

youth MINISTRY

High School

Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM

May 7– Last Day of Youth Group!

Join us as we remember the great memories and all the powerful things God has done in our lives this year. We will also say goodbye to our awesome group of seniors!

Middle School

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

May 10- Last Day of Youth Group!

Join us as we look back on the 2016-2017 school year and celebrate what God has done in our lives! We will also say goodbye to our loved group of 8th graders!

SPRING PICNIC AND AUCTION: Join us on Sunday, May 7 immediately following the service for our 6th annual Spring Picnic and Auction! All proceeds from the lunch and auction go towards our youth summer trips! If you would like to donate any items or services to be auctioned off, please let Greg 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!!

Spring Picnic

and

Auction!

HOUSE CHURCH : Every other Monday night our high school youth group will be gathering at the Buck's home for a time of worship and Bible Study. We aren't going to be satisfied just knowing who Jesus is; we are going to push one another to live like Jesus did! For the Buck's address and dates of our meetings, please email Greg at gregs@orchardhill.org.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Pictured on the left are a crazy group of middle school boys who just slammed a 52 oz Slurpee in a matter of minutes during our All Nighter. Chugging a slurpee was just one of many stops and challenges during the evenings city wide amazing race! We had a good time, they survived their brain freezes, and only got kicked out of one store!

To receive more info about anything happening with the 6th-12th graders please contact Greg Salmon at gregs@orchardhill.org ~ 616.784.4060 ext. 227.



SMALL groups

This year at Orchard Hill we began an intentional process of shifting the nature and focus of our small groups. We believe that as we move forward and grow as a church, our small groups must be the place where discipleship and mission are nurtured. This is a shift in thinking as historically small groups have

been seen primarily as a place for learning and connections. Traditionally, the pattern for most groups is to gather once a month, eat a snack, watch a video, talk about the content, share a few needs, and have someone close with prayer. While all of that is good to engage in, we believe we have a deeper purpose that should pull us together in groups. That purpose is to encourage and hold one another accountable in our walk of faith (discipleship) as well as serve alongside each other in bringing the Good News to our neighborhood and community (mission).

The bottom line is that we are slowly raising the bar for the commitment to and outcomes of our small groups. But we think this a bar worth raising as we call people into community to live out a greater commitment to Christ. After all, this is not a game that we're playing. This is not just a hobby that you have. Christianity demands all of your life. Christian discipleship does mean surrendering your life and ordering your life differently than the world. Currently much of what we do in the church actually caters to consumerism rather than challenges Christians to be self-feeders of God's word, self-leaders in discipleship, and self-multipliers in making and multiplying disciples. So, we are striving to create a structure that will halt the consumerism and help people live out the call placed on our lives. Typically, traditional small groups more often than not are centered on meeting a particular need which just caters to our consumerism. Our time in our group never challenges people to obey in a different fashion. Instead, they often just create and perpetuate consumerism: whether it's a specific Bible study, a community of people that are like you, or a particular need that you have to fill. Our goal is to challenge people to self-lead, self-feed, and self-multiply.

The goal we set for this past year was to have each of our groups identify a collective mission that they could move forward together. The good news is that most groups were receptive to this vision and we now see a host of Orchard Hill people being the hands and feet of Jesus in a variety of ways from supporting struggling single moms to feeding those who are under resourced. As we continue to serve in this way we bring a Christ-like presence into our world transforming it to look more like the Kingdom of God. We have also started gathering all of our group leaders together on a quarterly basis to encourage, equip, and provide our leaders with the resources to help us live into this new direction we are moving. The meetings we have had together have been rich and rewarding times and we look forward to these leaders raising the bar of discipleship and mission in their small groups.

If you are connected in a small group, we want to encourage you to consider how you can prioritize and make room to do life in a greater capacity alongside and with your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are not yet connected, stop by the Connection Corner in the lobby or email Pastor Laura at laurac@orchardhill.org and we will be sure to find a place for you to belong, serve, and grow!

- Bob Karel, Head Pastor



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Guatemala Fundraiser/ Blood Drive

On **May 25, from 2:00-7:00 PM**, Orchard Hill Church will host a blood drive in the lobby for Michigan Blood that will also serve as fundraiser for the Guatemala Mission Team. If we reach our goal of 50 successful donors, **we could get up to \$10 for each person who attempts to donate!** Invite your friends and family to come out to OHC for this opportunity! Sign up in the Connection Corner or by emailing laurac@orchardhill.org. The mission team thanks you for your support!



Softball Concession Volunteers

This May-August OHC will offer hospitality to the softball teams that use our fields! All of the proceeds made at the concessions stand will go towards funding our 2017 Guatemala Mission Team. Able to serve as an occasional sub? Email Barb Valente to get on the schedule at barbara41valente@gmail.com.

Guatemala Mission Team 2017

Orchard Hill Church believes God calls us to mission right here in our own city, but we are also called to bring the good news to every tribe, tongue, and nation! For this reason, we will continue our long-term partnership with Orphan's Heart International in San Juan Sacatepéquez, Guatemala! We will be taking a team to work in the children's malnutrition center there this fall, on October 7-13. Prayerfully consider joining our team as we share God's love with those in need around the world and are impacted by the new experiences we are blessed to share with the generous people of Guatemala! **Contact Pastor Laura at laurac@orchardhill.org to sign up or get more information.**



THANK YOU

Easter Eggstravaganza

Our 4th annual community Easter Eggstravaganza was a big hit! We had 100 OHC volunteers and hundreds of participants attend! Thank you to all who helped to make this outreach event possible, as we were able to share the good news of Easter day with the neighborhood! Praise God for His faithfulness, yet again!



To sign up or get more information contact Pastor Laura Claus at laurac@orchardhill.org

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
TAEKWONDO | GUITAR
TIE-DYE | MOB ART | MORE!

June 19-23, 2017
9 a.m. to Noon
Orchard Hill Church
1465 Three Mile Rd NW GR

ALL KIDS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN - ENTERING 6TH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! REGISTER TODAY: LIMITED SPACE!

ARTS CAMP POSITIONS LEFT TO FILL!

ELECTIVE CLASSES!

- Irish Dancing Assistant
- Jewels N' Things Assistant
- Percussion Assistant
- Photography Assistant
- Recycled Art Assistant
- Sculpture Assistant
- Word Art Assistant

HOSPITALITY!

- Check In/Out Leader
- Greeter Team
- Parking Lot Greeter
- Registration Team
- Special Needs Team
- Snack Team
- Friday Lunch Team

SMALL GROUPS!

- 4 - K-1st & 2nd Boot Camp
Small Group Leaders
- 1 - K-1st Boot Camp
Free Art Teacher
- 16 - 2nd-6th Small Group
Leaders

OPENING WORSHIP!

- Lighting Tech
- Vocalists
- Band

Interested In Volunteering?

Please go to the Orchard Hill Website and click on Signup.com. There are lots of places to plug in and positions will fill fast so mark the date and pray about where you can serve the kids of our community.

Other Questions/Suggestions? Contact Wendy Huizinga : wendyh@orchardhill.org



LIL' WORSHIPPERS!

Mother's Day Performance! May 14

Lil' Worshippers is a dance class designed for young girls ages 5-10 years old to learn to use their bodies to point others to God in worship.

Rehearsals

Saturdays-May 6 & 13 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

NEW WORSHIP SONGS!

O Come To The Altar	Elevation Worship
Resurrecting	Elevation Worship
Clean	Natalie Grant
Death Was Arrested	North Point ISO

Orchard Hill Christian Preschool and Child Care Center News



We are in our final month of preschool for the 2016-17 school year. It has been an amazing year with the most families we have ever had through the center for all of our programs. My staff and I have fostered relationships with hundreds of children this school year and came away with many awesome memories, lots of smiles, laughs and hugs, and a lasting feeling of being blessed by these little ones. We are looking forward to the summer program as well as our 37th year of preschool beginning in September. The school-age group has been on an incredible journey this school year leading up to an amazing ending. Miss Morgan Tidey and her staff have been preparing the children all year long for their walk with Jesus. This culminated recently with the children being given the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their savior. Through a vivid illustration of sin in their lives and how Jesus forgives all of our sins the staff saw every single child claim Jesus Christ as their savior! Praise God! Check out the pictures to witness this process of the children acknowledging their sin and claiming Jesus Christ as their savior.

- Jennifer Gray, Center Director



We need to keep our church grounds looking fantastic! Our spring clean is Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 AM. Come prepared to work on the ball fields, the playground, the front lawn, and everywhere else!

Power Hour 2017- May 25 (Note Date Change)

Potluck w/ worship starting at 10:30 AM

Missional Living—“Bringing Hope to Inmates” presented by Rev. Vern Hoffman and friends

Bring either a salad or dessert (main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided).

**14th Annual Chip'in For Children Golf Outing
at The Meadows Golf Course
Grand Valley State University
Friday, July 21, 2017**



**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 2017. 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 14 years we have raised over \$60,000 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.

Caring tip

**From your Stephen
Ministry Team**

**Caring for People...Caring for Self
Lament**

What is lament? We sure don't use this term very much in the church or in society today, but lament is the simple act of praying our grief to God. Yes, God wants to hear our grief as well as our joy. We find lament in many of the Psalms like, 8,16,40 and 84. We find lament in the book of Job and 1 Samuel. Lament is a sharing of our feelings, grief, anger, and questions that we may have with the Almighty.

You know all those questions we have of how long, and why, and where are you God? God wants to hear and God wants to answer. God doesn't say "Get over it" to the problem or issue. He says "Give it to me". In difficult times we have a choice to make; we can choose to lament in God's direction, or turn away from Him. He wants us in relationship to share all that we are. Lament is an offering that we give to God just as joy, praise, and adoration are also offerings.

Jesus lamented before the Father. Remember the garden when Jesus cried out for the Father to take the burden from him? Remember the cross as Jesus cried out in thirst and pain? Remember Jesus as he cried for the death of his friend Lazarus? Jesus knew lament and shared the pain and grief with the Father, because they were in relationship together. We too because of our relationship through Christ can share our grief and our pain with the Father, calling out to him our questions, our sorrows, and our pain. Rediscover the art of lament. Rediscover a deeper relationship with God!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy at
kathyb@orchardhill.org.

The 66th Annual National Observance
May 4, 2017

**FOR YOUR
GREAT
NAME'S SAKE!**
HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!

**National Day of Prayer is Thursday,
May 4! Here are a few ways you can
participate.**

At Orchard Hill - Walk the Labyrinth or
visit the Prayer Room

Walker Community Prayer Event - Noon
in the Walker City Commission
Chambers, 4243 Remembrance Road,
Walker. Area ministers and local
business people will be on hand to pray
for the government, schools, media, and
other organizations.

Grand Rapids Prayer Event – An
event at 7:00 PM in downtown Grand
Rapids at Rosa Parks Circle.
During the hour-long service we will pray
through the seven mountains of cultural
influence: business, government, media,
arts and entertainment, education,
religion, and family.

**Party Popper Sunday
July 16**

Thinking of making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ or transferring your membership to
Orchard Hill or having your child baptized?

July 16 is the next Party Popper Sunday!

For Baptism: Contact Pastor Kathy at kathyb@orchardhill.org

Membership class: July 6 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Shepherding Team meeting: Monday July 10 at 7:00 PM to hear requests

Any questions contact Pastor Kathy at kathyb@orchardhill.org