

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

June, 2022

Ministry Highlights

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SUMMER DINNERS FOR 8

Friendships are formed around food. That's why we are kicking off the summer with Dinners for 8! It's an opportunity for groups of eight people from Orchard Hill to connect in a casual, relaxed atmosphere around dinner. And, when you come to Orchard Hill on Sunday morning, you'll have a few more people whose faces light up when they see you! For more information, to sign up to participate, or to host a dinner at your house, go to: <https://orchardhill.org/dinners-for-8/> or visit the Ministry Highlights table in the lobby. Deadline to sign up is June 6.

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SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

This summer we are going to take on a 90-day challenge to read through the Gospels! This is a great opportunity to dig into the word and enjoy community at OHC, as the challenge will have 4 optional gatherings to discuss our learnings together. The challenge kickoff gathering is planned for Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 PM. Stop by the Ministry Highlights table to sign up and get more information.

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MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in joining Orchard Hill Church, the process begins with a short class that is being offered on Sunday, June 12 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is an option if needed. Sign up on the connection card by Sunday, June 5.

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LIGHT UP EAST INDIA 5K THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who prayed for, donated toward, or ran/walked the Light Up East India 5K at OHC last weekend! We had about 65 people enter the race and even more who donated. With the funds given, an entire Year-Long Children's Bible Club project (meaning 5 clubs in a region for a total of 200 children) is being launched! Praise God and thank you, OHC! Please grab a prayer card from the Connection Corner and spend the next year praying for this project's Bible Club leaders.

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YOUTH SPRING PICNIC AND AUCTION THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for supporting our youth at the Spring Picnic and Auction! The youth group was able to raise over \$15,000 towards their trips in July! Thank you for supporting the youth of our church as they continue to mature in their faith!

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ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL 2022

JUNE 20- 24 • 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Our church will be filled with close to 300 campers and 80 volunteers. It is going to be an incredible week of sharing God's love in fun and creative ways! If you would still like to serve, send an email to

artscamp@orchardhill.org and our Volunteer Coordinator, Beth DeWaal, will plug you in!
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SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

The Middle School and High School youth groups will meet together on Tuesdays in June from 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM in the Youth Area downstairs. On June 26, we will have a pool party at the home of Roger and Mari Banaszak.

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SAVE THE DATE: JULY OUTREACH

Don't miss our ice cream and prayer outreach, taking place on Saturday, July 16 at the motel on the corner of 3 Mile and Alpine, 12:00 PM– 2:00 PM. We will simply head down to the motel and pass out ice cream as we pray for those in need of encouragement. We have had some sweet opportunities to minister to others in this way in the past, so don't miss out! Sign up on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.

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OHC PROPERTY UPDATE

We as the OHC Governing Board want to thank you for your support, consideration, conversations, and prayers regarding our time of discernment over the usage of our church property. As we have come to the end of this reflection time, one thing that has become evident is that everyone desires to see that the property is used well for the Kingdom of God. Our collective hopes and desires have leaned into the parable of the Good Stewards and expressed a firm conviction that we cannot sit by and leave our land vacant for another thirty years. We all desire to see it used to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

What this usage looks like is yet to be determined. We think the best next step forward is to engage with a planner to establish the broad stroke parameters of what areas of land can be developed, what type of developments are possible on the land, and what developments the City of Walker would support. Having a clear picture of what is possible on the site will help formulate possible directions.

At the same time, we believe it may make some sense to gather a group of ministries that have expressed some interest in possibly utilizing our land and discern if the collective efforts of this group have the resources to develop the land into a ministry hub. This type of collective project has been talked about numerous times and we believe we should put some effort in to see if this direction could be a reality.

If this effort fails to gain traction, then perhaps we can think about offering our land for sale to a ministry that we endorse and would like to be invested with on the land. At the very end, if all else fails, at any time we can work with a commercial realtor to market our land and sell it out right and then use those funds to support and develop a variety of ministries.

We believe time is on our side. We do not have to make a hasty, rash, or ill-informed decision. With the Get 'er Done Campaign entering the final stages and a relatively healthy bottom line we do not need to react to financial pressures to make an urgent sale happen. As you can tell from this writing there is still a lot to discern and figure out, but that is where God comes in. This is His land and we are offering it for His work; therefore we are confident God will make a way for a vibrant and robust ministry to occur off of Bristol Ave. As stated, that ministry will not come to light if we continue to do nothing. As faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us we are committed to taking thoughtful steps so that this 46 acres of land will shine even brighter as a light on the hill!

ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

We were able to celebrate our wonderful year by hosting our Preschool Program last week! The children performed songs, prayers, Bible memory verses, and the most precious smiles for their parents! The children have grown so much, built strong relationships, and are ready for a new beginning! May they know that God has a special plan for each of them, that He wants to be their friend forever, and that God made them and loves them so much. Please keep our teachers, students and families in your prayers!

"God has more in store for you than you can even imagine."

- Ephesians 3:20

