

January, 2022

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

Ministry Highlights

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JACOB'S JOURNEY: UPDATE AND HOUSE WARMING REGISTRY

Jacob Manyong is a long-time member of Orchard Hill Church who came to the United States as one of the "Lost Boys" from war-torn Sudan. Orchard Hill is walking with Jacob to help bring his wife and two children here from Africa and prepare a home for them that he has been approved to buy. As work is getting close to being complete on the home, we want to help to fill it!

A "House Warming" registry has been made for Jacob's family and you can participate in the following ways:

- Find Jacob's registry at <https://www.myregistry.com> and search Jacob Manyong. Purchase an item or two for the family- feel free to do this as an individual or get a few families/individuals together to purchase one of the larger items.
- Donate gently used furniture. Currently Jacob needs: A twin size bed including mattress and box spring, 3-4 clothes dressers, 3-4 bedside tables, a TV stand and TV, a couch, a living room chair, 2 living room lamps, and a toy box. If you have furniture to donate, please text a picture of the furniture to Kathy Bartels at 616.566.0814. Jacob's house is small so not all furniture will fit. **Please do not bring furniture to the church.**

Thank you for supporting Jacob and his family! Please pray for the family to have a smooth and swift process of being relocated to the USA!

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GROUP UP!

January is GROUP UP month! Check out the table in the lobby, or www.orchardhill.org/groups, to find a group to join this new year! God made us for community- don't miss this chance to grow in your relationship with God and His people at Orchard Hill!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP-10:00 AM

We will begin the New Year with a look at the story of Zacchaeus, considering what our Zacchaeus moment might look like for the year ahead. We will also be celebrating Communion. On January 9 we will begin a three-week series entitled, *Seeking God*. This series will help each of us discover how to follow God's will in our everyday life.

January 2: Communion
January 9: A God-Centered Life
January 16: A God-Tuned Ear
January 23: A God-Honoring Response
January 30: New series beginning

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you are new to Orchard Hill and are considering joining our church family, please plan on attending the "Orchard Hill Overview Session" on Sunday, January 16 following the morning service at 11:15 AM in the Man Cave.

This session will be lead by Pastor Bob where he will share about the uniqueness, vision, and mission of Orchard Hill Church and what the value of and next steps are for becoming a member of Orchard Hill.

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PARTY POPPER SUNDAY

Our next "Party Popper Sunday," where we celebrate new life in Jesus, is scheduled for February 20. If you are interested in infant baptism, making your profession of faith in Jesus or transferring your membership to OHC, sign up on the connection card and place it in one of the giving boxes on the sanctuary doors.

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WOMEN OF THE HILL

Save the date of Tuesday, January 11 to gather with other women from Orchard Hill in Studio 1 (lower level) at 7:00 PM! This night will be a fun night playing BUNCO and interacting together. All women ages 18+ are welcome to attend. Wear your Ugly Sweater- there is a prize if you participate! Sign up on the connection card.

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WORSHIP CHOIR

If you love to sing, join the Worship Choir on Sunday, January 16, rehearsing on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Help save local lives and love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 11, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM in the Orchard Hill lobby. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/138069.

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KIDS HOPE MENTORS NEEDED

Step up to meet with one student needing extra support, one hour a week at Central or cover a mentor and student in prayer! The need for mentors is crucial—**at present we need 3 mentors and 3 prayer partners!** We would love to have mentors available to these waiting children for the new school semester. Sign up on the connection card.

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PROPERTY PRAYERS

As Orchard Hill considers the best way to steward the property God has entrusted to us, will you commit time to seeking God during this season of discernment? It seems that two options are before us:

- 1) Sell a portion of the property and use the funds to resource ongoing ministry and needs, as well as support mission efforts moving forward.
- 2) Maintain the property and use the land as a resource for ministry and community development through partnerships.

Will you simply lay these options before God as we discern His leading in this regard?

A time of community prayer around this issue will take place on Sunday, January 23 at 11:15 AM following the morning service.

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THANK YOU

Orchard Hill family, thank you to everyone who helped decorate, set-up, serve during the Magic Christmas Bus, buy gifts for our community in need, and all of the many other ways you have stepped up to make this Christmas season a blessing to so many!

Thank you to all who sent cards to our shut-ins. They so enjoyed and appreciated them all.

Happy
new year!
