

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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Ministry Highlights

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NEW SERIES: VII - A Study of the Book of Revelation

This 8 week series explores the vision from Jesus given to John in the last book of the Bible. The book of Revelation is filled with details of this vision, but what does it all mean? Join us as we unpack this book and discover how this vision is actually a beacon of unshakable hope for believers today as we await Christ's return.

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HILLTOPPERS GATHERING

(formerly Senior Gathering!)

We have a new name and are having our first gathering of the year on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 AM in the coffee area. We'll spend our time in worship singing, hearing from God's Word, praying and playing a game. Seniors young and old (65+) are welcome. Invite a friend and join us!

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SHARING YOUR FAITH GROUP

A workshop for people of any age looking to be equipped to share their faith in Jesus with others! Come and be equipped, inspired, and empowered as God's people to faithfully and boldly share your faith. Sundays at 11:30 AM in the Music Lounge,

February 5- February 26.

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WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir will kick off the new year on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary to sing in worship on Sunday the 19th. If you are new and interested in joining, sign the Connection Card and we will send you a song set list for the week! New members welcome!

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GUITAR SESSIONS

If you are interested in learning or brushing up your guitar skills, please join us Sunday, February 15 following the service for our first Guitar Sessions of 2023. The group meets 11:30 AM-12:15 PM. Beginning acoustic, electric, and bass guitarists welcome. Please sign up on the Connection Card if plan to attend.

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COUPLE'S DATE NIGHT

What does it mean to *Cherish Your Spouse*? Enjoy a night out with your spouse Friday, February 17, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM, learning how to CHERISH one another in a more meaningful way. We will learn together, ask questions, laugh, and enjoy the gift of marriage! Sign up on the Connection Card or at the Sign Up Post for this FREE event!

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MARCH MADNESS YOUTH AUCTION

Our Youth Group needs you! Winter is still here, yet our youth group "Spring" Auction is going to be upon us very quickly! Our middle and high school students will be heading back to NTS Camp this summer, to worship God and grow in their love for Him. Please consider how you might help us make this event a SLAM DUNK success!

Donate an item to be auctioned off at the auction on Sunday, March 19 after the worship service. We are in need of auction items. Examples: event tickets, vacation package, cottage rental, new electronics, gift cards (even unused ones you know you won't use), spa packages, special services, or a themed gift basket! Feel free to think outside the box! Please note that due to the earlier event date, items are due to Greg no later than FEBRUARY 26.

Save the date! Come for the food and stay for the silent and live auctions. Hoop to see you there!

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WOMEN OF THE HILL RETREAT

Join the women of OHC for an overnight retreat full of fun and relaxation at Marantha Conference Center, March 17-18. Our speakers will be Wendy and Myra of *Soul Sweepers* (visit soulsweepers.com) with Allyssa Thompson leading worship. Cost is \$140.00 per person and includes hotel style rooms, meals, teaching and worship, and activities. Sign up at the table by the Sign Up Post and invite a friend!

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SPRING ADULT MISSION TRIP

Join the Orchard Hill Adult Mission Team on April 23-29, as we head to Madisonville, KY to repair homes struck by a devastating tornado. This is a great opportunity for anyone willing to use their hands and heart for the Lord, even if you are not an experienced builder (newbies willing to learn are welcome)! Stay tuned for our initial information meeting and register to join the team on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.

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ALPHA MINISTRY

Join Alpha at Orchard Hill this winter! Alpha is a community that meets for 10-weeks, and serves as a safe place to explore the Christian faith for any adult, regardless of their beliefs or doubts. Participants enjoy a home-cooked meal, watch a short video, and discuss their thoughts in a small group setting. Pray for someone in your workplace, neighborhood, or family that you can invite to join with you. Alpha meets in Studio 1 on Tuesday nights, Jan. 17- March 21, 6:15 PM -8:00 PM! To register or learn more about Alpha at OHC, visit orchardhill.org/alpha/.

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MINISTRY TO THE UNREACHED

Orchard Hill is committed to spreading the gospel to those who have never heard it by planting a church amongst an unreached people group. Visit orchardhill.org/unreached-peoples/ to learn how you can support our missionary that is fundraising to go into the field and start this church plant! You can also pick up a prayer card for said missionary in the Connection Corner. Come and hear more directly from our missionary, after the service in the West Overflow on Sundays, February 12 and March 12.

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KIDS HOPE MENTORS NEEDED

We are in search of four mentors for children in need of extra support from Central Elementary School. All it takes is one hour, one time each week to meet with the student at the school and show the love of Jesus by offering homework help, playing games, and being a listening ear. Sign up on Connection Card or the Sign Up Post in the lobby.

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HOLY ROAR STUDY

People of any age looking to be equipped and transformed by worship and the word are invited to join this group for a special time of worship and study over the seven Hebrew words for "praise" that will change the way you worship. We will be meeting on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the West Overflow, March 6- March 27.

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CHURCH SECURITY

In an effort to keep our church family safe, we are going to start locking the church entrance doors once the service has begun at 10:20 AM. Be sure to get to church on time! You will be able to exit through all doors at any time.

GRATITUDE

Dear Orchard Hill family,
Thank you so much for all the beautiful Christmas cards and ornament given to us. It meant so much to Bob and I. A special thank you to Bev Buikema for her love and thoughtfulness. Orchard Hill means a lot to us and we are so thankful for all of you. May God bless you all.

- Bob & Nettie Karel

We can't thank everyone enough for the cards, texts, phone calls, and love shown to us in the passing of our brother, Dan. Thank you so much. - Becky and Larry Feldt

ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

During Christmas break, our preschoolers enjoyed the experience of painting snow! One very simple and fun activity that required very little supplies but did provide lots of smiles and excitement! During the winter months it can be a challenge to burn off extra energy and get outside each day, so the kids were provided some inflatables to climb, jump, and slide down all day! Teachers even got in on the action! We continue to covet your prayers for our staff and families as some are facing some unexpected health challenges. Please pray for healing, comfort, and strength as they embark on their healing journey.

