

Orenco Presbyterian Church

"We joyfully serve Jesus and our Community"

November Newsletter



Rejoice
evermore.
Pray

without ceasing.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**1 Thessalonians
5:16-18, KJV**

How may we pray for you? Send prayer requests to pray@orencochurch.org

Mark's Musings

Acts 20:35 records Paul saying, "And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

That's a verse I can remember hearing and using early on in my pastoral ministry – always wondering what Scripture to use and what to write to you all when it comes to our budget time for the coming year. How do I convey to you the Joy of Giving, alongside talking about our church budget, and at the same time, in general?

How do I come across as not wanting something from you, but instead, wanting something for you? Our generosity obviously makes a difference in our meeting and/or exceeding our budget forecast. I recently came across an article that has some great suggestions for us to consider:

- Scripture indeed gives us great illustrations on biblical generosity. We read of the widow who gave two coins, the boy who gave two fish and five loaves of bread, of Joseph when he shared with his brothers – a few of the examples we find in God's Word to us.
- Our bringing our tithes and gifts to the church helps us see this as an act of our worship. God doesn't need our resources, but He does want us to remember that what we have is His – He has entrusted us with His resources! Our being generous is an act of our worship.
- We need to remember our past giving, and the giving of others – and the difference those gifts made. Our generosity produced past joy – and our continued generosity will produce new joy. Our continued generosity can have eternal impact – and we receive great joy as we see the results of our generosity.

In the coming days each of us will receive a budget brochure. It will talk about the coming year 2024 – the different things we want to accomplish in the coming year, in the areas of mission, of ministry to us and to our community, of continued payments to our facility (both loan payments and upkeep), of providing for weekly worship and Bible studies, of outreach as we seek to tell (and show) others the Good News of Jesus! PLEASE take the time to pray about your pledge – it's obvious that we can't do what we want to do without financially providing for it. Our collective decision in this and all areas of our faith is a choice we must make – every day decisions.

My hope for each of us is seen in four ways:

- It revives our concern for our Lord and for others
- It teaches us contentment
- We do ministry together
- What we give can pay spiritual dividends, for not only does it bless the one who receives, it also is "credited to our account" (see Philippians 4:17-18).

Together, let's remember the impact we are called to make in our world – may each of us be more than generous as we seek not to simply fund this next year's budget, but the part each of us can be as we seek to be God's church in a world that needs to know and follow Him. Amen.

Mark

November Preaching Schedule

Traditionally, we pause to give thanks on the fourth Thursday of November. I use the word “traditionally,” because there’s a lot that has become synonymous with the words *Thanksgiving Day*, so that it now includes a great number of both professional and college football games, and the ever-present day known as Black Friday!

What does it mean to have a Generous Life? Especially when a lot of the celebration we see in November is focused around us – what’s in it for me? During the last three Sundays in November, we’re going to take a close look at what the Bible says to us about the Generous Life. Please join us at 10am in person or on our [stream](#). Here are those three sermon titles, each with a question or statement for us to consider:



November 12th – The Beginning of Generosity - Genesis 1:26-31; John 3:16
What does it mean doing your finances God's way?
Communion Sunday

November 19th – Changing My Heart
Thankfulness is a key skill/attitude for growing financial stability. Focus your prayers this week on Thanksgiving and acknowledging God as the Provider and Creator and Owner of it all
Thanksgiving Potluck after worship

November 26th – The Principle of Multiplication - Luke 9:10-17
How does our perspective on the world change when we give to God's kingdom through our time, our treasure and our talent?



Youth Group News

November is here and we have many fun events happening this month. Our first special event is Arcade Night on November 5th. We will be going to Next Level Arcade where they have over 475 pinball and arcade games for us to play. This will be a great event to test your pinball skills, make friends, and to forget midterms are approaching. Also, we will be having our Thanksgiving Party and Potluck on November 19th so bring a side dish to share. Lastly, I am excited to announce Orenco Presbyterian Church is bringing back *Girls of Grace* starting November 11th at 2pm. This is for girls in grades 5th through 8th. Girls of Grace is a ministry designed to mentor and support tween and teen girls using God's word as the foundation. We have tons of fun playing games, baking, learning life skills, doing arts and crafts, and going out to fun events. For more information, please contact Jenni at jenni@orencochurch.org

Jennifer Schatz
Youth Director



October came and went with a flash! It was a fun month filled with activities about Noah, Pumpkins, Autumn, and Farm Life. We even learned how to make butter! November will be all about having a grateful and thankful heart to the Lord. Psalm 118:1, "Give thanks to the Lord for His is good. His love endures forever!". Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the preschool. If you would like to follow on Facebook, please visit www.facebook.com/orencochristianpreschool1 or our website www.orencochristianpreschool.org for more information and upcoming events.

Blessings,
Karen Campbell
Preschool Director/Teacher
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Girls of Grace

Starting November 11th!
Orenco Church 2pm - 5pm
For girls grades 5th through 8th

Bible Time
Cookie Making
Crafts

Games
Hot Cocoa Bar
Gifts

And of course a lot of fun!

Children's Ministry & Community Outreach

Hello Friends and Happy November!

I hope everyone who made it out to this year's Trunk or Treat had a marvelous time and most importantly collected lots of yummy candy. I am so excited to spend November with all of you and explore all the things we are thankful for. In The Club House we will discuss examples of thankfulness in the Bible as well as in our life. Something I am thankful for is that Jenni and I have been working together to bring Girls of Grace back to life. We will be hosting our first gathering on November 11th. This group will allow for girls to come together and build strong friendships through Christ. Please pray for guidance in this new journey that we are taking.

Haven Gilbert
Outreach & Children's Director
outreach@orencochurch.org



A church cookbook is a great way to share and preserve cherished recipes and church traditions for years to come. We are looking for your favorite family recipes to share with the church along with any stories and anecdotes about the recipe. The cookbook will be published in December, so submit your recipes now! Deadline to submit your recipes is November 12th. You can drop off printed copies of the recipes in the church office or email them to Mary Stubbs (treasurer@orenochurch.org).



The deacons could use the following items for our community food pantry. You may place new unexpired items in the barrel next to the church library. Thank you for helping us care for those in our community!

Canned chili, stew, chicken, tuna, and chunky soup - pull top lids are especially helpful and we could use more can openers as well. Also needed are breakfast cereals, rice mixes, peanut butter, jelly, and cup of noodles.

Greetings from your missions elder!

A lot is going on in the life of one of the primary missions and missionaries we support, Carly Powne. Carly has decided to switch gears in her missionary work and has accepted a job with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in the position of Campaign Development Manager. This is a huge change for her, but one she is excited to take on! She shared that the lessons she learned working with Firm Foundation in Christ Ministries have prepared her for this next chapter in her life.

Carly was able to return to Ethiopia to say a final goodbye to the women she had been working with, and is anxious to get started in her new position. She is currently looking for a place to live in Austin, TX, as she needs to relocate, so please pray for her to find the right place and for all to go well.

Cindy Cunningham, founder and director of Village of Hope, Uganda, and Janet Matyas, her right hand person, just returned from Uganda and I have not yet had an opportunity to talk with them about their trip. I do know that a group of pastors went with them and were well received by the villages! And I also know that Janet had an opportunity to work in the libraries at both villages. Janet is a retired librarian and has a wealth of knowledge in this area.

Our next major mission at Orenco Church is Operation Christmas Child which kicked off on October 22nd. This is a really fun and easy way to support children around the world by sending shoe boxes full of small gifts. These boxes not only impact the children, but their whole family and they will hear about Jesus at the same time. Please pack quality items that will last, this may be the only gift the child ever receives, and don't forget to make it fun! All the required information is available in the church hallway, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask! Last year we were able to provide over 130 boxes, so that is our minimum goal for this year. If you'd prefer to not do the shopping and making a box yourself, we can build a box for you online using Samaritan Purse's app. Just make a \$25 donation payable to the church that's ear-marked "Build-a-Box." You can write this on your check's memo line or select Operation Christmas Child on the church's online giving website (www.orencochurch.org/give). Thank you in advance for your support!

The latest news that I have for Bob Gamble in Ukraine is that the war has finally reached where he is in Ismail, Ukraine. In his latest post he shares a video of him and his program manager, Olya Balaban, sitting against a wall, listening to the firing from the drones above. Please continue to pray for his safety and for all the people in Ukraine! Here is a link to the video if you would like to see it first hand <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aLy6JLuonWeXk4vxpBrNBT1BnDWSklOr/view?pli=1>

Thank you all for your continued support for these very important missions. Your gifts and prayers mean more than you know!!

Becky Rios
Missions Elder



**Please bring in your shoeboxes
by November 12th!**

The earlier the better!

This helps us to get them prepared faster.

**You may use actual shoeboxes or plastic bins of that
same size, which can be used for storage later.**



An Update from Our Treasurer

Thank you to everyone who gave extra money in your offering this month. We ended the month of October in the black by about \$4,000. The Pancake Brunch was a great success and we earned about \$700 for the building fund. A big thank you to all who made special donations to the building fund. The building fund had \$4,500 in it and we began making much needed repairs to our building. We had the building, sidewalks and steeple power washed. We had the refrigerator repaired and the water backflow has also been repaired. The building fund now has about \$2,700. You can see a list of building repairs that are still needed and estimates on the bulletin board in the hallway. We still need donations to the building fund, but please do not redirect your monthly giving to the building. We will continue to have fund raising events to raise money for building repairs, so watch for the next event coming soon.

Mary Stubbs
Orenco Church Treasurer

New Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Starting on Tuesday, November 14th, we will begin a new study on Paul's Letter to the Church at Colossae. In our study, we will reflect on some key truths that are found in this important letter. See the believers in Colossae struggle, much like faithful Christians today, against false teaching and cultural pressure to abandon the gospel.

How did Paul strengthen them for the battle? He reminded them (and us) of God's all-sufficient grace in Jesus Christ, emphasizing three things:

The person of Christ
The work of Christ
The benefits of Christ

Join us as we seek the benefits the Good News of Jesus promises us. Never let go of the person and work of Jesus, never substitute Him for another scheme; for He alone gives us what we need.

Our Wednesday Night study moves into a time of Thanksgiving and preparation for and the celebration of our Lord's birth in Christmas. Over the next weeks we will look at the reasons for these special holidays, and what God's Word tells us concerning our thanksgiving and celebrations. Watch for further updates on the church's website and during Sunday worship services.

On Sundays the Women continue their study of six prayers in the Bible using the book, "When You Pray." Join them from 8:45-9:45am in the Meeting Place room or ask to receive the zoom link in an email to: womensministry@orencochurch.org.



We will be moving all the leaves on the church grounds out to the curb for the city to pickup and need a few helpers to get this done. A work party has been scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, from 9am to noon. If needed, we will meet again on Friday morning. If you can help, please let [Dave VanSchepen](#) know ahead of time, so he can update you if anything changes. Remember to bring your rake and if you have a backpack leaf blower that would be helpful too. Thank you for helping us maintain our church property!

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday Dec. 1st 6:30-8PM
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Concert



Welcome to Orenco Church!

Join us Sunday
at 10 AM

In Person or Live Stream

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*Turn your
clocks back
Sat night,
Nov. 4th!*



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