



March 2011

Worship Services

Classic, Sanctuary
Arlington Heights Campus
Sunday—8:45 & 10:30 AM

Contemporary, Gym
Arlington Heights Campus
Saturday—5:30 PM
Sunday—8:45 & 10:30 AM

Contemporary, Barrington Campus
Sunday—9 AM

Classic, Barrington Campus
Sunday—10:45 AM

Contemporary, Itasca Campus
Sunday—8:45 & 10:30 AM

Preaching Schedule

March 5, 6

Staying the Course

When You're Tired of the Battle

Enjoy the Peace and Presence of God

2 Thess. 3:16-18

Pastor Colin Smith

March 12, 13

Mission Weekend

Outstanding program;

Same presentation, different speakers
each campus

**The Surpassing Joy of
Knowing Christ—Psalm 23**

March 19, 20

Knowing Christ in Life

AH—Gym Saturday night—Bing Nieh

AH—Gym Sunday—Bing Nieh (8:45)

Tom Hutchison (10:30)

AH—Sanctuary—Tim Baylor

Barrington—Ryan Beardsley

Itasca—Matt Zaubi

March 26, 27

Knowing Christ in Death

AH—Gym Saturday night—Matt Zaubi

AH—Gym Sunday—Tom Hutchison (8:45)

Russell Flynt (10:30)

AH—Sanctuary—Ryan Beardsley

Barrington—Tim Baylor

Itasca—Greg Norwine

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Knowing Christ Forever

AH—Gym Saturday night—Russell Flynt

AH—Gym Sunday—Josh Newton (8:45)

Bing Nieh (10:30)

AH—Sanctuary—Tom Olson

Barrington—Tom Hutchison

Itasca—Greg Norwine

Finally, brothers, pray...

On the first Sunday of March, 2011, the church family of The Orchard is meeting at the Barrington Campus for one very important purpose. We are meeting to PRAY. This is a most appropriate start to a critical period in the life of our church. God has called us to a mission characterized by multiplication. This is moving us out of our area of comfort. God is asking us to stretch, to do more, to RUN.

Finally, brothers, pray for us...

*that the message of the Lord
may run.*

*that the message of the Lord
may be honored.*

In a day when many churches are declining and many other churches have abandoned the Gospel, we want to do all we can to see the message of the Lord spread. We don't want to see that happen slowly or incrementally, but rapidly. We want to see the fruit of the Gospel's transforming power in the lives of many people. Pray for this. Ask God for this.

God's people pray for the pastors.

The Gospel spreads through people. It advances rapidly through people who are called by God and recognized by the church to lead this work. That is why Paul asks for prayer for himself and for his team, so that the Gospel may move forward with speed.

Pray for pastors. Pray for missionaries. Here's the strategy: If you want to see the Gospel spread rapidly, pray for people who have been called by God and recognized by the church to lead that advance. Our pastors need your prayers. Our missionaries need your prayers. I need your prayers.

The pastors are praying too.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself... encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word" (*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*).

Paul, the man who brought the Gospel to the Thessalonians, is praying for them. He prays again, "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance" (*2 Thessalonians 3:5*).

The bond of love between faithful pastors and a faithful congregation is a beautiful thing—a partnership so that the gospel may run and be honored. Has the Gospel borne fruit in your life? Has it brought you to a place where you are driven by a passion to see this Gospel run and bear fruit in the lives of others? Does this pulsate in your heart? Have you felt the wonder of the redeeming love of Christ in your own soul to the point where you feel that it is worth great sacrifice to bring this love to others? Has God's grace become so amazing to you that your heart burns to see the Gospel—not walk but run, not spread slowly but spread rapidly in your lifetime?

As we begin this month with corporate prayer, let us continue to pray—together and individually—that God will light this flame in all of our hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ and for the advance of the Gospel.

*Taken from message by Colin Smith,
February 13, 2011*

*"Staying the Course When You're Tired
of the Battle...Advancing the Gospel ...
Priorities for the Front Lines"*

As The Orchard family has embraced the World Impact Project, our children have found ways to save money and have raised more than \$6000 to build libraries. They are helping children who live a world away learn to read. They are giving their money so that these children will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus and His gift of salvation.

Extreme Generosity

When the children at The Orchard were told that as they gave their money, children in Indonesia would be able to have libraries and hear about Jesus, one little boy was grabbed by the message. He was going to do something about it!

Arriving home from church, he went up to his bedroom and retrieved the Christmas money he had been saving. He came downstairs and gave his mom \$100.

Then he reminded his mom and dad about a large family jar in which they had been accumulating their loose change for a long time. "Why can't we give that?" he inquired. His family agreed and a trip to the bank revealed that the jar held \$250. That would go to build libraries as well.

Finally, this generous boy decided that he should give the \$100 of allowance money he had been saving.

What a great example of a tender, generous heart open to the voice of God!



Prayer Focus

A Focus on Service

Enablement in its most positive application is a powerful concept: one person making it possible for another to function at his best. Two women on the staff of The Orchard take enabling and all the strength it suggests to a whole new level of greatness.

Sandy Williams and Laura Eder serve The Orchard as Executive Assistants to Senior Pastor Colin Smith and Executive Pastor Scott Lothery. Their efficient and conscientious work behind the scenes enables these pastors to be most effective in both ministry and administration.



Sandy Williams grew up in a family where “do your best” was a motto and a way of life. When she gave here life to Christ in 1978, that principle translated into “whatever

you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord.” Whether she was working as a Bank teller, a credit investigator for Master Card or as an editorial assistant, she modeled this value.

At Taylor University, Sandy met Russ Williams. They were married in 1982 and have two daughters, Rachel, 26 and Megan, 23. When her girls entered college, Sandy needed to find a full-time job that would help to cover college costs. She worked in retail sales and in a real estate office before joining Unlocking the Bible as the administrative assistant.

In the fall of 2006, Sandy was offered the position of Executive Assistant to Pastor Colin, the Church Board and Executive Pastor, Bill Bradish. Sandy shares,

“To this day I am amazed at where God has brought me. What a humbling privilege to serve the Lord as I work for a man I greatly admire and respect. I am blessed as I support Pastor Colin so that he can use the gifts that God has given him! I am the keeper of his calendar and the protector of his time.”

I help him to communicate his vision. I serve as an event planner, travel agent, hostess ...and whatever else is needed.

Serving the Church Board, I am continually encouraged as I hear the discussions and watch the process as they lead our church. I am so moved when the men go to their knees in prayer and pour out their hearts, seeking the Lord. We truly are blessed as a church to have men who sincerely desire to seek and serve the Lord.

I truly do feel that my job is a gift and a calling from the Lord.”

Sandy’s faithful, consistent and trustworthy dedication to the leaders of our church and to the ministries of The Orchard are truly a gift to all of us.



Laura Eder and her husband, Dan, were married at The Orchard (Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church) by pastor Greg Waybright in 1990.

They have three children, Caitlin, Maggie and Ryan.

Growing up in Mt. Prospect, Laura met Dan when she was 16, working at Lou Malnati’s. He was a cook and she was a “phone girl” taking orders and running them to the kitchen.

Laura began working at Harris bank before she finished college and by the end of her 12 years with Harris, Laura had worked her way up to the very responsible position of Regional Compliance Manager.

When her children were born, Laura became a stay-at-home mom. She returned to Harris as a part-time administrative assistant when her twins, Maggie and Ryan were in first grade. She says, *“I see now how God used that time to prepare me for this position as it taught me how to manage someone else’s calendar and liaison between the manager I served and a variety of other department heads as well as the numerous people he managed.”*

Moving ministry into a multi-site structure has been a challenging and exciting experience. Scott’s responsibilities have increased as additional sites have been added and as staffing has become more complex. Much of the logistics of staff and ministry management has been shifted from Pastor Colin to Scott allowing Colin to focus more of his time on sermon planning and the development of future Gospel preachers.

As Laura works beside Scott, her attention to detail assures that plans that are made are captured accurately and communicated appropriately within the staff. She also coordinates internships and Field education Studies for Trinity students working at The Orchard.

Laura says, *“I coordinate many meetings, including our bi-weekly staff meeting where we worship together in song. I take minutes, follow up on action points and frequently interact with ministry leaders and the Campus Pastors on Scott’s behalf. I see how God has specially gifted Scott to think strategically about the best ways to spread the Gospel rapidly and I feel so grateful and blessed to be working for him.”*

Laura’s dedication and passion for the Gospel are obvious. She is a talented and gifted administrator who lives out her faith, cares passionately about people and their needs, and works tirelessly to see the Gospel spread through the ministries of The Orchard.

Prayer requests:

- Praise the Lord for the fantastic team of believers who make up the administrative team at The Orchard.
- Thank the Lord for the amazing spirit of unity; pray that it will continue.
- Ask the Lord to bring more volunteers to assist with general administrative duties.
- Pray that God would continue to give Sandy and Laura wisdom and discernment as they serve Colin, Scott and the church.

Missionary Focus

ZOLTÁN AND KATI SZOLNOKI
Hungary



For more than a decade, Zoltán and Kati have planted churches with the Hungarian Evangelical

Church. Zoltán is the first supported evangelist and church planter of this newly formed Hungarian organization. Outreaches and Bible study groups just outside the Hungarian capital, Budapest, have developed into a new, weekly meeting for seekers, to prepare for a regular church gathering in the future.

- PRAISE that a young man recently said yes to Christ after hearing the Gospel. Please PRAY that he will continue to learn and grow through God's Word.
- Please PRAY that we will find open seekers through our spring English course which is just beginning.
- Please PRAY for God's leading as we begin to plan for our fall ministry calendar. There are some exciting opportunities on the horizon.
- Please PRAY that the women in the seeker groups with which Kati is involved will respond to the gospel message and accept Christ as their Savior.

JILL HALL
TouchGlobal/ Minnesota



Jill serves as part of the leadership team of TouchGlobal, the compassion and holistic ministry

arm of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

- PRAISE God for the many upcoming opportunities to expand the GlobalFingerprints program to new locations. Please PRAY for God's leading and wisdom.
- Please PRAY that GlobalFingerprints *Every Drop Counts!*—a program which provides hundreds of children in Haiti and India with clean water through the offerings of children in VBS—will be adopted by many churches.
- Please PRAY for a safe and fruitful trip as Jill travels to Tanzania this month to investigate opportunities for ReachGlobal to become involved in using micro-finance to reach into areas of extreme poverty.
- Please PRAY that TouchGlobal will be able to find U.S. partners willing to join a beta-test for a micro-enterprise development, training and finance program in multiple locations later this year.

HENRY & MARCETTE HAPP
ReachGlobal/ Costa Rica



Henry works as the Information Technology Director for ReachGlobal's Latin America

Training Network (LATN). This provides Master's level theological training to Spanish-speaking church leaders all over the world. Henry is responsible not only for day-to-day technology operations, but also for helping to determine which tools LATN will investigate and use in the future. Marcette serves as the team's Communications Coordinator.

- PRAISE God that LATN, is continuing to grow and now has students from 14 different nationalities and 11 countries.
- Please PRAY that God will continue to equip His churches as LATN begins to intentionally reach out to develop relationships with local pastors here in Costa Rica.
- Please PRAY that LATN will continue to grow as a result of strategic partnerships with other Christian educational institutions.
- Please PRAY that Marcette will be able to share God's love and grace with the women who attend the International Women's Bible Study she will be leading.

Military Focus

Adam Netzel (Kara) – Air Force – Hurlburt Field, FL

Requests: That upcoming additional staff training will go well. That Kara's health will continue to be as stable as possible and that she will be able to handle her new one day a week job. That they will both find a place to serve in the church.
(son of Rob and Becky Netzel)

Gil Bailey (Elizabeth) – Army – Afghanistan

Requests: For safety and protection as Gil leaves to serve another year-long tour of deployment. For his wife handling the home front with three small children. That the Lord would make Himself evident and they would find peace and strength through Him.
(son-in-law of Wayne & Joyce Jagusch)



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