

December 22 & 29, 2024

Welcome to The Orchard!

We're glad you're here, and we're excited about the journey we're on together at the Orchard. Our mission is to become fully-functioning followers of Jesus who are rooted in hope and branching out to the world. We are a group of people from all sorts of backgrounds seeking to sink our lives deep into Jesus Christ, our Everlasting Hope...to experience that hope with a growing desire to express it to the world around us.
Questions/Contact us: info@orchardmchenry.org

This Month's Memory Verse:

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'."
John 14:6

Advent Week 4: LOVE Luke 2:1-20

Ministry Highlight...

Worship Team:

The *Worship-Through-Music Ministry* at The Orchard Church leads our congregation in worship of God through music. We do this primarily by singing and playing songs that glorify and worship God during our worship services, and by providing an atmosphere that encourages and inspires others to worship God as well.

We have openings for musicians and singers as well as for audio and visual technicians. We are a welcoming and encouraging group of people who love to welcome new team members! Previous formal training is not required, but a passion for God and for serving His people is a must! This includes practicing and working on your own, as well as attending our Wednesday night rehearsals during the weeks you are scheduled to serve.

If you have interest in joining, please contact Aaron Netsell at onadime@aaronnetsell.com or (815) 529-0660.

This Week At The Orchard

SUNDAY - 22 Advent: LOVE Parent-Child Dedication Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm	MONDAY - 23 Care Calling	TUESDAY - 24 Church Office Closed Advent: CHRIST Christmas Eve Service 4pm	WEDNESDAY - 25 Church Office Closed <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	THURSDAY - 26 Church Office Closed CDV Food Pantry Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 27	SATURDAY - 28	SUNDAY - 29 Adult Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Sermon-based Bible Study 6:30pm
MONDAY - 30	TUESDAY - 31 Church Office Closed 2025 <i>New Years Eve</i>	WEDNESDAY - Jan 1 Church Office Closed Worship Practice 7pm <i>Happy New Year!</i>	THURSDAY - Jan 2 CDV Food Pantry Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	FRIDAY - Jan 3	SATURDAY - Jan 4	SUNDAY - Jan 5 Communion Adult Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Sermon-based Bible Study 6:30pm	

You Won't Want To Miss....

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, **December 24th** at 4pm: Please join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. It will be a time of reflection and praise for our Savior's birth and why he came to this earth... to save us all from sin.

Celebration Banquet 2025 - Planning Team

Interested in being apart of the banquet planning team, please see or contact Pastor Scott (scott@orchardmchenry.org).

Breeze Update

We're excited to introduce a new tool to help you connect with other members of the church body: Breeze! This user-friendly platform will allow you to:

- 1) Connect with Others (via the online directory)
- 2) Sign Up for Events
- 3) Manage Your Giving

Join us in the **Family Ministry Center** on **January 5th or 26th** after the service. We'll be available to help you verify or update your information in the system before the official launch in February.

Connection Group

Starting Tuesday, **January 7th**, 6:30-8pm: This group will be meeting here at the church for 8 weeks studying the book *"Forensic Faith"* by J. Warner Wallace. Leaders are Randy Quill and Jeff Schirmbeck. To sign up circle "F" on your communication card.

Event Registration Code: F

"Un-Decorate"

Many hands make light work, and we would so appreciate your help in taking down our Christmas decorations! We will meet at the church at 9am on Saturday, **January 11th**. Please circle "U" on your communication card to let us know you will be here to help.

Event Registration Code: U

Celebration Banquet

Come celebrate all God is doing and has done at The Orchard at our annual banquet on Sunday, **January, 19th**, 5:30-8pm. *We need an accurate count, so please RSVP by **January 12th***. Just circle "C" on your communication card and give the number of adults, teens, children and infants who will attend.

Event Registration Code: C

Communication Card

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We're glad you're here!

Please fill this out & place it in one of the baskets in the back of the sanctuary after the service. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Total attending today's service: _____

I have children, ages:

___ 0-5 ___ Elementary

___ Jr High ___ High School

Are you a...

___ 1st Time Guest? ___ 2nd Time Guest?

___ 3rd Time Guest? ___ Regular Attender?

How did you hear about us?

___ Mailing ___ Family/Friend

Friend/Family: _____

___ Website ___ Facebook

Other: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION CODES

I would like to sign up for the following events:

(Circle the appropriate letter)

C F U

How many adults? _____ children? _____

teens? _____ infants? _____

Name _____