 2011—7 p.m.

Chesterfield Presbyterian Church. 15037 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017

\$5 a ticket (Tickets can be purchased by calling 636-449-0647 or purchased at the door.).

A love offering will be taken for Promise Christian Academy

*Promise 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.

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