

Orenco Church News

OCTOBER Newsletter

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WELCOME TO YOUR
CHURCH

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM

We can't wait to see you!



Thoughts from Mark

We recently remembered September 11, 2001. It's hard to believe that terrible event was twenty-five years ago. All of us watched in horror as four planes were hijacked and flown into the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon Building in Washington DC, and into a field in Pennsylvania, as the passengers in that fourth plane were able to battle back against the hijackers. Just short of 3,000 people lost their lives in the attacks that day. And thousands more have died from illnesses related to the effects of the Twin Towers being destroyed and the partial destruction that occurred at the Pentagon building.

For about six weeks following 9/11, a religious resurgence took place. Worship attendance numbers grew. Participation in other weekly church events increased as well. I saw that difference at Orenco Church. Newspapers and the network news reported on that upsurge. But, sadly, by November 2001, national surveys and polls indicated that church attendance had already retreated back to normal, pre-attack numbers. A Duke University study concluded that 9/11 did not trigger a lasting religious revival in American religiosity.

Read the following Scripture passage – Luke 8:4-8 (from the Parable of the Sower):

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, He told this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, it came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

During October, I'll be preaching on what it means to "abide in Christ." A sobering question for each of us is "Where am I in regard to that parable?" Join us every Sunday as we let the Word of God teach us about our faith and our commitment to that faith.

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October Sundays

October Preaching Theme: Abiding in Jesus

“Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:4-5 ESV

October 4th – World Communion Sunday

Remain Connected to Jesus

John 15:4-5; John 8:31

October 11th

Draw Strength from Jesus

Hebrews 12:2

October 18th

Have an Active Relationship with Jesus

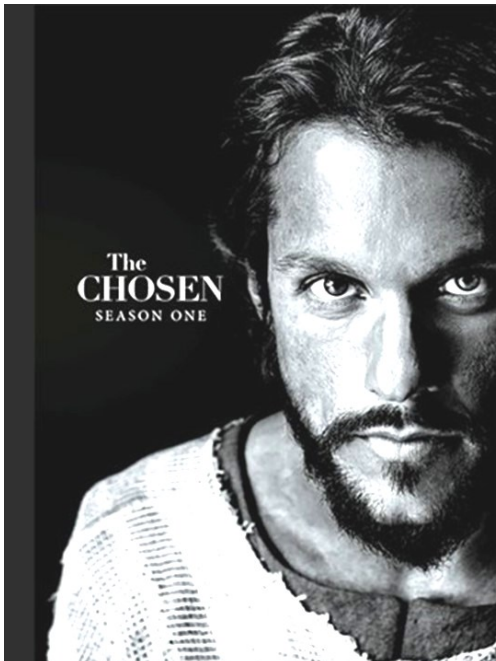
Galatians 5:22-23
(the Fruit of the Spirit)

October 25th

Abiding and Dwelling in Faith

Ephesians 3:17-19

Please Join Us at 10am!



The Chosen
at Orenco Church!

Season One

Join Us at 6:30pm
Wednesday

ORENCO
Family Fun

TRUNK OR TREAT

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24**
2:00 - 4:00 PM

ORENCO CHURCH
6420 NE OELRICH ST.
HILLSBORO, OR 97124

**FREE
EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

SAVE THE DATE!

♥ TREATS GAMES & ACTIVITIES FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

♥ WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! ♥

**Please sign up your vehicles & Drop off candy at the church
Invite others to this family fun event!**

**Children's
Church**

**Sunday mornings
at 10 am**

**HOW CAN WE
PRAY FOR YOU?**

Send us your request.
pray@orenochurch.org



The youth group is back in action. After taking the summer lightly, we are back in full force. We are starting the school year with a brand new series called "**Unlabeled**," comparing how the world sees us versus how God sees us. Our first lesson was "*I am not what the world calls me*". Students are given so many different names, titles, and descriptions of how they are supposed to be and act, but how does that compare to what God calls us? God calls us his workmanship, his new creation and children of God. These are the names that we get to go by not what the world calls us. Our next few lessons will be "*I am not unloved*" and "*I am not my mistakes*."

In other news:

The youth group is getting ready for and already having some big events. It started off with a Hillsboro youth night held by 26 West Church, where over 300 students gathered in one building to worship God and hear some student's testimonies about what God is doing in their lives and the lives of their peers.

Ryan is also planning an Escape Room for the Halloween season, as well as getting things ready for our annual Friendsgiving and Christmas party.

We are really looking forward to what God is doing in the lives of our youth.



**Next BottleDrop Sunday:
November 1st**

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*A PLACE TO BELONG.
A FAITH THAT'S REAL.*

JOIN US! 🎉
FIRST SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
TIME: 10AM-12PM

Starting in October, Ryan is starting a new young adults group targeted toward the young adults of our church. Age range is 18-30's. It will be a time for us to gather together and fellowship with those our age. First meeting will be at 10 a.m. on October 3rd and the group will gather the first Saturday of every month. The hope is to fellowship with those in our church and it will also be open to the community.

FALL PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!



Operation Christmas Child

Time to start making those shoeboxes! Operation Christmas Child will kick off soon. Be shopping for small quality gifts to send to children around the world.

For gift ideas and info about this great mission look at www.samaritanaspurse.org. Materials will be available in the narthex later in October.

Chancel Redesign Project

Our worship platform redesign project will begin soon! This will provide much needed space for our praise team, pastor, and other worship and presentation activities. We hope to start construction soon and be done before Advent begins on November 29th. The estimated cost is \$36,000. We are getting closer to raising that amount, thanks to many of you ♥. If you'd like to help support this project,



use this QR code or our website, www.orencochurch.org/Give.



Deacons

Our Deacons maintain a community food pantry inside the church. Donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items are always welcome. Just place them in the barrel next to the church library.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a card in the mail or phone call, please let us know. We can sometimes offer other assistance. Our deacons are here to help. Email: deacons@orencochurch.org

Church Fundraiser

Have you tried our gift card fundraiser? We sell gift cards and the proceeds all go to the church to help offset expenses. There is a large variety of cards available, pick up a set of order forms in the hallway or download from <https://tinyurl.com/NewsAndDocs>. We also keep some of the popular cards onhand, stop by the "scrip desk" after Sunday worship or contact the church [office](#). This is a great way to help the church while doing your regular shopping and, of course, gift cards make wonderful gifts!





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Children's Director: We're hiring!

Orenco Christian Preschool

School Director: We're hiring!

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