

October, 2024

Ministry Highlights

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

A message from the Orchard Hill Governing Board:

October is pastor appreciation month and Orchard Hill likes to take this month to recognize not only our pastors, but all of our staff who work tirelessly to lead us. It is certainly important to encourage and express our gratitude throughout the year, but we ask that you join us in being intentional this month to show your appreciation through cards, gifts, acts of service, or in any other way God leads you. If you'd like to make a financial gift make sure to note it as "staff appreciation" on your envelope. Gifts can also be made through Mogiv and Church Center Give. Thank you in advance for helping us bless the staff who care deeply for us.

COUPLE'S PRAYER CHALLENGE

A prayer challenge for married and engaged couples! Whether you use the tool to establish a habit of praying together or to be more intentional in your prayer life. The time you spend together in prayer will no doubt strengthen and unite your relationship as a couple. The challenge will kick off on October 1st! Free booklets are available on the CONNECT table in the lobby! Take the challenge and see how God moves in your relationship during this time of connecting!

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NEW PARENTING MINISTRY

Want to be better equipped to raise your children to follow Jesus as they grow up into adulthood? If so, make sure you are part of this new parenting ministry at Orchard Hill! Parents will gather once a month throughout the school year to be equipped with teachings, practical resources, and ideas so that you can be confident you are doing all you can to raise your child to be a disciple of Jesus. Parents of children of all ages (0-18) are welcome to attend! The first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2. Please RSVP via the Group Sign Up table or through the Church Center App.

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HILLTOPPER GATHERING

Our next gathering is on Tuesday, October 15 at 10:30 AM. Join us in the coffee lobby for worship, prayer, fellowship, and FUN! Leigh VanPutten will share with heart and laughter her experiences on "Getting Through". Hope you will join us!

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DISCOVER ORCHARD HILL

If you are new to OHC and want to know more about us, are interested in infant baptism, profession of faith, or becoming a member of OHC, please plan on attending this informational meeting NEXT Sunday, October 6 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know you are interested and drop in one of the boxes on the sanctuary doors or turn in at the Connection Corner. Our next Party Popper Sunday will be held on October 20.

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WOMEN OF THE HILL KICKOFF EVENT

Don't miss this chance to have fun and connect with OHC ladies as we are challenged in our faith! We will have dessert, fun, and hear from guest speaker, Valarie Williams, for a night focused on "Something New!" What might God be stirring in your life that is new this year? How can we embrace this newness and be responsive to it! Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 PM in the West Overflow. Invite a friend!

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ORGANIC OUTREACH EVENT

Join the leadership of OHC as we gather with other churches from the area at Remembrance Church for this exciting training event! On Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Kevin and Sherry Harney of Organic Outreach International will offer inspirational and practical teaching to move your heart and stir your thinking. The Harney's have a deep love for the church and passion for the lost. They bring a wealth of creative and practical ideas that will help us think through God's vision for our church. Register for this free event through Church Center at: <https://tinyurl.com/organicoutreach24>.

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TRUNK OR TREAT

Let's be a light in the darkness at this year's Trunk or Treat at Orchard Hill on Thursday, October 31, 5:30 PM- 7:30 PM. Serve behind the scenes or volunteer as a table host, as you dress up and pass out candy, interacting with our neighbors and sharing God's love. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/t-or-t2024> or go to Church Center under Signups. We need lots of candy! Donate in the marked bin by the West entry.

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DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Enjoy a meal and get to know some great people from Orchard Hill Church. Get more information and/or sign up at <https://orchardhill.org/dinners-for-8/> to attend a dinner or be a host. Dinners will start gathering the months of October and November. There is still time to sign up! Registration will close on October 1st!

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KIDS HOPE MENTORS

School is in session and we get to bring God's love there! We need FOUR new Kids Hope mentors and prayer partners! Mentors commit to meeting with one student for one hour each week and prayer partners pray regularly. If you're interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Stacy Salmon.

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WORSHIP CHOIR

The choir will meet this month on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will sing for worship on Sunday, October 20. All those who have the gift of singing and love to worship are welcome to join us!

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CHURCH CENTER GIVING

Already on MoGiv? Please consider moving your giving from MoGiv to Church Center - see below. The easiest way to ensure faithful giving is by electronic contributions.

**Consider selecting ACH rather than credit cards to minimize the fees. It's only a \$.30 transaction fee for ACH transactions rather than costing 2.15% of your tithe plus \$.30 per transaction for credit card fees. No other fees are charged.

**MoGiv is a separate program from Church Center, and we would like to save time and high fees by using the built-in Church Center's giving module. MoGiv costs 3.05% on your tithe plus an \$.83 transaction fee. For ACH the cost is 1.15% of your tithe and a \$.58 transaction fee along with four additional fees.



ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

The school year got off to a great start! It's great seeing some familiar faces and getting to know new families too! The center has added some wonderful new staff to our team, and we are excited and blessed to have them. God always provides what we need even before we ask!

The children enjoyed the unseasonable summer weather on the playground along with a trip on the prayer path; and who says you can't play with food!

The staff are working hard establishing bonds, teaching routines, and pouring the love of Jesus into the children. We appreciate and covet prayers for health, strength, and patience as we go through the school year!

