



## Preaching Schedule

The Full Extent of His Love  
Pastor Colin Smith

**April 30, May 1**

The Love of Christ for  
His Heavenly Father  
Psalm 22:1-21

**May 7, 8**

The Love of Christ for  
His Grieving Mother  
Luke 2:41-52

**May 14, 15**

The Love of Christ for  
His Suffering Brothers and Sisters  
Hebrews 2:10-18

**May 21, 22**

The Love of Christ for  
Defeated Disciples  
Romans 3:21-26

**May 28, 29**

The Love of Christ for  
Dying Believers  
I Corinthians 15:50-58

## Connecting *and* Communicating at The Orchard

Being part of a church where “The Gospel Runs” is exhilarating. All of us who worship here are blessed as we see God at work in every area of our ministry. People are coming to know Christ as Savior. Families facing seemingly impossible problems are being served and supported by people in our church. God has been opening up new locations and new vehicles for reaching people in our area and around the world.

The difficulty inherent in all of this blessing is that although we are spread out in multiple locations and ministering in unique ways, we still want to stay connected. As one church, we want to know how God is working across all campuses and we want to be able to pray for each other. This is the challenge of communication!

*Here's the good news:* There have never been more effective communication methods than there are right now.

*Here's the bad news:* Those communication methods are changing exponentially. Change is often fantastic; sometimes uncomfortable and rarely easy.

At The Orchard, we are being deliberate and diligent—working to assure that we communicate effectively and dependably with you. We want to

keep you informed, but we never want to bury you in too much information. We want to be thorough, but never exasperating.

On the next pages, please review each method of communication. Find out about a creative new feature coming to our website. Learn how and where to get information.

Ruth Guillaume  
*Director of Communications*



# communication 101



## <http://theorchardefc.org>—our primary vehicle of communication

Visit the website to...

- find out about all events taking place at The Orchard.
- read, watch, or listen to weekend messages.
- register for events.
- see ministry areas that need help and sign up to serve.
- make contributions to The Orchard.
- be amazed at the multi-cultural outreach of The Orchard.
- review available LIFE groups and sign up for one.
- meet the staff.
- check the church calendar.
- find appropriate programs for children, youth, adults.
- learn what is happening in missions.



## Mass email

Important information, pertinent to the majority of attendees will be sent to alert our church family about important matters. These will be short, to the point, and as infrequent as possible. Individual ministries also may send ministry-specific emails.

## @ the orchard

This is the primary vehicle for all-campus ministry reporting. Read the remarkable

ministry reporting. Rejoice together at the many ways the Gospel is running in Itasca, Barrington, Arlington Heights and around the world. (Available in hard copy or on the website.)

## Ministry Guide

Check it frequently to see what is happening at The Orchard. (Available in hard copy or on the website.)

## Worship Folder

Directing our hearts toward God is the primary purpose of this piece. The "As you prepare for worship..." section reviews the sermon of the previous week and helps worshippers to prepare their hearts for the message of the day.

Each week the back page reports a story, a testimony or ministry progress illustrating how God is working at The Orchard.

In addition, Individual campus pastors welcome newcomers to The Orchard—guiding them to sources of fellowship and information and inviting them to return. A few announcements and some financial information—important to all attendees at The Orchard—is also included. (Available in hard copy or on the website.)

## Bulletin Board

Announcements—campus specific and central—rotate on the front page of the website. This is also printed weekly so that anyone who is not able to access the Internet can stay connected.

## Pre and Post Slides

Before and after each worship service, upcoming events are announced via venue video screens.

## Pictorial Directory

Beginning May 17, families and individuals from The Orchard will be getting pictures

taken—at each campus. These will be included in our new directory. Please go to the News page on the website for complete information and sign up dates.

The new directory will have pictures and information for people from all campuses. It will be available as a booklet and will also live on our website. To get a copy, just participate!

(Help with sign up will be available at kiosks and information desks at each campus.)



Coming  
May 10, 2011

### The Bulletin Board LIVE

Tune in each week to watch a YouTube video presented by a special broadcaster from Student Ministries reporting the important announcements of the week.



### Other Communication

Individual ministries may have their own communication pieces. Children and Student Ministries use several methods of connecting with parents and students. Women's Ministries distributes *Women @ THE ORCHARD* monthly. For more information check the website or information desk.

### PRAYER FOCUS:

- Praise the Lord for the great ministry happening at The Orchard.
- Pray for wisdom and skill for all who are involved in communicating information and blessing to our church family.

# bear FRUIT

In May, as part of the ROOTS, LIFE, and FRUIT ministry of The Orchard, we focus on FRUIT. Ministries that are held in the summer—VBS, service in the community, and a myriad of other opportunities—are calling for all of us to be involved. Children's ministries and many others are gearing up for the fall and considering, based on volunteers available, what ministry they will be able to do.

In Scripture, bearing fruit is not an option—a suggestion to be weighed, to be obeyed or not, depending on our inclination. Bearing fruit is part of God's Divine plan for accomplishing His work. Proverbs 12:12 says, "...**the root of the righteous bears fruit.**" ESV

Genesis records the beginning. God created all living things and then in Genesis 1:28, after He had created the man and woman, He gave them this command, "Be fruitful and multiply." Although this command was, no doubt, about God's plan for the propagation of the human race, He follows this same theme in the New Testament as He builds His Church. He instructs His bride to "be fruitful and multiply."

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, **he will bear much fruit;**

apart from me you can do nothing. ...By this my Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit** and so prove to be my disciples" (John 15:6,8).

"You did not choose me, but **I chose you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last**" (John 15:16).

"And we pray this in order that **you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work growing in the knowledge of God.**" (Co. 1:10).

In the next weeks and months, we will hear about many opportunities for service—for fruit bearing. Our prayer cannot be, "Shall I serve?" but rather, "**Lord, show me how I can serve You best, bearing fruit for Your glory.**"

### PRAYER FOCUS:

- Thank the Lord for the hundreds of volunteers who have been serving at The Orchard. Pray that they will be encouraged as they continue to serve.
- Pray for ministry leaders who are feeling the urgency of the mission but are having difficulty finding volunteer staff.
- Pray for additional volunteers that are needed in Itasca, Barrington and Arlington Heights. Ask God to lay the vision on the hearts of God's people and pray that they will respond.

# Missionary Focus

**Bob and Vicki McCollum**  
*Colombia/El Camino Academy*



Bob and Vicki serve at El Camino Academy (ECA), a Christian international school for preschool through twelfth grade. Bob is Director of Academics

and Vicki is middle and high school math teacher and Elementary Mathematics Coordinator. She also discipless high school girls.

- PRAISE God for continuing to provide staffing for ECA. Fourteen people are currently raising support and finalizing details for the next school year.
- Please PRAY for smooth transitions for these new teachers, and for God to bring teachers and staff members to fill the positions that are still open.
- Please PRAY for Bob to clearly proclaim God's Word when he preaches at our Colombian church on May 8th.
- Please PRAY for God's direction and guidance as we are in the process of making significant decisions regarding a commitment to stay in Colombia long-term. Also, pray for Bob as he contemplates beginning a doctoral program.

**John and Judy Pex**  
*Israel/The Shelter Hostel*



For more than 35 years, John and Judy have been in Eilat, Israel where John is the leader of the Eilat congregation—an international

Christian community. They also run the Shelter hostel, a 40-bed guest house where travelers from all over the world stay for a few days or months or years. Together with a team of volunteers, John and Judy minister to the guests' physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They also have a significant ministry with Sudanese refugees.

- PRAISE God for the publication of Judy's book, *A People Strong and Smooth*, which chronicles the struggles of the Sudanese refugees who have found a new life and faith since arriving in Eilat.
- Please PRAY for the people who attended our Passover/Easter celebrations. This year it coincided with a large New Age celebration that attracted tens of thousands of young people. Please PRAY that through our outreach, many will come to faith in Christ.
- Please continue to PRAY for a permanent license for the hostel. We have operated for 26 years with temporary licenses.

**Dr. Joel & Dr. Deborah Carpenter**  
*Tanzania/YWAM*



Joel has been a family practice medical doctor at New Life Clinic in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, since 1999. He also uses his gift of music to

play keyboards and lead worship at a local church. Deborah is doing medical ministry in a public health facility in the area.

- PRAISE God for protection and health. Joel recently found two snakes in their home. Recently, Deborah and Scott were treated for malaria, but are now healthy.
- PRAISE God for a new, caring, evangelical nurse.
- PRAISE for a surgeon who is coming to help us at the clinic for a few weeks.
- Please PRAY for our ministries at the medical clinic and for our village medical outreach. PRAY that people will see the love of Christ and respond to the Gospel.
- Please PRAY that the music ministry at our church will encourage and strengthen the believers.
- Please PRAY for our endurance, health and safety; for a strong and vibrant marriage.
- PRAY for the details of our plans to return to the U.S. on furlough this summer.

# Military Focus

**Daniel Kerstan – Army – Afghanistan**

Requests: Dan has been deployed to Afghanistan for as long as a year. Pray he will find Christian fellowship and have a continuing desire to stay firmly planted in the Scriptures. Also, pray that he may impact others for the Lord. Pray for his protection, both mentally and physically.

*(son of Peter & Sheri Kerstan)*

**Robert – Navy – Japan**

Requests: Robert is part of the military personnel assisting in the dire situation in the aftermath of Japan's tsunami. Pray for his protection and safety.

*(nephew of Peter & Diane Michaelides)*



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