

Ministry Highlights

December, 2020

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

RECEIVE THE KING

Join us on Thursday, December 24 for two very special services at 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through beautiful music, drama and God's amazing Word. It will be a great way to end a year of uncertainty as we fix our eyes on THE KING! Two services will allow for reduced capacity and social distancing. Please follow the safety protocols at this service as well.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

WE NEED YOU! Orchard Hill is partnering with local families in need to provide Christmas presents for their children. Share God's love with these families in these ways:

1. Take a child's tag off the tree in the West entry (or email Pastor Laura to receive a tag digitally) and return their gifts by **Sunday, December 13.**
2. Take a gift card tag off the tree in the West entry, purchase and return that gift card to the front office by **Sunday, December 13.** These will go to the families, in lieu of our usual Christmas outreach dinner.
3. Volunteer to help load gifts for parents or give them their Christmas kits (designed to help families celebrate Jesus) and pray for them (December 15 & 16). Email Pastor Laura to sign up!

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BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Service of Remembrance and Hope

Struggling this holiday season? Missing a loved one? Join us any time online for the Blue Christmas service, starting December 15th. Go to www.orchardhill.org and click on the Blue Christmas tab.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

2020 has been a very difficult year for so many. We invite you to end this year, not in sadness, but in celebration of the hope of Christmas: Jesus, The King! Come experience the gift of God's Son, Jesus, and the peace, love, and joy He brings to our lives when we Receive Him as our King!

December 6: *The King of Peace*

December 13: *The King of Joy*

December 20: *The King of Love*

December 24: *The King is Here!*

Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

December 27— NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

This service will be offered online only as we make some space between Christmas gatherings and our next in-person service.



CHRISTMAS INVITES

Grab some invitations from the entry ways. Use these as conversation starters to share the good news and invite others to celebrate Christmas with you at Orchard Hill!

COVID PROTOCOLS

We want to remind everyone that our services are open for people to attend as we adhere to some safety protocols.

- **MASKS** are required for Moving & Music. Masks may be removed when seated AND not talking. When singing together or engaging in conversation, please wear a mask.
- **THE MASK ZONE** seating area requires masks to be worn at all times. This area is the clearly marked section located to the East side of the sanctuary.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** should be maintained.
- Please **DO NOT LINGER IN THE LOBBY** before or after worship, engaging one another in small groups of conversation.

GENEROSITY/FINANCES

As we navigate through this season of COVID-19, unfortunately we are continuing to see a drop off in general fund giving. We have been especially hit hard the last 2 weeks with no in-person worship. Through the first 22 weeks of this budget year we are \$10,665, or \$485/week, behind budget (-4%). The weeks prior to COVID-19 we had an average of 89 giving units contributing to our finances, while in the weeks following COVID-19 we have only averaged 65 giving units.

We want to encourage everyone to faithfully support the ministry and work of your church family. The ministry of Orchard Hill has not lessened any because of the Corona Virus. If anything, it has created more opportunities and need for ministry as we strive to serve those hit hardest by this pandemic.

Please, continue to give faithfully to Orchard Hill Church. The best way to ensure this happens on a regular basis is to visit the Orchard Hill website, follow the "giving" tab, and sign-up to give online.

KIDS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS VIDEO

We are making a kid's Christmas video this year, instead of doing the regular kid's Christmas program. This will be a video of the kids telling the Christmas story in their own words. Please contact Ms. Miranda for details!

KIDS MINISTRY FACEBOOK

We have a Facebook group for families with kids ages newborn - 5th grade, called "Orchard Hill Kids Ministry." Find it at: facebook.com/groups/ohckidsmin. This group have resources for you to disciple your children and, in the near future, will have the live stream of the Sunday kid's service for families worshipping at home.

ICCF BUILD

This month, the Orchard Hill team will have finished our work on the home we committed to renovating for a family in need this fall! Thank you so much to everyone who served in the name of Jesus in this way. A special shout out to our leaders who helped make all of this possible! Praise the Lord and well done! Check out the Orchard Hill Church Fellowship page on facebook to see the updates and progress on this home.

SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

In 2020, we have all experienced what it is like to be shut in and not able to see those we love. This is normal life for some of our elderly members. Each year we send out Christmas Cards to our shut-ins to help brighten their Christmas. This is a great ministry for families to do together. Address labels can be picked up in the Connection Corner. Bring back your written Christmas cards by December 13. They will be sorted, packaged and mailed to each of our shut-ins.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Jack and Kristi Vandebroek for building the Christmas backdrop in the sanctuary and to all those who came and helped make the church beautiful for the Christmas season!

- Orchard Hill Staff

We want to thank everyone for the many prayers for us while we were ill with COVID-19. We are so very thankful to God for sparing us from some of the more serious symptoms associated with this illness. Please join us in praying for those suffering from COVID-19, and for their complete healing.

- Pastor Bob & Amy Karel