

BEARING FRUIT...sharing the Gospel

For the past weeks, The Orchard family has been challenged as Pastor Colin has so clearly shown the incredible difference between “dying in your sins” and “dying in the Lord.”

After hearing the truth from God’s Word, Tom Schowalter, part of our Itasca Campus, felt clearly that he needed to go to the hospital to visit his aunt, who was very ill and not a believer. He was obedient to God’s promptings and went to see her. She was open to Tom’s words. She said she understood and then let Tom pray with her. He was amazed how God orchestrated the encounter, how the room was suddenly quiet; no one came to give care until he had said, “Amen.”

Tom’s aunt died the next morning. At her funeral, Tom took great comfort in knowing that he had been able to share Christ with her before she died.

Over the New Year’s holiday, Joy Axelson went to her office on her day off; she had extra work to do. Of the 70 colleagues usually there, only one was working. Joy had always assumed that he was a Muslim—most people from his country are. He shared that he had worked a lot of hours over Christmas, but that didn’t bother him since his parents had raised him with no religion.

When Joy asked him what he believed, he said that if you live a good life, you will go to heaven. Joy asked pointed questions: *Then, why did Jesus have to die? How do you know when you have been good enough?* She shared that she sins in thought or deed every day, and so, if that were true, she would be in trouble. He nodded in agreement.

Joy “happened” to have a copy of *More Than a Carpenter* at her desk. She told her friend that he could borrow it. He asked if he could keep it awhile so that his wife could read it. As Joy left the office, she saw that this man was reading the book.

Joy said, “My resolution for this year was to share Christ with three people. This was January 2, and I am praising God for my good start.” She is hoping that this will be just the beginning of conversations that will lead her colleague to new life in Christ.



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ROOTS

WELCOME

We are so glad you have visited us this morning.

What is filling your mind as you look ahead to everything 2012 will bring? Are you filled with God's peace, or are you troubled by the concerns of life? Today, we trust you will find that Jesus has come to complete your joy and to carry your burdens.

At The Orchard, everything we do is about ROOTS, LIFE, and FRUIT. Our hope is that you will find yourself digging roots down into God's Word, be inspired to grow in your Christian life, and be compelled to bear fruit by serving Christ.

After the service, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the hall. Our friendly team would love to meet you, give you a small gift, and answer your questions. Feel free to introduce yourself to me. I would love to meet you.

My prayer is that you will feel welcome and consider joining us again. There is a place for you and your family at The Orchard.

Be sure to check out our website, theorchardefc.org, to learn more about the ministries of this church.

Bob Warren, Campus Pastor
Gym – Arlington Heights Campus

Welcome to our worship service this morning.

Campus Pastor Bob Warren

Worship Leader Tim Patterson

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message **The Inside Story of Your Future Life: *The Gathering***

– Pastor Colin Smith

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE BOOKSTORE

There is still plenty of time for you to read Pastor Colin's recommended titles from the current sermon series: *We Shall See God*, Randy Alcorn's commentary on the "heaven" sermons of Charles Spurgeon, and Erwin Lutzer's *One Minute After You Die*. And check out Jonathan Edwards' *On Heaven and Hell* and Francis Chan's book, *Erasing Hell*, all in the Unlocking the Bible bookstores.

For complete information about all programs, visit theorchardefc.org.

PLEASE READ MORE on the back page of this worship folder.

AS YOU PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP, REMEMBER...

In last week's message, we saw that Death has two henchmen called Sin and Law, but that Jesus has changed the face of death for His people. He has done this by:

Living a perfect life that completely fulfilled the law of God.

Laying down His perfect life as a sacrifice for the sins of others.

Going into death itself and swallowing up death in victory.

When Jesus comes in glory, He will swallow up death for all His people. We will have a new, resurrection body which will be imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual.

What will the resurrection mean for you?

The believing body and soul will rejoice together in complete harmony forever.

The unbelieving soul and body will be locked in an unending conflict of mutual blame.

The choice is up to you, and there is no better time than now to choose everlasting life in Christ. Any of our pastoral staff would be pleased to discuss this with you.

ADULT CLASSES TODAY

New Commandment – 8:45 AM

Douglas Room – Gary Griffin

Book of Matthew

Christian Perspectives – 10:30 AM

Chapel – Hans Madueme (Trinity)

The Riddle of Adam and Eve: Debating Science and Theology

LIFE Connections – 10:30 AM

Parlor – Sermon Discussion

GIVING AT THE ORCHARD

Last Week You Gave: \$79,553

Budget Need*: \$86,939

Difference: (\$7,386)

**"Budget Need" represents our budget, seasonally adjusted for each month.*

Year-to-Date Additional Need to Support Current Ministries: \$282,084.

