

OOC Tidbits

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A publication of Old Orchard Church



Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

We welcome you to our worship. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms. Also, we invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten (see below).

Children's Ministries During Worship

Nursery is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's 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. Dismissed at 10:50 a.m. Listen for announcements to see if meeting today.

Sunday School News

No Sunday School today, and December 30. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6.

Sunday School is offered to children age three years through high school.

Adults: "Used By God" Adult Sunday School continues at Milligan House. The New Members Class will meet with Ron Lutjens beginning also January 6.

Staff Gift: Last Call!

Been wanting to contribute to the Staff Gift fund we are collecting, but haven't? Today is the final day to make your contribution. Checks payable to Old Orchard Church, and marked "Staff Gift" (If you wish to designate a specific staff person you may do so. The rest of the money collected will be divided among the staff.) If you forgot your checkbook, you can write and sign an IOU and place it in the offering plate or give it to the treasurers who will be in Ron's study after worship.



Randy Stonehill Concert Coffee Shop!

With Jon Hardy (Pastor Ron's Son)

Old Orchard Church is hosting a concert featuring 30 year music veteran, Randy Stonehill on Friday, **January 25**. We are encouraging members to use this as an opportunity to invite friends. The cost is \$10 per person which covers coffee and dessert. See Mark Tucker for details (when he returns from vacation).

Caroling in the OOC Neighborhood

Join us tonight, 6:30 p.m.! Meet at Milligan House.
And bring along a plate of Christmas treats to have afterwards also at Milligan House.

Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, December 25 at 11 a.m.

Teen Fellowship Schedule

- The Youth Group is encouraged to attend Caroling tonight.
- Teens are encouraged to help our new Youth and Family Intern, Jason Bartlett and his wife, Amy-Ruth, move in on Saturday, January 5 at 2 p.m. Details to come.
- No Teen Fellowship or Sunday School until Jan. 6, 2008.

Overture & Tidbits Notes

The next *Overture* will be out on Sunday, January 6. You are invited to write for our newsletter, the *Overture*! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. You can send your submissions for our newsletter via e-mail to the church office or you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat closet). Church office e-mail: office@oldorchardchurch.org. The *Tidbits* will come out again next week. Brief announcements may be submitted for it to the church office.

Take Home Some Millsaps Singers on January 7!

The Millsaps Chamber Singers, an excellent chamber choir from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS, will be performing at OOC on **Monday, January 7** at 7:00 pm. Millsaps is Kelli and Nate McKie's alma mater, and since the group still has the same director as when they attended the school, they can personally attest to the amazing quality of the group.

We encourage everyone to attend the concert, but we also need 12-14 families willing to host two or more of the 28 students and chaperones in their home for Monday night. All this means is that the students you are hosting would ride home with you after the concert, sleep at your house that evening, and be returned to OOC on Tuesday morning so that they can begin the next leg of their trip. This is always a very positive experience for the students and the host

families, and an opportunity for our church to demonstrate hospitality. We have committed to the group that we will find enough places for them, so we need people to volunteer. If you know that you would be interested in hosting, please contact Nate or Kelli McKie (636-230-5754/nate@bajink.com) or sign up on the sign up sheet.

Ladies: Mark your Calendar

The ladies in the church are invited to meet with the Session on Sunday evening, January 27, to discuss the needs of the women in the church and how they might be met. More to follow. Meanwhile, mark your calendar!



English Conversations Class
No class December 28.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., January 5 at Milligan House, 7:15 a.m.
See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

Annual Hospitality Ministry Meeting.

Save the date for Saturday morning, January 12th. We will gather in Milligan House for a look back on 2007, brainstorm about ways to improve this ministry, and look ahead for events in 2008. The Hospitality Ministry includes monthly parlor fellowships and fellowship meals, meals for families of newborns and refreshments for congregational meetings. In addition, this year we will probably host the spring Presbytery meeting. We have a group of folks who have served in the past, but we are always looking for new faces. Please talk to Kathy Jennings about becoming involved.

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
See Greg Roig for schedule this week and next.

Community Group Leaders to Meet

Community Group Leaders will meet after the parlor fellowship on January 6 in Milligan House on the second floor.

Bring Food Any Sunday

Non-perishable food donations welcomed and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. See the article posted on the bulletin board that was in the Post-Dispatch not long ago about the general needs of food pantries in the area. Three of the ministries we support have food pantries:

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, Grace & Peace Food Pantry, and Sunshine Ministries.

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Directory Corrections & Additions

I'd like to publish a corrections/additions sheet in January. Please give or send me corrections and additions. If you are new, not in the current directory, and want to be listed, please e-mail me your information or see me for a directory form to complete. If you need a copy, please let me know as well. Thanks,
Durinda Hood

Pastor Mark to Be Away

Mark and Alice Tucker will be away: December 22-31.

Church Office Closed

Christmas Eve, December 24
& Christmas Day, December 25.

Stepping Out of the Boat for Our Children

Our Parent/Teacher Training for this year will focus on the churchwide theme of "Stepping Out of the Boat." All Children's Ministry volunteers, parents, teachers or anyone else are encouraged to come to our annual training time on Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Hot breakfast will be served. See Mark Tucker for details.

House Church Schedule

Please note the following changes in our House Church dates for the next couple of months.

January House Church. Wednesday, January 9, 6 p.m. pot-luck supper (bring a dish to share) and 7 p.m. meeting. Sign up on January 7 for child care.

February House Church with Jerram Barrs on Wednesday, January 30. Details to follow.

Churchwide Retreat To Be in May

Set aside the dates of **Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4** for our annual churchwide retreat. See Mark Tucker for details.

Communion Set-Up and Clean-Up Crews Wanted!!

We have a fine, faithful crew of people who set-up and clean up our communion for us every week. However, at least one of them wants to be relieved of this responsibility with the next schedule that begins in February 2008. So....**new set-up and clean-up people wanted!** This would be a monthly task.

Set-up involves picking up the bread from the bakery near Laclede Station Road and Watson on Saturday before the Sunday of your turn, filling the cups, and set them out on the table on Sunday morning before worship.

Clean-up involves remaining after worship to clean the communion ware. Training provided. Set-up can easily be done by one person, but clean-up seems to be easier as a team effort.

If you are interested in either one of these tasks, please see Durinda Hood or call the church office.



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