

## THE SEND: MISSIONAL CONFERENCE

Orchard Hill is going to THE SEND: a campaign activating believers to live a missional lifestyle by adopting and reaching real mission fields at home and abroad. Join THE SEND on Saturday, September 2, 12:00 PM- 10:00 PM at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids for an experience full of worship, prayer, messages and activation meant to catalyze you to a lifestyle of missions and evangelism. Speakers and musicians include Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Francis Chan, and more! Cost is \$27.00. Sign up on the Sign Up Post in the Lobby by Sunday, August 20.

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## KIDS HOPE MENTORS/PRAYER PARTNERS

As we look to the school year starting we are in need of Kids Hope mentors and prayer partners! As a mentor, you commit to meeting with a student once a week for an hour and as a prayer partner you support a mentor by praying for their mentoring relationship and for the Central Elementary teacher. Our hope is to have all students matched with a mentor this fall but to do that we are in need of 4 new mentors. If you're interested in serving in this way please reach out to Stacy Salmon.

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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 at Orchard Hill. Whether you form a new friendship or reconnect with someone you already know, it is likely you will meet another person whose face lights up when they see you on Sunday! All you have to do is sign up to attend a dinner, or you can be a host if you enjoy having people over. Sign ups will be this month until Sunday, September 24. After that, one of our wonderful hosts will reach out to you and organize a date and time (between October and December) that works for the group you are placed in. 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/> or scan the QR code.



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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. Whether you are a couple that prays together regularly, or if this is something brand new, the idea is to set aside time in your day to pray together as a couple. Your prayers can be silent or spoken out loud, short or long, in the morning or the evening, in person or over the phone (let's be honest there are some days that is the only option!). In essence, there are no rules EXCEPT to come together once a day for prayer! 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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## YOUTH GROUP

Join us this fall as we gather back together as a youth group community to connect with God and one another! We will eat some great food, be entertained with some fun games, and learn our year-long spiritual direction!

**High School Kickoff:** Sunday, September 10, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

**Middle School Kickoff:** Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM.

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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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## HILLTOPPERS: SAVE THE DATE

Our first gathering for the fall will be on Tuesday, October 17, at 10:30 AM. Be sure to mark it on your calendars!

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## GRATITUDE

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, texts, and emails during my recent illness. They were much appreciated! I am at home and doing well.

- Phyllis Russell

Thank you so much for all those who supported us at our baby shower! We are thankful for every gift, every word of encouragement, and everyone who was able to make it! We feel incredibly loved and supported by you all! We are so thankful to be part of this loving church family!

- Greg and Stacy Salmon

Dear OHC Family,

What does one do that does not have faith or a church family? I was so blown away by the prayers, cards, prayer shawl and caring thoughts of my OHC family at the passing of my brother. What a humbling and yet extremely comforting experience. It truly blessed me to know so many had me and my family in their thoughts and prayers. Thank you all.

- Pat Glass

# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

Fall, 2023

# Ministry Highlights

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## LABOR DAY WEEKEND SERVICE: MILLENNIUM PARK

On 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 for lunch after the service (there are two charcoal grills next to the shelter. 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!

## BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH

Support 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 take a tag and bring back the corresponding donations, by Sunday, August 27 (place in the marked bin by the West entry). These items were requested by the teachers specifically as things they need for the year, and they vary in price. Feel free to purchase as an individual or with a friend/ group. You can also 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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## 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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## 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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## 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!

## WHO'S YOUR ONE?

This year at Orchard Hill, we are asking each person to commit to praying for one person in your life that needs to hear and receive the good news of Jesus! Pray for them daily and throughout the entire year. This campaign is called Who's Your One? Visit the Ministry Highlights table in the lobby during the month of September to sign up, learn more, and find resources.

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## WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir leads worship at 10:00 AM on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The choir is open to middle school age through adults of all ages and skill levels. Rehearsal is the Wednesday prior to our scheduled Sunday from 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM. Our first rehearsal is September 13, and we will be singing Sunday, September 17.

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## DISCOVER ORCHARD HILL

If you are interested in joining OHC as a member or simply want to learn more about who we are and what we are about, this session is for you. We invite you to join us to a one-hour session on Sunday, September 17, at 11:30 AM. Sign up on the Connection Card and place in the box on the sanctuary doors.

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