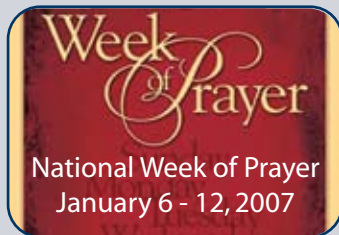




Featured Event:



National Week of Prayer
January 6 - 12, 2007



As we read through the timeless Christmas story we find several moments of precious offerings: Christ offered Himself, the innkeeper offered a humble cattle stall, the wise-men offered their costly gifts, the shepherds offered their solemn praise, the angels offered their majestic worship, and Mary offered her very own life.

Today, because of the amazing gift Christ gave, each one of us has something special to offer -- both to Christ and to others. This Christmas musical is a reminder and celebration of the most treasured Christmas offering of all -- Jesus Christ. Because of His amazing love, we can celebrate The Christmas Offering. We encourage you to come and invite family and friends to this heart-warming musical drama.

We will be presenting this program on Sunday, December 16th at 8 AM, 10 AM, and 6 PM.



An Early Christmas Present

by Pastor Ed Rutherford

"The only footprints on the sands of time that will last, are the ones that come after knee prints."

Have you ever got an early Christmas present? I did. On November 7th, I went to the hospital and found out that I had suffered a slight heart attack. At first, this seemed like a catastrophe. Mary and I were supposed to go on a small cruise the very next day. I wanted them to release me and let me go, but the doctors said no. The next thing I knew, I was being transferred for a heart procedure. They found one small artery blocked and placed a stent to open it up.

The Doctors and the Heart Specialist told me that my heart and the other arteries look good so I should be fine. They did tell me to follow a special diet (Yuk), to take it easy for a few weeks, and start a walking regimen to get my strength back to normal.

I know that may seem like a bad thing, but it turned out to be good. It was an early Christmas gift. It was a present from God. I am not talking about getting a little longer life (this particular artery feeds a vital part of the heart, and from what the doctor said, if I had gone on the cruise, it could have been fatal). It wasn't that I got a good report about my heart and other arteries being in good condition. This gift was a gift of love.

I was once again reminded that Mary and I are so blessed to pastor Orange Hills. My heart was overwhelmed by the love, the prayers, and the support of this church family. I want you to know that while I was in that hospital and while I was recovering, I could feel those prayers. I felt as if I were covered and bathed in the prayers of God's people. Then, over the last two Sundays, I have stood in awe at the expressions of love and kindness that have been poured out on us. We are so blessed.

I just want you to know that I love and appreciate everyone of you. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

Love You,

Pastor Ed

UPCOMING MESSAGES

- Dec 2** "The Message From God"
- Dec 9** "Joyeux Noel - The Joy of Christmas"
- Dec 16** "The Christmas Offering"
- Dec 23** "Let His Light Shine"
- Dec 30** "Closing the Book"



As the year comes to a close, Crossfire Youth Ministries would like to thank all of you for your prayers and help throughout this year. It is because of your help that we are able to do so many of the things that we do.

We also want to send a special thank you to everyone who helped our kids go to Youth Convention. This was the best year yet. Many of our youth either accepted Christ for the first time, or rededicated their lives to Him. Thanks again for all your help and prayers!

Don't forget to check the Youth Calendar for more details on this month's events!

From Crossfire Youth Ministries to all of you at Orange Hills: Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!



The Attic is very thankful for its many blessings in November. The concert may have only showcased three bands, but that did not sacrifice any attendance.

Many kids came out to see a great performance by very talented bands. On and off the stage, the bands were truly a pleasure to be around and were a great positive influence to all who came to the show.

Next month we are looking forward to a "Best of 2007" show. In the spirit of giving we are giving the people what they want by putting together a concert full of only the best bands of this past year. So I encourage you, if you have never been to The Attic before or know someone who would be interested in a good concert, come and bring them to our "Best of 2007" show on December 21st at 7 p.m.

Royal Rangers Prepare For Awards



Our Royal Rangers are busy completing badges as we prepare for our annual awards meeting. The rangers will be finishing up badges from last year and then kick off the New Year in January.

Ric Strauss has taken over the Adventure Ranger Class. This is for boys 6th-8th grades. He has brought a great attitude and a lot of experience to the class. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Ted Wright is taking over the Discovery Ranger class. This is for boys 3rd-5th grades. They are working on the First Aid Merit.

The Ranger Kids Class is for Rangers kindergarten through second grade. This class is currently working on the Fox badge and is being taught by Ron Pryer.

Missionettes



This is the most wonderful time of year. You can feel the excitement in the Missionette clubs as we finish 2007. We will have our Christmas party for the girls on Wednesday December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

There are so many gifts to enjoy - the decorations, lights, beautiful music and spending time with family and friends. What joy we as Christians feel at Christ's birth. The world is trying desperately to take away the true meaning of Christmas, but they can't take away what we believe.

My wish for you is that the Lord bring you peace and joy this Christmas.

Merry Christmas.

Bible Quiz Update

While Philippians, Colossians and Philemon Danced in Their Heads...

With Galatians and Ephesians memorized, the Orange Hills Teen Bible Quiz Teams will take advantage of the Christmas break to try to complete the memorization of this year's material. The Teens will quiz over Philippians in January and Colossians and Philemon in February. It is not too late to get involved. We need coaches, quizzers and officials. Everybody is welcome. If you are interested in getting involved talk to Ron or Donna Pryer.



After winning all 3 divisions in October, we moved our teams up a division for our second Quiz Meet on November 13 at Victorville Assembly of God. Our teen teams quizzed over the book of Ephesians. We fielded 3 teams - 2 in the A Division and 1 in the A-2 Division.

The Joyful Blind : Our veteran team of Mary and James Pryer won all 8 of their matches. James had the highest individual score and Mary had the 6th highest individual score.

Before Your Very Eyes : Our team of Jessica Lynch, Thomas Pryer and Samuel Pryer moved up to the A division and only lost 2 games, including a close 15 point loss to The Joyful Blind. Jessica(4th), Thomas(9th) and Samuel(8th) all finished in the top team giving Orange Hills five of the top 10 quizzers in the A division. The team was coached by Robbie Lane who did a great job.

Their Eye is on You : Last Month's Novice team competed in the A-2 division and came in 1st. The team of Timothy Pryer, James Lynch and Daniel Lane won all of their games against A-2 division teams and beat one A division team in interdivision play. James finished 1st, Daniel 2nd and Timothy 4th in the individual rankings.

Junior Bible Quiz : Our Junior Bible quizzers are half way through the Bible Factpak. This is for kids 1st - 6th grade. We have teams and levels of competition to match your quizzing ability and level of commitment. Come and check us out on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm.

OH NO!!!! Our Junior Bible Quiz A team finished 3rd in the second meet of the year. With 3 members of last year's team gone, the team is still one of the toughest team out there despite being short one member. David Pryer led the team in scoring and finished with the 2nd highest individual score. He teamed with John Pryer, who finished 8th, and Faith Pryer, who is fresh out of the rookie division.

God's Holy Tigers: Our rookie team was missing 3 quizzers and quizzed shorthanded. The team of Rebecca Murphy and Aaron Pryer quizzed well with every quizzer scoring points. Aaron finished 6th in the individual scoring.

Orange Hills Bible Quiz has developed a reputation of not only great teams, but of being a lot of fun. Our teams are known for their great attitudes and their love for each other. Come join the fun.

Children's Ministry



This November was an exciting month for KidZone. We started a brand new curriculum called *High Point* earlier this month and the kids are crazy about it.

The main theme of *Good vs. Evil* takes the kids to the far off island of Haiti. There they met a hippy character named Tad Leery and began their exploration of good and evil. The very first week the kids learned about choices and how it is always up to us to choose good rather than evil. Adam and Eve provided us with a fantastic example of how our choices affect us and that nothing evil comes from God. We are excited and filled with anticipation for what lies ahead. Please come and join our adventure on Sunday mornings during the 10:00am service.

This month we have a special Christmas calendar. On the 16th of December there will be NO KIDZONE do to the Christmas performance. On Sunday, December 23rd, KidZone will be taking a break from our High Point curriculum to do a special lesson on Jesus' birth and the meaning of Christmas. Also, on the 26th of December, there will be no Wednesday night service for Royal Rangers or Missionettes. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Meet Barbara Lowry

Barbara Lowry attends Orange Hills and has served in many ministries. At the present time she is the Women's Ministries leader. She is doing an outstanding job with their monthly meetings, involving our ladies in District events. Barbara also loves to sing and is part of the Christmas and Easter musicals. We appreciate her love for the Lord and her service in ministry here at Orange Hills. God bless you Barbara, as you continue to serve Him.



Meet Judy Bearskin

Judy Bearskin is very involved in our Children's Ministries, serving in the Missionettes department as Missionettes Coordinator. She has done a wonderful job in getting the girls excited and involved in working towards their badges, as well as knowing who Jesus is. She has made Missionettes a fun club for girls to be part of. God bless you Judy and your team, as you continue to serve the Lord here at Orange Hills.



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Service Times
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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Senior Pastor Ed Rutherford



Holiday traditions are wonderful, aren't they! We really had a good time last month sharing family traditions, giving thanks for those special blessings throughout the past year. Special thanks to Donna Pryor for preparing a tablescape and sharing her family's Christmas breakfast tradition and to Linda Ybarra for sharing her family tradition of making tamales and the wonderful hot chocolate. I also want to extend a BIG thank you to Joan Shaver for sharing her musical talent with us. Every month she has led us in a wonderful time of praise and worship. She just makes our meetings all that more special.

As we head into the Christmas season I want to invite you to join us on December 6th at 6:30pm for our pot luck Christmas celebration. Bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert. The main course will be provided, but if you have a main dish you want to share, feel free to bring it. It's going to be a great time of inspirational music, fellowship, and gift giving. We will also have a beautiful hand-made Christmas afghan to raffle.

If you have been part of our Secret Sister exchange this past year, you especially do not want to miss this meeting! You do want to know who has been sending you those little surprises, right? Not part of the Secret Sister

exchange? Don't worry! You can still participate in a gift exchange. Just bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to swap. (Price not to exceed \$10.)

Here's just a brief look at some upcoming events for 2008. Our January meeting is going to be a "chick" night at the movies. As a fund-raiser we will be selling box dinners and snacks. In February Women's Ministries will host a night out with your VBFF (Very Best Friend Forever)...and no, it won't be a couples' night. Plans are in the making for an all church event at the Curtin Call Dinner Theater to see "Forever Plaid", a musical based on the music of the 1950s. Seats will be limited so start making plans now for this event.

Coming Events:

- Jan 3: WM's Movie Night (6:30pm)
- Feb: All Church Event – "Forever Plaid" at the Curtin Call Dinner Theater (Date TBA)
- Mar/Apr 18-19: Energizers - San Juan Capistrano



There will be no Men's Ministries meeting in December. Merry Christmas!! See YOU at our January meeting.