

## CARE

### PRAYERS FOR OUR OHC FAMILY

- Congratulations to **Hannah (Cockrill) and Derek Stegenga** who were married yesterday at OHC! Pray for them as they begin their married life together.
- Congratulations to **Greg and Stacy Salmon** at the birth of their son, Luke Allan, last Sunday. Pray for them as they begin this journey of parenthood!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:cccoffice@cccounseling.net) or 616.296.2130

### NEED PRAYER?

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

## OUTREACH

### BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH

Share God's love with the Staff of Central Elementary (our Kids' Hope school) and the Orchard Hill Preschool with our Back to School outreach! Donate supplies for teachers or sign up to pray for them! Visit the Ministry Highlights table in the lobby to learn more. TODAY is the day that the items are due back. We have a great need for prayer partners for the teachers of these schools. Please take a tag off the board to pray for a team of teachers for the year and encourage them (make sure you sign out the tag on the table)!

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### NEIGHBORHOOD INVITE TEAM:

Let's invite our neighbors to experience the good news and our kickoff celebration this fall! Sign up on the Sign Up Post to join the Neighborhood Invite Team on Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to love on our neighbors in Jesus' name as we go door to door in our surrounding neighborhoods to invite our community to OHC!

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## CONTACT US



**Facebook**  
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Orchard Hill Church Fellowship Group



**Instagram**  
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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday– Thursday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Closed on Friday.

### NURSING/QUIET ROOM

There is a nursing and quiet room available for families of infants that need a quiet place to feed or for their little one to nap. It is located inside the nursery to the right.



**ORCHARD HILL  
CHURCH**

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**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!**

### TODAY'S SERVICE - IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today, we conclude our travels to the land of Israel exploring the culture, geography, and context behind our Bible passage. As we put ourselves in the first century world, we will be able to understand the meaning and intent of the passage in a greater way. This morning, Pastor Bob will take us on a journey to the Elah Valley where the epic showdown between David and Goliath took place. Our scripture is from I Samuel 17 and can be found on page 445 in the pew Bible.

### COMING UP:

Sunday, September 3: Worship at Millenium Park

Sunday, September 10: Kickoff Sunday: *Finding Home!*

### GENEROSITY

*We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.* - John Calvin

Let's give back generously to God by placing our tithes and offerings for Him at the boxes on the doors to the sanctuary or online through Mogiv.



### OHC GIVING:

- Last week's offering \$22,872
- Weekly Budget: \$13,000 (+\$9,872)
- YTD Budget: \$98,000
- YTD Received: \$109,112 (+\$11,112 / +11%)

### 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!

***Orchard Hill Church exists to see people in our surrounding neighborhoods and around the world become committed followers of Jesus Christ.***

# CONNECT

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- HS Youth Group Kickoff, Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
- MS Youth Group Kickoff, Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM– 8:00 PM
- Flock Kickoff, Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND SERVICE: MILLENIUM PARK!

NEXT Sunday, September 3, we will be worshipping under the “Open Shelter A” at Millennium Park at 10:00 AM (off the main park entrance on Maynard Ave, Millennium Park). This is a covered area near parking and restrooms. Bring a sack lunch or meat for grilling (there are two charcoal grills next to the shelter) for lunch after the service. There are many activities to participate in at the park. Nearby features include: basketball, bocce ball, and volleyball courts. There are ample fishing opportunities and a large playground for all ages, about 250 feet away! Hope you will join the family of God for the last weekend of summer!

## GROUP UP!

It's GROUP UP month and we are excited to grow deeper in community and the Lord this fall. There is a group for everyone to connect in at Orchard Hill. Check out the GROUP UP table in the lobby, beginning August 27, or visit [www.orchardhill.org/groups](http://www.orchardhill.org/groups) to see the variety of groups offered and to sign up! Groups will begin kicking off mid-September.

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## SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

The next check-in date is Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 PM as we wrap up our reading challenge.

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## FALL KICK-OFF: FINDING HOME!

On Sunday, September 10, we will gather for an amazing morning of worship and the Word followed by a delicious catered lunch! We will be hosting ministry games and giveaways as an opportunity to rediscover ways you can get connected into life at Orchard Hill!

## DISCOVER ORCHARD HILL

If you are interested in becoming a member of OHC or simply want to know more about who we are or what we are about, we invite you to join us to a one-hour session following the morning service on Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 AM. Sign up on the connection card and drop it in a giving box on the sanctuary doors.

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## FALL DINNERS FOR 8!

We are starting a new round of Dinners for 8 that will meet this fall beginning in October! This is a place to share a meal with others from Orchard Hill. Sign ups will be this month until Sunday, September 24. We really hope you will take this opportunity to hang out with others and build up our church community here at Orchard Hill! Follow this link to sign up: <https://orchardhill.org/dinners-for-8/>, scan the QR code or fill out a connection card.

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## COUPLE'S 30 DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

On Sunday, September 17, we will be kicking off a 30-day Couple's Prayer Challenge. There will be Couple's Prayer Guides available that day for all those interested. We encourage everyone to try it for 30 days and see how the Lord grows intimacy in your relationship with one another, and with Him.

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## KIDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help in kids ministry this fall. We have opportunities to volunteer with babies through 5th graders. There are opportunities to lead and support within the ministry. Lessons, training, and supplies are provided! Volunteers usually help twice every six weeks. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please fill out the connection card, or email Miranda.

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## JACOB'S JOURNEY UPDATE:

As many of you know, Orchard Hill has been walking alongside one of our long time congregation members, Jacob Manyong, as he prayerfully attempts to bring his family to the United States from Africa. An update in the process: At the beginning of April (2023), Jacob got word that all the information required to set up an interview at the US Embassy overseas for his wife Sarah had been received. They are awaiting her interview date to be scheduled (hopefully very soon). Once the interview takes place, Sarah may receive a determination immediately or it may possibly take a bit of time. The paperwork for Blessing, Jacob's almost 3 year old daughter, is complete and she is a US Citizen and has her passport! Please note that until 2011, South Sudan records were not kept for births, weddings, and other important events that we in the United States are familiar with. Obtaining the needed documents for Jacob and his family required additional time. Finally, during the paperwork process for Emmanuel, a DNA test was performed, and it showed that he is not Jacob's biological son; Jacob is very heartbroken. Emmanuel will not be coming to the US, but Jacob continues to provide for him in South Sudan. As Jacob prepares for his families arrival, there are some things around the house he could use help with! If you would like to volunteer to help Jacob with these things, contact Pastor Laura.

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## BUILDING FUND: SPEAKER SYSTEM UPGRADE

This fall we are upgrading our Speaker system because several components are not working and due to their age replacement parts are no longer available. This replacement will enhance the quality and clarity of the sound for all. In addition, we will be wiring the platform to accommodate several floor plug-in pockets. We are still in need of a few more special gifts to the building fund to help offset the \$45,000 cost.

## STAFF VACATIONS

**Wendy Huizinga** is on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 5.

Have a  
BLESSED WEEK