



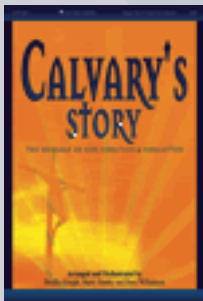
Featured Event:



Ronnie Allen and the Hymn-Song Singers

Come out on Sunday nights and enjoy the old hymns led by Ronnie Allen and the Hymn-Song Singers Worship team every Sunday Night at 6PM.

Upcoming Events:



Easter Program:
"Calvary's Story"
Sunday, March 16
at 8am, 10am & 6pm



The Three Trees

by Pastor Ed Rutherford

Once there were 3 trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the 1st tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty." Then the 2nd tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens

across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull." Finally the 3rd tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up at my branches and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to the carpenter," and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree a woodsmen said, "This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one," and he cut it down. When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in storage. The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn, gave birth and placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree.

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UPCOMING MESSAGES

- Mar 2** "The Keys to Making Every Day A Good Day"
- Mar 9** "The Keys To Facing The Battles of Life"
- Mar 16** "Cantata Calvary's Story"
- Mar 23** "Rock and Roll Easter"
- Mar 30** "The Keys to Winning At Life"

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One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men awoke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat. Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill.

When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

Love Ya,
Pastor Ed

The Royal Rangers



The Royal Rangers entered twelve cars in the pinewood derby. The kids designed their cars on blocks of pine. After they were cut out, the kids painted the cars. All of the Cars did great with many staying in the race to the very end. With 177 cars to compete against, trophies were

hard to come by, but we still managed to comeback with three trophies.

Thomas won two trophies - one for best design for his Sherman tank and one for speed finishing in third place. Samuel earned a trophy for most original for his Pirate ship.

The rangers will be going to San Diego to tour the Midway in March. They are also preparing for Camporee in May.



February proved to be another great month for the Attic. There was a large crowd in attendance, including many kids that have never been to our church, or any church, before. The bands played songs that openly talked about their struggles as Christians in a secular world. Even though the bands were very busy, they still took the time to talk to the kids at the concert about anything they wanted to ask them. Next month, we have another big concert including three great Christian bands. We encourage you to come and invite any youth you know to attend on March 28th.



February was such a blessing. We want to first thank Eric Martinson for letting us use his cabin for our Winter Camp. It was truly a blessing. Camp is always such a great trip, and this time was no let down. Between David & Rick leading us in worship, and the once a year opportunity to hit Pastor Brian with snow, camp was surely a memorable experience. We want to thank you all for your prayers as we continue to go through our school year. Thanks again for all your support. Please check the youth mailer for more details on this month's activities!

Missionettes



What a fun month we've had in Missionettes. Our Daisies completed their "Love" badge, learning about loving the Lord as well as love for family and friends.

The Prims completed their work to earn the "Prayer" badge. We learned that God always loves to hear from us and will always be there to listen.

Our Stars enjoyed earning their "First Aid" badge with a special guest speaker. Kathy Murphy, a registered nurse, came to the class to teach the girls basic first-aid procedures. THANK YOU KATHY.

We did take a small break from all the hard work in order to let the girls share Valentine's Day. In the next couple of months, we will be providing information regarding Stars camp to be held this summer.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

JBQ Team Bounces Back

After a disappointing fourth place finish in their January quiz meet, Orange Hills Junior Bible Quiz Team worked extra hard preparing for the February meet. All the hard work showed as they won all nine of their matches and finished first. All four team members finished in the top ten individually with David Pryer finishing second, John Pryer finishing fifth, Faith Pryer finishing eighth and Aaron Pryer finishing tenth.

Aaron is a rookie quizzer who quizzed with the A-Team because none of his team mates were able to attend the quiz meet. His team mates encouraged him and gave him first shot at rereads allowing him to score points that would normally have gone to one of them.

Teens Go to Texas Bring Back Awards and the Flu

Orange Hills Teen Bible quiz program is bursting at the seams. With ten quality quizzers we have ten teens that have memorized five books of the Bible this year.

In order to give the team a taste of tougher competition, we sent eight quizzers, divided into two teams, to the South Texas Invitational in Houston, Texas. Our veteran team of James, Mary, Thomas and Samuel finished with a 13-4 record and won second place. James Pryer led the team in scoring and finished with the second highest individual score.

Our team of mostly new quizzers also competed in the top division and quizzed well. Jessica Lynch was moved from the veteran team to provide leadership for this team. She was joined by Daniel Lane, James Lynch, and Timothy Pryer. The team was more competitive than expected, winning five games while playing teams from seven different states. Our next meet is March 8 in Bakersfield. Our team practice has been set back a little as many of the quizzers returned from Texas with the Flu.



Men's Ministries HONOR BOUND

Men's Ministries will meet March 15 at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We have a wonderful time of inspiration and fellowship. Invite a friend, come and enjoy!!

We hope to see you there.

Meet David Ramirez

David Ramirez is our music intern here at Orange Hills. David is very active in the music department preparing for each worship service as well as playing lead guitar for our worship services. David is also very active in Crossfire Youth Ministries and coordinating "The Attic", a youth outreach ministry. We at Orange Hills are very thankful for David, his love for the Lord and his dedication and service here.



Children's Ministry

February was a great month in KidZone. We finished up our worship curriculum and will be moving on to the life of Jesus.

Since Easter falls in March we will be starting the month off with the miracles of Jesus. Next we will be studying the days of Jesus' life right before the cross. It is always great to set aside time to really look at the Life of our Lord and Savior and reflect on the sacrifice He paid to save us from our sins.

Also, don't forget that this month on Easter Sunday all children in KidZone will be participating in our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We always give out tons of prizes, cash, and lots more! The egg hunt will take place after the 10am service on Easter Sunday. There will also be no KidZone on the 16th of March. We encourage all families to enjoy the Easter musical together. Toddler and nursery care will still be available for your convenience.



Meet Rick Ortega

Rick Ortega is one of Orange Hills' young men who is very active in Crossfire Youth Ministries. He is a musician and one of the coordinators for "The Attic" which meets the last Friday of the month and is an outreach ministry. Rick is also part of the worship team, playing guitar. We are thankful for Rick, his dedication and commitment here at Orange Hills. God Bless you as you continue to serve Him.



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

Service Times

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Senior Pastor Ed Rutherford



Plans are in the works for our April brunch. As in the past, our tables will be hosted by several of our wonderful ladies. If you are interested in being a hostess this year, let us know. Mark your calendar now for this event and plan to join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Do you sing, play a musical instrument, recite or write poetry, tell jokes or stories? Have you ever wanted to show off those talents but have been too timid about it? Then bring your "hidden" talents to our March meeting and show us what you've got. Enjoy a fun evening full of surprises. What...you don't want to show us your talent? Then come be part of our audience and help decide:

Who Will Be Orange Hills Women's Ministries First "American Idol"?

A prize will be awarded. Southern California District Women's Ministries has planned a wonderful and inspirational weekend in San Juan Capistrano April 18-19. Every year our ladies who attend the Energizer come back refreshed and, yes, energized. Information about this year's Energizer will be available on our meeting next week. We will begin taking reservations March 16.

Save the Date:
Mar 6: W.M. Talent Show
Apr 18-19: Energizers "Rev it Up!" -San Juan Capistrano
Apr 26: W.M. Brunch