# Orenco Church News

# OCTOBER Newsletter

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Sign up your Trunk, Our goal is 20 cars!

We need LOTS & LOTS & LOTS of candy!



# **Beyond Sunday Sermons**

I recently came across this reason for our reading the Gospel of John:

The Gospel of John is important because it presents a theologically rich, unique perspective on Jesus Christ, emphasizing His divine nature as the Word made flesh and the source of eternal life, and it clearly explains the core message of Christianity to a broader audience. It was written to strengthen the faith of believers and convince non-believers that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, offering a distinct account that complements the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

We are working our way through John's Gospel – during the month of October we will look at the latter part of chapter two and continue through the middle of chapter 4.

Looking at the italicized paragraph shown above, I want to emphasize that Jesus is indeed the Son of God and God himself:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Here, we see the picture of the Triune God: One God, existing in three distinct persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – distinct, but united in both essence and being. These three are not parts of God, but each is fully God – they are united in both essence and being.

John tells us (20:31) that his gospel was given to us so that we could read and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is important that we read it, and in reading it, that we see and know Jesus.

Come each Sunday during the month of October – come and see Jesus.

Mark

## **Sundays in October:**

October 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Communion Sunday "Clearing the Way into God"	John 2:13-25
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	"Born from Above"	John 3:1-21
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	"Friend of the Bridegroom"	John 3:22-36
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	"The Father is Seeking Worshippers	John 4:1-38

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Youth Group is off to a great start this fall with our new Director, Ryan Abueg. All middle and high schoolers are invited!
See Ryan on Sunday mornings or email him at youthministry@orencochurch.org

## October Schedule:

Sunday, Oct. 5th - Next Level Pinball Museum, 1pm-7pm

Sundays Oct 12th, 19th, 26th - Youth Group, 6pm-8pm

**TBD** - Haunted House trip





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As October unfolds with its crisp air and vibrant leaves, we're reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1—"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." At Orenco Christian Preschool, we see God's timing reflected in the rhythms of our classrooms and the joyful hearts of our children. This season invites us to pause, reflect, and trust that even in transition time, God is at work. Whether we're sowing seeds of learning,

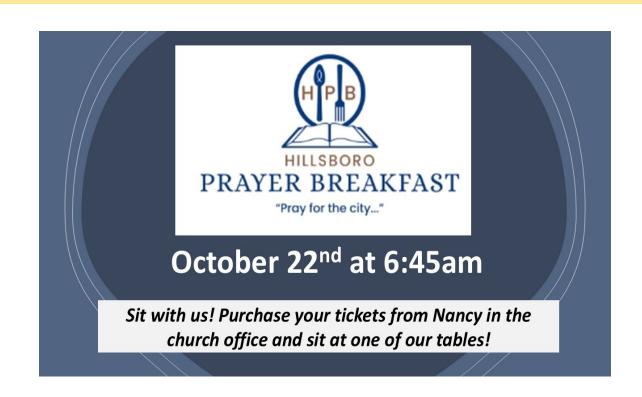


harvesting moments of gratitude, or simply walking through change, we know He is present—never rushed, never late. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in nurturing these little lives. Together, we are planting seeds of faith that will flourish for years to come.

We are bursting with joyful moments in October! Starting with our Pizza Wednesdays and Teddy Bear Picnic to Picture Day and the on-campus Pumpkin Patch (complete with baby goats!), each event is designed to delight our little ones and build lasting memories. We're also excited to join the church's Trunk or Treat on October 25th, where our preschoolers will host the cakewalk. If you feel led to support these festivities, we will gladly accept donations of small, medium, or large pumpkins, cakes, and cupcakes. Your generosity helps us create a warm, festive atmosphere where children can experience the love of Christ through community and celebration.

Thanks!

Karen Campbell,
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Our next big mission starts soon. Operation Christmas Child is a really fun and easy way to support underprivileged children around the world with shoe boxes full of small gifts. You can use a plastic bin the size of a shoebox, or we have several of the green and red boxes made by Samaritan's Purse in the office. See Nancy if you want to get an early start, the official kick off date will be in mid-October. Our goal is to provide over 100 boxes, last year we had even more so let's break our goal again! The deadline isn't until November 16<sup>th</sup> but it's really helpful to bring your boxes in a couple/few weeks earlier, so we can get them ready and inventoried. Plus, it's fun for the congregation to watch the stack grow each week.

If you'd prefer to not make a box yourself, we can build a box for you online. Just make a \$25 donation payable to the church that's ear-marked "Build-a-Box" or pay online at <a href="www.orencochurch.org/Give">www.orencochurch.org/Give</a>.

We will have the required shoebox labels and brochures by mid-October. It's important that you use these, you'll need one for each box. When they arrive, we'll put them in a stand in the narthex hallway. Keep an eye out for them. When you drop off your boxes, remember to include the \$10/box shipping fee. More information will be handed out on Sunday mornings, if you have any questions, please ask!

START YOUR SHOPPING NOW! This is a wonderful outreach to benefit children around the world that likely wouldn't receive a gift at Christmas, or any other time of year. Your box will let them know they are special and loved by our One True God, and by US!!







Have you tried our gift card fundraiser? It's easy to use and the church benefits from your everyday shopping. We keep a variety of gift cards onhand, but the best way to take advantage of this program is to place an order, giving you an even larger selection of cards and denominations. To see what's available, check out the forms online at <a href="www.https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs">www.https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs</a> or pick up a set from the Gift Card Fundraiser bulletin board at church. There are two forms (yellow and blue), one for each of our vendors. We order once a month from United Scrip (yellow) and from Kroger (blue) when we have enough orders to meet their minimum. Contact Nancy in the church office for more information.

Now is the time to order for the upcoming holidays - Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! You can help the church by purchasing your holiday food and decorations with our gift cards. And who doesn't love receiving a gift card for Christmas and birthdays? Stop by our desk in the hallway after Sunday worship to turn in your order form and, while you're there, do a little shopping from our onhand inventory. It varies, but we usually have most grocery stores, Amazon, Starbucks, Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, prepaid Visa cards, and various restaurants and stores.





Our deacons maintain a community food pantry inside the church. Anyone may stop by during office hours and pick up a prefilled bag of non-perishable goods. "No cooking required" bags are also available. Food donations are greatly appreciated! Currently, we need canned meats and fruits, individually wrapped snacks or protein bars, and boxed meals. We have plenty of cereal and spaghetti right now. Pull top lids are always a plus. Just place your items inside the blue barrel that's next to the church library (and maybe check out a book while you're there?)



If you or someone you know could benefit from a call, visit, or meal from our deacons, let the church office know or send an email to <a href="mailto:deacons@orencochurch.org">deacons@orencochurch.org</a>. Thank you for helping us to help others.





#### **Orenco Church**

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Pastor: Mark Rainey

Office Manager: Nancy Collins
Youth Director: Ryan Abueg

Children's Director: We're hiring! See the job listing on Indeed.com

#### **Orenco Christian Preschool**

www.orencochristianpreschool.org

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Director: Karen Campbell

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