# CARE

### **NEED PRAYER?**

We would love to pray for you! Please come forward after the service if you are in need of prayer.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you would like prayer, or are in need of pastoral care, contact the church office.

# pastoralcare@orchardhill.org

Have an after-hours emergency? Contact the Pastoral Care Team at the 24-hour emergency number.

Pastoral Care Emergency Number: 616.649.2840

### COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help! cccoffice@cccounseling.net or 616.296.2130

### SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send Christmas Cards to our shut-ins to help brighten their holiday season! This is a great ministry for families to do together. Pick up a list of our shut-ins in the Connection Corner and bring back your written cards by December 11 (place in the marked bins on the tables by the entry doors). Please note, you do not need to add postage.

maureenmdk@gmail.com

# **OUTREACH**

# **ALPHA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1. Volunteer your OHC group to prepare and serve one Tuesday night dinner on one of 10 Alpha weekly meetings. Kickoff is January 17, 2023.
- 2. Sign up to pray for OHC's Alpha to reach unchurched individuals or couples. Pray for our Alpha team as we develop, organize and plan. Pray God places someone on your heart to invite.
- 3. Invite someone to Alpha and join them! Check out the Alpha video on our website by following this link: Alpha - Orchard Hill Church. Sign up at the Sign Up Post if interested.

iulie@rationalorder.com

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Do you know a family in need who would be blessed to receive a food baa? Come up front after the service to get a baa and bring it to them in the name of Jesus! meg.feyer@gmail.com

#### LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH

This Christmas season we will be celebrating an event on our new Lighted Christmas Path! (Behind the East Parking lot). The path will be lit up and our church family and community are invited to walk the path to GOD WITH US during the weekend of December 16,17,18, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM. There will be lights, hot chocolate, photos by the nativity, and Christmas Carolers as we celebrate Jesus! To get involved, sign up at the Ministry Table in the lobby!

We are looking for people to serve in the following capacities:

- ADOPT A TREE: Families or Small Groups decorate one of the path trees. The trees will be lit, you just have to decorate. You can pick a theme or just be creative!
- LIGHTING/DECORATING TEAM: We will need many hands to help light up the path
- GREETER TEAM: Sign up for one of the evenings and greet our quests who come to the event
- HOSPITALITY TEAM: Help serve hot chocolate and cookies one of the nights
- **DONATE COOKIES:** We need a lot of cookies for the event. Buy or bake 2 dozen cookies (have them to church by December 15)

wendyh@orchardhill.org

#### **HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**

If you are willing to hand out flyers to areas in our community about the Lighted Christmas Path, please stop in the office and pick up a packet to an assigned location.

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# **CONTACT US**



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# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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Sunday, November 20, 2022

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

# SERMON SERIES: WEIGHED DOWN

Today we continue our short series that uncovers some of the heaviest baggage that weighs us down and invites us to exchange it for the life Jesus offers. As we consider how we are weighed down by fear, envy, and anger God invites us to release the burdens and trust him to restore our brokenness and help us experience the freedom he offers. Pastor Grea brings us the message referencing our scripture from Colossians 3:1-14 which can be found on page 1834 in the pew Bible.

# **GENEROSITY**

Everything we have has been received as a gift from God's hand! Knowing that, how can we not be thankful? Take a moment now to consider all the ways God has blessed you. As you consider the Offering Bowl on the platform, what have you brought in return to express your gratitude to God. Please give generously either online through our website or in person at the sanctuary doors.

# GIVING TUESDAY – Support ministry and mission!

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. On Tuesday, November 29, we are inviting you to participate in this event as we strive to raise \$5,000 for the OHC "Bast Fund." The "Bast Fund" is used to provide financial support to those who are pursuing advanced ministry or mission. Presently OHC is helping five individuals pursue further ministry in the Kingdom of God. Go to <a href="https://orchardhill.org/give">https://orchardhill.org/give</a> on or before Tuesday, November 29 to make your contribution.

# SALVATION CANDLE

We light the Salvation Candle when someone has placed their faith in Christ! Have you shared the Good News with someone who received it? Let the staff know so we can light the candle and celebrate what God has done!

# CONNECT

# STUDENT AND YOUNG ADULTS

• Sunday: High School Youth Group at 6:00 PM

### **GROUPS**

Pick up our Group Up brochure in the Connection Corner to learn more about the groups that meet throughout the week, and to get connected!

All are invited to these community and discipleship groups!

# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP BOX STUFFING TODAY!

Following the service, we will be stuffing and wrapping Christmas Day Worship Boxes. It will be a fun time to hang out with the OHC family and get into the Christmas Spirit!

territ@orchardhill.org

### 20'S & 30'S COUPLES CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Join us for the next 20's and 30's engaged and married couples event on Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 PM! We will meet at Orchard Hill for a Christmas potluck dinner and games (including fowling and axe throwing)! Come dressed in your favorite festive wear! This will be a great time to get to know other couples at OHC as you connect with your spouse!

cmkunst6@yahoo.com

# **NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

Sunday, January 1, our service will be held in the Gathering Space at 11:00 AM. This will be an informal and community focused time together where we will enjoy brunch, worship God, and celebrate communion. If you would be willing to be a part of our kitchen crew that morning, sign up on the Sign Up Post.

bobk@orchardhill.org

# **ADOPT A TREE**

We still need 6 families or small groups to decorate a 6 foot pre-lit tree on our Christmas Path. Deadline to sign up is December 4. **wendyh@orchardhill.org** 

# ETC.

### THANKSGIVING EVE PIES

If you signed up to bring a pie(s), please have them to church before 6:00 PM.

territ@orchardhill.org

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Eve service will take place in the Gathering Space THIS Wednesday, November 23 at **6:30 PM.** We will gather together around tables for worship and a variety of pies! wendyh@orchardhill.org

### PIANO PLAYER NEEDED

The HillKids Christmas Choir is looking for someone to play piano for their performance on December 11. We have rehearsals on November 27, and December 4 after the service. The music is basic Christmas carols and relatively easy to play. Email Miranda if you would be interested in volunteering in this position. mirandah@orchardhill.org

#### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS OUTREACH

Orchard Hill is working with our local community and mission partners to provide Christmas presents for children whose parents are facing financial hardship. Share God's love with families in three ways:

- 1. Take a child's tag off the tree in the West entry, sign the tag out, and return the corresponding gifts by Sunday, December 11 (attach the tag number to the gifts).
- 2. Volunteer to help sort gifts as they come in or fill out tags for the children to hang on the trees.
- 3. Volunteer to meet with parents picking up gifts, give them their Christmas kits from OHC (designed to help families celebrate Jesus), and pray for them, on Wednesday, December 14, or Thursday, December 15, with time slots from 2:00 PM– 6:00 PM. Sign up on the connection card or the Sign Up Post.

If you are a family from OHC and you would be blessed by this extra support this Christmas, please let us know!

bethdewaal@yahoo.com

Orchard Hill Church exists to see hundreds of families and individuals in the surrounding neighborhoods become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

#### ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This Advent season, help your family to understand the birth of Christ as the climactic event of a much larger story- a story about God's mission to redeem sinful people for his glory.

Tracing Glory: The Christmas Story Through the Bible is a twenty-four day Advent devotional. It begins by looking back at the creation of the world in the book of Genesis and ends by looking forward to the new creation in the book of Revelation, tracing the glory of Jesus Christ from start to finish. It can be used with children and students of all ages. You can pick your book up at church on Sunday, November 27 or earlier by contacting Greg Salmon. Cost is \$10.

gregs@orchardhill.org

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Help get the church ready for the Christmas season! We will be decorating on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22! Please sign up at the Sign Up Post or email the church office if you are able to help anytime between 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Many hands make light work for all!

wendyh@orchardhill.org

### **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Blue Christmas recognizes that holidays, especially Christmas, do not feel the same when you are grieving a loss. This is a service where you can remember whom or what has been lost; a service to redeem the pain of that loss; and a service to bring light into the darkness of grief. Join us on December 4, at 6:00 PM, with an optional soup dinner at 5:15 PM.

If you know of someone who might benefit from this event, there are postcards and invitations on the table by the entrances to take and hand out.

phyllisr83@yahoo.com

# SPRING ADULT MISSION TRIP

Save the date for this year's Spring Adult Mission trip, April 23-29. We will be heading back to Madisonville, KY to help rebuild homes after an F4 tornado struck in December of 2021. Half of the homes in the area we will be serving were affected by the tornado, so the need is great! Sign up to help serve, whether skilled with building or a novice, and come and see how God moves in and through you as you do! This is open to any adult, ages 18+, from Orchard Hill and is a great opportunity to build deep relationships with others from OHC! Sign up on the Connection Card.

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