

youth MINISTRY

High School

June 5 – House Church! Join us from 7-9 PM at the Buck's home for an evening of great food, fellowship, worship, and study!

June 19 – Pool Party! 6-9 PM. At the Bauer's home.

(Contact Greg if you need their address)

Middle School

June 7– House Church- This summer we will be spending our time diving deeper into God's word!

June 19 – Pool Party! 6-9 PM. At the Bauer's home.

(Contact Greg if you need their address)

Moment of the Year

This year one of the best (non spiritual) moments of the year would have to go to Taco Bell Night! Our middle and high school youth groups enjoyed the best fast food on earth, played 'Kobe that Taco', and even played a round of dodgeball with Beefy 5 Layers. We definitely "Lived Mas" this year!



BYE FELICIA!

Pictured on the left is our incredible group of seniors who graduated this year from our high school youth group! Pictured from left to right is Sydnee Crow, Josh Kunst, Olivia King, Jared Feyer, Brian Henderson, Brennan Huizinga, Jessie Kunst, and Kyleigh Perski. These seniors will definitely be missed but we wish them the best as they transition to the next stage of life!



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.



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
(Ephesians 2:10)

As we are putting this newsletter together, we are in the season of seeking a new slate of candidates to serve on the Governing Board and Shepherding Team here at Orchard Hill Church. This is also a time where all of our ministry areas are assessing the needs they have for people to serve whether that is in the children's ministry, on the frontlines at the Connection Corner, as a small group leader, or a host of other positions. All of this consideration points us in one direction—towards you. You are the church! *Who me?* Yes, you! The church is the people, not a place we go. So our thoughts are looking across the landscape of the people who comprise Orchard Hill Church and we are asking

ourselves if YOU might be a potential candidate to serve in a specific ministry. *Who me?* Yes, you. *I don't have time.. I don't know what I would do. I don't have any special skills to contribute. They don't need me.* We make all sorts of rational explanations for not serving. But we must remember the "why" behind the serving that applies to all Christians. "Why" do we place serving God as a priority in our life? It is done simply out of gratitude and in response to what God has done in our lives. We are the recipients of His amazing Grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God gave His all for us, and now we return our all to Him. Paul says in Romans 11 that *everything is lived for the glory of God*. Are you giving God glory by building His church and extending His kingdom here on earth?

Serving the church is for you! In fact, God has already equipped you with one or more gifts to serve the church. We read in Ephesians 2:10 that *you are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*. When you use the gifts that God has given you, to do the good work God has prepared for you...*who me?*...yes, you!...you find yourself in a position of living a life that brings glory to God.

So, in what ways are you helping to grow Orchard Hill Church through your service? Maybe it is time to reevaluate some of your priorities so that serving the church and being a part of God's Kingdom work can be at the top of your priority list.

Blessings! Pastor Bob



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Guatemala Fundraiser/ Blood Drive

On August 29 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 a 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!



Small Groups and Individuals on Mission

Over the course of the last year, Orchard Hill has encouraged its small groups to serve together on mission. Each group was asked to find a cause, a people, or a need to pour into with their small group. Here are some of the mission organizations and projects that small groups and other individuals at Orchard Hill, have been pouring God's love into over the last year or more:

- The Other Way Ministries
- Safe Families For Children

Teaching English as a Second Language to Albanian Immigrants

- Prison Ministry
- Degage Ministries
- Grace's Table

- Streetlight Ministries
- Freedom in Motion
- Kids' Food Basket

Making Meals for Families in Need

- Sole Hope
- Packing and Moving
- Building Projects

- Easter Meal Baskets
- Winter Boot Drive
- Praying for the Lost

Pregnancy Resource Center

- 40 Days for Life
- Kids' Hope

- Mel Trotter Ministries
- Volunteers In Service

...And More!



Thank you to all who followed God's call to live missionally in one of these areas, or in other areas of influence in your own life! It takes the whole church working in the power of the Holy Spirit to live fully into what God has called us to do! *As we approach summer, stay committed to God's call to be a people who bring light to this dark world. Whether you are volunteering, at work, at the cottage, or right in your own neighborhood, be light to those God puts on your path!*

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

ARTS CAMP POSITIONS LEFT TO FILL!

ELECTIVE CLASSES!

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

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
- K-1st & 2nd-6th Helpers

HOSPITALITY!

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

OPENING WORSHIP!

- Lighting Tech
- Vocalists
- Band
- Drama Team



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

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?

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

UPDATE!

Beverly Buikema
4290 Indian Spring Dr SW
Grandville, MI 49418

Thank you for all the prayers, kind words, and cards people have sent me. I have truly appreciated everything during this difficult time of losing my wife. Again, a big thank you for everything.

John VanEss

THANK YOU!

Both Tami and I wish to thank you for the prayers and support that the congregation has shown. The many cards from you and the current and former members have been very uplifting and encouraging. It is very evident that the former members have stayed in tune to the happenings of our current church.

Joe Mitchell



Name: Olivia Gingrich
Parents: Brett and Jessica Gingrich
School: Calvin Christian High School
Future plans: Attend Grand Valley State University- Biomedical Science program
Interests: Traveling
Favorite memory of High School: Friendships made and camps we've gone to.
Moment when I've felt Jesus with me: Mission trip to Kenya- Through the children in Africa and all the places we went there and the things we saw
A person who has impacted me: Anyone who had impacted my walk in faith and showed me what it truly means to love God and others (can't pick one person).
Quote or advice: Shoot to love God and help others always & John 13:7.



Name: Kelsey Heitzman
Parents: Daniel and Rhonda Heitzman
School: Calvin Christian High School
Future plans: Attending Bethel College in Indiana to pole vault and pursue a career in nursing.
Interests: Swimming, pole vaulting, baking, and spending time with friends and family.
Moment when I've felt Jesus with me: When I broke my hip, I felt Jesus' presence with me, guiding me in the midst of a difficult situation.
Quote or advice: Don't take any opportunity for granted because each day is a gift from God.



Name: Jessie Kunst
Parents: Craig and Shelly Kunst
School: Kenowa Hills High School
Future plans: Attending Grand Valley and pursuing a career in occupational therapy.
Interests: Basketball, hanging out with friends, books, and movies
Moment when I've felt Jesus with me: When I devoted my life to Him on a mission trip.
A person who has impacted me: Lindsey Deyoung

COLLEGE GRADUATES



REBEKAH KAREL
GVSU Graduate School of Social Work

Future plans: I will be traveling to Guatemala for 5 weeks with Orphan's Heart this summer to serve as an intern at the malnutrition center. I am excited to utilize some of my social work skills in an international setting and am looking forward to where God leads me in my future. I am passionate about mental health and hope to continue practicing as a therapist.

Advice for HS Seniors: Be willing to wholeheartedly follow God's voice as you make decisions. Sometimes listening to God may take you places you did not originally think was in your "plan", but God's ways are always better. Also, be open to listening to Godly wisdom from the people in your life. Sometimes they know you even better than you know yourself.

Preschool and Child Care Center News



We are so proud that we have been voted one of the top FIVE Preschool and Child Care Center's in the Grand Rapids area by GRKids.com and its "Grandtastic Awards". Of those top five centers we were the top independent and most importantly – Christian center in the Grand Rapids area!! Thank you to all of our families for their vote of confidence. Our staff feel so blessed to be serving the North West community for over 36 years!! Check out all of the "Grandtastic Awards" at <https://grkids.com/best-places-play-visit-eat-grand-rapids>.

Our families enjoyed a wonderful night at the Grand Rapids Art Museum on April 27. We had over 200 families attend our "Every Child is an Artist" event that evening. Every child in the center had at least one work of art on display with over 300 pieces exhibited total! Check out the pictures of our talented artists!

Don't forget to sign up for our 14th Annual Chip'in for Children Golf Event! This year we will be at the GVSU Meadows Golf Course on Friday, July 21 beginning at 1:00 PM. There are still sponsorship and scramble team spots available for this great day of fun and fellowship all to benefit this vital ministry "On the Hill". Check this month's newsletter for more information! - Jennifer Gray, Center Director



GRAM Studio

LOOK. DISCOVER. CREATE.
 DROP-IN: Family Saturdays
 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM

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.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Name: Jared Feyer
Parents: Rudy and Mary Feyer
School: Grand Rapids Christian High School
Future plans: I will be attending Calvin College and studying business with a concentration in finance, and will also be minoring in accounting
Interests: Being outside, hammocking, cooking/baking, gardening, camping with friends.
Favorite memory of High School: Would have to be the summer mission trips every year at church.

Moment when I've felt Jesus with me: I felt Jesus with me during the winter of Junior year, after grieving the sudden passing of my best friend. Without Him I don't know where I would be today.

A person who has impacted me: Greg Salmon has impacted me greatly through my high school years. He has shown me how to live like Jesus, and has been there for me during the good, the bad, and the really bad over the last 4 years. He has influenced me in so many ways, and I can't thank him enough for it!

Quote or advice: When life hits you hard, don't walk it alone, find someone to help you though it! Never be ashamed to say you can't do this on you own.



Name: Brennan Huizinga
Parents: Mark and Wendy Huizinga
School: Hudsonville High School
Future Plans: I plan to learn and pursue a career in filmmaking. I am starting out at Grand Valley in the fall.
Interests: Filmmaking, music, and theatre
Favorite memory of High School: The musicals and plays I was a part of.
Moment when I've felt Jesus with me: My time spent at Camp Geneva as a counselor in training.
A person who has impacted me: My dad, for the things he's taught me and his endless encouragement and love.
Quote or advice: "Here's to the fools who dream foolish as they may seem".
 -Emma Stone in *LaLa Land*



Name: Erin Lough
Parents: Rob and Julie Lough
School: Grand Rapids Christian High School
Future Plans: I will attend GRCC for two years and then transfer to Kendall, possibly looking at majoring in digital media design.
Interests: Swing dancing, music and art of almost any kind.
Favorite memory of High School: It would have probably been Homecoming junior year. Not even seeing the pictures could truly describe the experience...then again, there were no pictures taken of all

the landscaping we probably ruined. My friend figured a random bush would be an amazing bed or resting spot and just launched himself and his pristine suit into the nearest shrub. Let's just say neither the shrub nor he came out unscathed.

Moment when I've felt Jesus with me: After the death of a fellow student in my school, we all came together in community to pray and comfort one another in Jesus Christ. Although the next months would be difficult, the community and fellowship was stronger than it had been before. It was in that time that, not only could I feel Jesus with me, but with the rest of the student body as well.

A person who has impacted me: I would have to say one of my good friends, Anna. We have about 5% of the same opinions and beliefs. This really opened the door for me to experience new worldviews and exploring other beliefs. I can proudly say that we spend the last four hours of my senior year zip tied together, and we got along just fine.

Quote or advice: I would say to always pray and enjoy the good parts of high school rather than dwelling on the bad.