

## DIVING INTO A NEW PRESCHOOL YEAR!

**F**orty very excited three-, four-, and five-year-old children have gotten off to an excellent start in a new year of early-childhood education at Orland Park Christian Preschool!

Classes began on Monday and Tuesday, September 9 and 10 as the children “dove into learning” about God and the world under the sea that He has created. One of the funny things we realized is that just like we are kids in school, fish swim around in schools too! Their schools are a little different than ours though! We’ve been seeing that God has made some amazing creatures that live in the sea—whales, sea stars, crabs, sea anemones, and all kinds of fish! Our teachers make learning interesting and fun with lots of hands-on learning activities! (See photos) Just as He made the ocean with everything in it and takes care of them, God has also made us and takes care of us every day. We are having so much fun sharing and learning with the new friends we have met!

Our teachers this year are: **RUTH BAAS** is the director and one of the teachers. She has been teaching at our preschool for 23 years and this will be her 11th year as director.

**BRENDA HARMS** is the assistant director and teacher for both the three-year-old and four-year-old classes. This is her 8th year of teaching at our preschool.

**JANNA KUYVENHOVEN** is a teacher for the four-year-old class. She is beginning her 15th year of teaching at our preschool.

**BARB VREE**, a teacher for the three-year-old class, is in her 5th year of teaching at our preschool.

Each teacher’s picture and answer to the question “Why do you teach?” can be viewed on our preschool website at [www.orlandchurch.com](http://www.orlandchurch.com).

We hope you had the opportunity to view the photos of our current students in the gym at the Ministry Fair in September. We enjoyed speaking with many of you there, and we were pleased to receive a new student that day (just two days before school started!) through



*Hands-on learning with sea stars.*



*Clown fish and sea anemones help each other like friends. We are friends too!*

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*Hands-on learning with conch shells.*

out to the Family Classics Car Show and donated to the preschool through dinner donations and mums purchases. We are also grateful to those who supported us with gifts even though they were unable to attend. The Family of God at Orland Park Christian Reformed Church is a blessing to the preschool ministry. Please continue to pray that the children who attend our preschool will experience the love of Jesus and come to know and love Him as they learn. May the experiences of the children also have an impact on their families, so they too may learn of God's love.

a member of OPCRC who recommended our preschool and shared our promotional material with a friend.

We are very grateful that God is using this preschool ministry to reach many families in His name. What a blessing it is to serve the Lord by loving His children and teaching them about His Word and His world.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. We appreciate the generous support from all who came

### HOLY LAND TRIP

Have you ever thought about traveling to the Holy Land? This coming March, former OPCRC pastor, Marshall Holtvluwer, would like to invite you to join him for a trip to the Holy Land. This 10-day life-changing trip will cause you to read the Bible in a new way. If you have questions, you can email Pastor Marshall at [mtholtvluwer@gmail.com](mailto:mtholtvluwer@gmail.com) or talk to Don or Linda Miltzow. You can also check out his website site <https://gtitours.org/trip/clc20>.

### TORCHLIGHT DINNER

Join Providence Life Services on Friday, November 1, at the Union League Club of Chicago to celebrate the ministry of Providence at our 59th Annual Torchlight Dinner! Go to [www.torchlight2019.com](http://www.torchlight2019.com) to register, or contact Joan at [jschutt@provlife.com](mailto:jschutt@provlife.com) or (708) 342-8108.



**J**oin us on Wednesdays this fall! Open the book of Esther, and you step back in time to ancient Persia around 480 B.C. It's a time of kings and queens in a vast empire covering most of what we know as the Middle East today—and beyond. Esther's story is filled with risky twists and turns, happy and fearful moments, dangerous and deadly outcomes. What's more, it shows us God's deliverance and care.

Coffee Break is a wonderful opportunity to make friends in a small group setting. It's a place where women meet to study the Bible, connect with Christian women and grow in the faith together. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9:45-11:00 am, October - April, with breaks for the holidays.

A nursery is available for infants and toddlers; and a Story Hour program is offered for children ages 3-6 years old. This is a wonderful program of Bible stories, crafts, and play time.