

Orengo Church
News

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Newsletter

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CHURCH

What Is It All About?



**Join us Sundays at 10 AM as we dive in to
this August series. Please also read Mark's
article on page 2.**



Thoughts from Mark

What are your thoughts about the Church? Not just Orenco Church, but the Church of God in Jesus Christ itself? How much of "church" do we do, because "that's the way we've always done it?" How much of doing "church" do we do, out of habit, without really thinking about and knowing what we're doing, or why we're doing it? What's your personal "history" of the church? What is my personal "history" of my church experience? And why is "Koinonia" (fellowship, with others and with our Lord) such a vital part of doing "church?"

As I've thought and prayed about how I can and should preach and/or teach about this, some of my thinking has centered around, "How do I preach about this in only a month's worth of Sundays?" As I look at August's Sunday sermon titles and their supportive and necessary scriptures, I find myself asking, "How many more Sundays could be aimed at that initial question, 'Why Do We Do "Church?"'"

Over the next few Sundays of August, we will together explore what we know to be true: the holiness of God, the sinfulness of humanity, the sacrificial and atoning work of Jesus the Christ, and the indwelling presence and power of God's Holy Spirit - AND what that means for how we do "church."

I'm looking forward to what God's Word tells us about the WHY and HOW we do "church." Let's join together on each of the coming Sundays in August, as we dive in to **HOW WE DO CHURCH!**

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Sundays in August

***Join us at 10am for Pastor Mark's Series
"Why Do We Do 'Church?'"***

August 2nd Communion Sunday

"Why Do We Take Communion?"

Philippians 4:1 and other scriptures

August 9th Ryan Abueg is preaching

"Are You Jonah?"

Key verses from the Book of Jonah

August 16th *"Why Do I Preach the Bible?"*

Romans 8 and other scriptures

August 23rd *"Why Do We Sing in Worship?"*

Psalms 100 and other scriptures

August 30th *"Why Do We Baptize?"*

Ephesians 4:5-6 and other scriptures



July was a good month for the youth group. The biggest thing was we had our middle school summer camp at camp Wi-Ne-Ma. Our youth group sent one student to camp and they had a lot of fun. The theme of the camp was "Lift My Eyes", reminding students to look to God in all aspects of life, the good and the bad. It was an amazing week that ended with 10 confessions of faith and 8 baptisms.

Other July news is that as summer goes on, we continue to meet every Sunday night from 7pm-9pm (note our new start time.) We are focusing on small

lessons through the book of James. Looking at the practical wisdom that James gives allows us to apply it to our lives today.

In August, we will continue to meet every week and go through more of James as well as looking at the start of the school year and to see how we can share our faith in our various circles. In the first week of August, I will be volunteering at a high school summer camp. Please pray for all the students attending, that God will work through their lives.

In other news, I am still holding young adult meetings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month and will continue this through the school year. If interested, please contact me on Sunday mornings or send an message to youthministry@orencochurch.org.

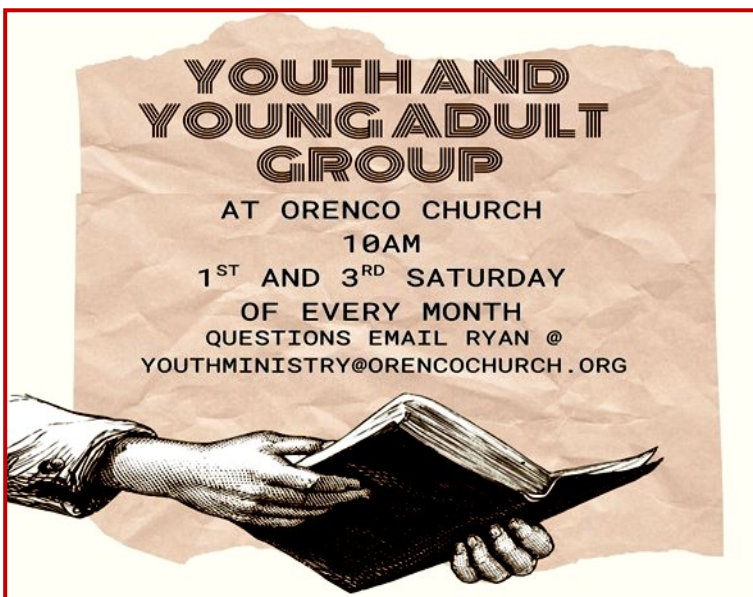
Youth Group Schedule:

August 2nd: No meeting (Ryan will be at high school camp)
 August 9th: 7pm-9pm, Lesson: *Doers not only hearers* (James 1:19-27)
 August 16th: 7pm-9pm; Lesson: *Show no partiality* (James 2)
 August 23rd: 7pm-9pm; Lesson: *Back to school: Unlabeled*
 August 30th: 7pm-9pm No lesson: Game/hangout night

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Hello everyone!

I can't believe summer is already halfway over! Thank you all so much for your prayers for Kordell and me over the past few weeks. We truly appreciate each and every one of them. I will be working remotely for the next few weeks, but I hope to be back in person soon.

VBS was a huge success! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and preschool teachers for their hard work and for stepping up while I was unable to be there. Your servant hearts and dedication made such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for each of you.

As summer comes to a close, I also want to remind everyone about our End-of-Summer Party on Wednesday, August 26, from 5:00–8:00pm. It's going to be a fun evening filled with games, hot dogs, a water slide, bounce house, and activities for the whole family!

If you would like to help support the event, there will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board with donation and volunteer opportunities. We're also asking for grocery gift card donations, you can purchase one at the Gift Card Fundraiser desk after Sunday worship or stop by the church office during the week. You may also make a monetary donation online through the church website (www.orencochurch.org/Give).

Bring your kids, invite your neighbors and friends, and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship as we celebrate the end of summer and look forward to the new school year. We hope to see you there!

In His Service,
Katie Fink

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August has been a sweet season of ministry at Orenco Christian Preschool. Our children enjoyed summer days filled with water play, outdoor exploration, creative crafts, and moments that remind us of God's goodness in every detail. Each activity gives us another opportunity to point little hearts toward the Lord through joy, community, and wonder. As summer winds down, we're grateful for the families God has entrusted to us and excited to step into a new school year covered in prayer and purpose.

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Church Fundraiser!

Have you tried our gift card fundraiser? We sell gift cards and a portion of the sales money goes to the church as a fundraiser for the General Fund. There is a large variety of cards available to order and we keep some onhand also. Check out our order forms at <https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs> or stop by the "scrip desk" in the hallway after Sunday worship. You may also contact the church office to learn more about this great opportunity to help the church while doing your normal shopping!

This month we are supporting the following missions, each has a critical and time sensitive need right now. You can find a description of each mission on church's online giving page, and, if you feel led to do so, you can make a donation there as well. Just use the button at www.orencochurch.org/GIVE or the QR code at the bottom of this page. Most importantly, please lift up all who are affected, that they are provided for, kept safe, and to know and feel God's love for them.

OUR CURRENT MISSIONS:

1. Salvation Army food bank shortage

- *Place non-perishable items in the hallway barrel*

2. Village of Hope Uganda

- *Ebola outbreak sanitation supplies*
- *Must build a \$25,000 new vocation classroom or risk closure by their government*

3. Venezuelan earthquake disaster relief

- *Thousands lost & injured; Massive destruction*

4. Warm Springs Fire (NEW)

- *Help the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church provide essentials to their evacuated community*

Chancel Redesign Project

Our worship platform redesign project is underway! Pictured is a conception of how the redesign may look, providing much more room for our church praise team and also giving us more room for a variety of worship and presentation possibilities.

Use the button at www.orencochurch.org/GIVE or this QR code to donate to this project – and thank you, in advance, for your generosity!





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