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<p>High School Youth Group Sundays 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>April 3– No youth group (Spr. Break) April 10– Doctrines of our Faith April 17– Doctrines of our Faith April 24– You Pick It All Night!</p>	<p>Middle School Youth Group Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>April 6– No youth group (Spr. Break) April 13– Doctrines of our Faith April 20– Doctrines of our Faith April 27– You Pick It All Night!</p>
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Spring Picnic and Auction!

Join us on Sunday, May 1 immediately following the service for our 5th annual Spring Picnic and Auction! All proceeds from the lunch and auction go towards our youth summer mission trips! If you would like to donate any items or services to be auctioned off, please let Greg Salmon know ASAP! Donations may include but are not limited to items such as tickets to events, gift cards, cabin rentals, pies, movie bundles etc...! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask!!



Above are some pictures that capture some good times that happened during the month of March in our youth group! Pictured on the left is our High School group who went up north to Genesis! The middle picture is of our dodgeball team at Genesis getting hyped for a tournament. And pictured all the way to the right is "Team Waaaaaass" from our Middle School Friday Night Fun Night! They were the winners of the Relay Challenge that included "dodgeball golf", eating challenges, riddles, and finding Captain America!

To receive more info about anything happening with the 6th-12th graders please contact Greg Salmon at gregs@orchardhill.org ~ 616.784.4060 ext227.

Orchard Hill Church

April 2016



An article I read this week in *Leadership Journal* stated: "Here's the rub. The church is running out of effective options created in the power of its own volition, charisma, and talents. Our energetically constructed plans become progressively less effective with each successive generation. We are in need of something more powerful than slicker services, ever more radical missional pursuits, or more culturally savvy ways to share the gospel. For those early apostles

after the crucifixion and ascension of Jesus returning to Jerusalem to regroup, their very first act was to pray (Acts 1:14). Having come to the end of themselves, they prayed. That was the totality of their strategic plan. Today we need leaders who follow that path." My belief is that as we enter this next season of ministry we need to dial up our individual and corporate prayer lives. As we do life together as Orchard Hill Church we will be renewing our emphasis on prayer. This means there will be some changes in our calendars and agendas, because one way to identify an organization's priorities is to look at its calendar. Quite simply we tend to do what we believe in. If prayer is going to transition from the sidelines to the forefront, it will have to become concrete and tangible. So we will intentionally be moving prayer to the front of our calendars.

Most immediately in April we will be spending a few weeks in the word taking a look at Paul's prayers and learning from him. Then on the first Thursday of May we will be connecting together with the rest of the nation on the National Day of Prayer. Also, we will continue to make prayer available and visible before and after our services. My hope is that you also will make prayer a priority in your small groups—move it to the front of your meeting time so it doesn't get squeezed out by other things! Consider also how you might be able to move prayer into your daily routine. Have you visited the labyrinth recently? Jonathan Edwards said, "There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ as by prayer." Most of us tend to nod our approval of that, and then charge full speed into our next plan, project, or ministry passion. But let's pause and give prayer primacy in our individual and corporate lives!



APRIL MESSAGES

APRIL 3 & 10 "YOUR VERSE"

What verse of the Bible is a special treasure to you? Hear some special verses and why they are meaningful.

APRIL 17, 24 & MAY 1 "THE PRAYING LIFE"

Leading up to the National Day of Prayer we will eavesdrop on a few of Paul's prayers and discover how they might deepen our prayer life.

- Pastor Bob

MISSIONS

THANK YOU: to everyone who prayed for, was involved in, or ventured out with all of our March outreach activities! We worked on 10 homes in Eureka, Missouri, we passed out over 40 Easter baskets of food to our community in need, we shared the love of God at Central Elementary School, and had a great turn out for our Easter Eggstravaganza! THANK YOU for sharing the love of Christ in our community this spring– it really takes the whole body to do the work Christ has called us to do! Praise the Lord!



SOFTBALL MISSION FUNDRAISERS: As spring arrives, please consider if you would like to volunteer at the concessions stand this spring/summer softball season. It's not much of a time commitment and it's a great way to share the love of Christ, while raising money for the OHC missions team! We will also be hosting a girls softball tournament on May 20-21, to raise money for the Guatemala team. If you know any girls softball teams who would be interested, **we are still in need of teams to make this happen!**



MISSIONAL CONFERENCE: Join us on May 12-13, 2016 for this conference in Chicago as we learn how to be effective difference makers for Jesus in the midst of a cultural shift! Listen to experienced speakers and authors like Alan Hirsch, Jeff VanderStelt, and more. Sign up with Laura ASAP!



Each family has its own unique dynamics, **but Christ calls us beyond our fears and desire for comfort to trust Him, confident that when we welcome the stranger, we are welcoming Jesus into our midst. Hospitality creates households of faith — where every person can belong. And there is nothing any of us longs for — quite like the best kind of belonging.**
-Gabe Lyons

For more information contact Laura Claus at laurac@orchardhill.org

More Information



- May 15 will be a “first” communion for those children that would like to partake in communion for the first time with their parents during the service. Please sign up beforehand and get a book from Allie to go over at home with your kids before that day.
- April 16- All Church Putt Putt
- March 27, April 3 and April 10 - No CIW because of Easter & Spring Break.
- April 1 - Arts Camp Registration Opens



Join us for our spring break sermon series, “Your Verse.”



Power Hour 2016

- April 21 Meyer May House—Free (travel to House)
- May 19 Spring Pot Luck



THANK YOU!

Orchard Hill,
 Thank you for the prayers for my foot.
 Thank you,
 Barb Lewis

Many thanks to all of you who sent cards in expression of your sympathy and for you many prayers for myself and the family. It is wonderful to be a member of such a loving church.
 Julie Vantine

Orchard Hill Library Update April 2016

Our library is open both before and after services. If no one is there, sign the checkout sheet at the desk. If you have not used our library before, please stop by to see what is there! Your envelope number is also your library number. If you are not a member, simply sign your name on the sheet with the barcode number of the book. All books can be kept for a month at a time.

If you make any purchases from the Family Christian Bookstores, at the time of your purchase, please ask for the Library Ministry Builder stamps. Please turn in these loose stamps at our library desk. Each booklet of stamps can be redeemed for five dollars towards new books.

The following is a list of new books purchased recently with funds donated from a member and the Love Circle woman's group.
- Deb Rodenhouse

FICTION

Tamara Alexander. To Win Her Favor, c2015.

Jennifer, Chiaverini. Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker: A Novel, c2013.

James C. Dobson. Godless: A Novel, c2014.

Eva Marie Everson. Five Brides, c2015.

Suzanne Woods Fisher. The Imposter: A Novel, c2015.

Irene Hannon. Thin Ice: A Novel, c2016. (Men of Valor, Bk 2)

Robin Lee Hatcher. Keeper of the Stars: A King's Meadow Romance, c2016.

Jody Hedlund. Captured By Love, c2014. Undaunted Love, c2016. (Beacons of Hope, Bk 3)

Angela Hunt. Esther: A Dangerous Beauty Novel, c2015.

Creston Mapes. Fear Has a Name, c 2013.

Glenn Meade. The Second Messiah: A Thriller, c2012. And The Last Witness: A Thriller, c2014.

Gilbert Morris. The Rough Rider, c1995. (House of Winslow, Bk 18) The Silver Star, c1997. (H of Winslow Bk 20)

The Shadow Portrait, c1998. (H of Winslow Bk 21) The Flying Cavalier, c1999. (H of Winslow Bk 23) The Golden Angel, c2001. (H of W Bk 26), c2002. (H of W Bk 27) The Fiery Ring, c2002. (H of W Bk 28) The Pilgrim Song, c2003 (H of W Bk 29)

Dani Pettrey. Cold Shot, c 2016. (Chesapeake Valor, Bk 1)

Joel Rosenburg. Dead Heat, c2008.

Nonfiction

236.24 BUR John Burke. Imagine Heaven: Near Death Experiences, God's Promises and the Exhilarating Future That Awaits You, c2015.

248.4 MEY Joyce Meyer. Making Good Habits, Breaking Bad Habits: 14 New Behaviors That Will Energize Your Life, c2013.

248.44 CHA PB Gary Chapman. Married and Still Loving It: The Joys and Challenges of the Second Half, c2016.

261.8 SPR PB Preston Sprinkle. People to be Loved: Why Homosexuality is Not Just an Issue, c2015.



WHAT ARE MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

SATURDAY, MAY 21 9:00 AM-12 NOON

We often talk about spiritual gifts and our need to use them for God's glory. But what are they, and how do I know which ones I have, let alone how do I use them? This seminar will help answer all these questions and help you move into answering the call of God.

SIGN-UP FOR EITHER EQUIP SEMINAR ON THE CONNECTION CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN, CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR E-MAILING BOBK@ORCHARDHILL.ORG

The Man Who Couldn't Let Go

Sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.

The scripture says, "As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go and sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'" Mark 10:17-27

One of the problems with possessions is that we can become enslaved to them. Think of how differently you behave after putting new carpet in a room. Shoes, pets, food, and drink are suddenly banished. There's nothing wrong with buying new carpet, but do you see how quickly life gets rearranged by the care of just one possession? The more we have to care for, the less space, it seems, is left for God. Caring for his possessions prevented the rich young ruler from following Jesus.

The martyred missionary Jim Elliot said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Those words capture the essence of what the rich young ruler failed to understand.

Jesus is not suggesting the rich young ruler can purchase his salvation. Our Lord is showing him the encumbrance of his wealth stops him from receiving the free gift of God. If he were willing to give up that which he could not keep – his temporal wealth – he could gain that which he could not lose – his salvation. But it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for us to let go of our possessions to create space for God. The ability to do this does not come from inside us. Thanks be to God that through him all things are possible.

– Frank Harper, Church Administrator

In what ways is your life arranged around your possessions? What does your life show about your priorities?



SATURDAY, APRIL 23
Start Time: 9:00 AM

We will all be pitching in to prep our grounds for the spring and summer season. Teams will be helping to get the ballfields into shape, spread wood chips on our preschool and day care playground, and beautify the front and labyrinth landscaping. Many hands make light work!

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Preschool and Child Care Center News



As we near the end of our 35th year of serving God's children we look forward to a busy few remaining months. During the month of April we will celebrate the artistic gifts of each child in our program at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. This is our second annual Family Art Night at the Museum on Thursday, April 28. Each child will have at least one piece of art displayed for their families to enjoy as well as access to the entire Art Museum for FREE! Families will enjoy engaging activities and delicious appetizers together. Our staff is looking forward to another fantastic event of celebrating each child's unique talents!

The month of May will be busy with graduation ceremonies, end of the year picnics and field days. Our families will join us in honoring all of their child's accomplishments during this month and mark their continued development and growth through their time "On the Hill". The Orchard Hill Staff feels so blessed to do the work we are called to daily and we look forward to many more years of serving God's children!

Don't forget the 13th Annual Chip'in for Children Golf Event on Saturday, June 4!! We will once again be at The Meadows Golf Course on the campus of Grand Valley State University. Over the last 13 years we have earned over \$50,000 to be used to further this vital church ministry. Look for additional information in the next few newsletters and plan to join us for a day of golf, fun and great friends!

- Jennifer Gray, OHCPCC Director



ORCHARD HILL'S FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY MINI-GOLF EVENT

APRIL 16, 2016 18 HOLES OF FAMILY FUN AND IT'S FREE TEE OFF AT 1:00 PM

Invite a Friend!



We are looking for families or groups who would like to design one of the golfing holes. Pick a theme and go to work designing a challenging and fun hole. Use different materials; wood, water, Legos, stuffed animals, anything! See Pastor Kathy or the connection corner to receive your hole assignment. Prizes will be awarded for the most difficult hole, most creative, and best looking.



ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL

a ministry of orchard hill church

REGISTER ONLINE
at orchardhill.org

Registration closes when full!
LIMITED SPACE!

\$10 for the week!

VOICE | MUSIC | DANCE
MOVIE-MAKING | DRAMA
PHOTOS | SCULPTURE | ART
CREATIVE WRITING | GUITAR
TIE-DYE | MOB ART | MORE!

June 20-24, 2016
9 a.m. to Noon
Orchard Hill Church
1465 Three Mile Rd NW GR



ALL KIDS ENTERING 2ND GRADE - ENTERING 7TH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! REGISTER TODAY: LIMITED SPACE!

13th Annual Chip'in For Children Golf Outing at The Meadows Golf Course Grand Valley State University Saturday, June 4, 2016



Hosted by Orchard Hill Christian Preschool and Child Care Center
SPONSORSHIP POSSIBILITIES:

You're invited to join us in supporting Orchard Hill Christian Preschool and Child Care in 2016. All proceeds will go to the OHCPCC to help support the Center and fund programs for the continuous enrichment and development of our children. Over the last 13 years we have raised over \$50,000 for our programs through your generosity!! We are sensitive to the amount of requests you receive for donations, so any donation or sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

- TITLE SPONSORSHIP** DONATION OF \$1,500
Receive Tee signage on ALL sponsored hole signs (name and logo) and all printed material at the event
18 holes of golf for a foursome
- PLATINUM** DONATION OF \$1,000
Receive Tee signage (name and logo) and all printed material as Platinum sponsorship at the event
- GOLD** DONATION OF \$500
Receive Tee signage (name and logo) and all printed material as Gold Sponsorship at the event
- SILVER** DONATION OF \$250
Receive Tee signage (name and logo) and all printed material as Silver Sponsorship at the event
- BRONZE** DONATION OF \$100
Recognition in event program as Bronze Sponsorship
- OTHER** MONETARY DONATIONS or GIFT DONATIONS or GIFT CERTIFICATES
Recognition in event program

Your donation will be **tax deductible**. Please check with your tax advisor for further clarification

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Make checks payable to: Orchard Hill Christian Preschool and Child Care Center (OHCPCC)
1465 - 3 Mile Rd NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Gray at the Center at (616-784-4061)
jenniferg@orchardhill.org

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\$85.00 per person includes:

- Shotgun starts at 9:00 am
- Four person scramble
- 50/50 Raffle
- Cart and 18 holes of golf
- Lunch after golf
- Coffee and donuts before tee off
- Goody bag and drink coupons for all golfers
- Several hole in one contests sponsored by The Meadows Golf Course
- Golf contests and prizes

In the event of rain, lunch and door prize giveaways will be held in the clubhouse.

Orchard Hill Christian Preschool and Child Care Center
Chip'in For Children Golf Outing Registration Form
Saturday, June 4, 2016 – 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Name, Address, City, Phone and Email

Player #1: _____

Player #2: _____

Player #3: _____

Player #4: _____

Registration Form must be returned by May 27, 2016

Please register early – limited openings

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Grand Rapids, MI 49544

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Gray at the Learning Center (616/784-4061) or

jenniferg@orchardhill.org

Volunteers Needed!!!



Leaders and Helpers Needed in Classrooms for the Following!

- Acting and Improv Assistant
- Cake Decorating Assistant
- Irish Dancing Assistant
- Jewelry Making Assistant
- Magazine Art Assistant
- Card Making/Paper Crafts Assistant
- Movie Making Assistant
- Photography Assistant
- Vocal Music Assistant
- Cross Stitching Assistant
- Interpretive Dance Assistant
- Puppet Making Instructor
- Puppet Making Assistant
- Sculpture Assistant
- Small Group Leaders
- Small Group Helpers

Additional Volunteers Needed:

- Nurse
- Worship Team
(High School Instrumentalists & vocalists)
- Drama Team
- Greeter Team
- Nursery Team
- Registration Team
- Special Needs Team
- Tie-Dye Helpers (One day)
- Mob Art Helpers (One day)
- Snack Team
- Friday Lunch Team

Interested in volunteering?

Please call Allyssa at the office if you would like to volunteer! There are a lot of places to plug in so mark the date and pray about where you can serve the kids of our community. 784.4060 x221

Other questions or suggestions? Contact Wendy Huizinga : wendyh@orchardhill.org