

**April Prayer Focus**

Please pray for Bill & Jan Bevins.  
Serving through medical training and elementary education.

**GO . LEARN . LOVE.**

**Fundraiser Brunch!**

5/3 | 10:30 AM

Enjoy some great food and support our team raising money for the Poured Out Missions trip to Haiti!

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**2015 Beautiful Smarty Lady Summit**

May 22 - 24 | Snow Mountain Ranch

Registration Opens 2/1/2015

Featuring Tracy Evans - a medical missionary operating in signs, wonders, courage, and complete reliance on God.

Come to be refreshed, encouraged, spoken over, prayed over, imparted to, anointed, and filled during this special weekend where women from all over Colorado and beyond gather, network and build new friendships

[www.breadwineministries.com](http://www.breadwineministries.com)

**HOST YOUR EVENT AT THE GATHERING CENTER!**

Birthdays | Weddings | Corporate | Non-Profit | Showers | Anniversaries | Holiday Parties | and More

[Melissa@TheOrchardLife.com](mailto:Melissa@TheOrchardLife.com)

*Now booking fall weddings!*

Sunday, April 19, 2015

**TODAY | 11 AM**

**Meet in the Gathering Center**



Show some love | Pick up some Trash  
All supplies provided | All ages welcome

**Let's Stock the Shelves at LIFT-UP !!!!**

Bring your nonperishable food items into The Orchard. Families are always in need in our valley.



**LOST & FOUND**

Please check the table in the Gathering Center. All items not claimed will be donated or disposed at the end of the month!

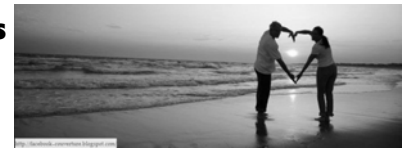
**Marriage Enrichment Seminars**

Sunday | 4/12 | 4/19 | 4/26 |

10:45 - 11:45 AM

These seminars are open to any married couple, you do not need to attend The Orchard. Childcare will be available for those that RSVP.

**Doug - [peakdog@theorchardlife.com](mailto:peakdog@theorchardlife.com)**



**Living Water Healing Ministry**

4/28 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | The Gathering Center

If you or someone you know needs healing, it would be our honor to pray for you. **Michelle - [livingwater@theorchardlife.com](mailto:livingwater@theorchardlife.com)**

**Attention Book Club Members!** Take heart. You have another week to read The Name of the Rose. Event the author says the first 200 pages are penance for entering into the monastery. Don't give up, it's a great book and has sold 9 million copies.

The Orchard Book Club is always open to new members or visitors, whether you have read the book or not.

**Paula (503) 708-7117 or [planning@hotmail.com](mailto:planning@hotmail.com)**

The May book is The Case has Altered by, Martha Grimes



## Book of James: Temptation

Between our faith and our actions, James has a lot to say about temptation and how it can own us and lead to spiritual death.

Surely, there's some hope!

### Growth Group Questions:

When watching what you eat, what one or two foods are most tempting & apt to break you? When watching what you spend, what type of item/deal is apt to break your willpower? What in your life tempts you the most in small ways?

Read **James 1:13-18** & discuss what stood out to you from the verses & sermon.

You're encouraged to split the men/women in your group & move ahead: On a scale of 1-10, in general how good are you with willpower & avoiding temptation in your life? What are some areas that used to be lower numbers that you have become stronger in? What areas in your life are you still pretty low in?

Willpower is great & is a gift from God; but describe why your willpower by itself isn't enough to keep us from sin. What do we need beyond willpower? Do you have an illustration from your life where you have been empowered by God to resist temptation?

Know yourself! When are you most susceptible to sin: bored, tired, sad, angry, etc?

Discuss the difference between testing & temptation? Where are you being tested right now so that you are stronger? Where are you being tempted right now to break you? Read **Psalms 139:23-24**

Read Paul's heartfelt words in **Romans 7:15-24**. How do you find your life similar to this? Explain how verse 21 is something you deal with in your daily life; where/when do you desire good (even promise yourself you'll do it) but find yourself doing the opposite?

We read about this battle here but do you also feel it within you? Be honest & discuss the reality of the battle you fight daily & weekly; what temptations seems to nag or hound you the most?

Read **verse 24** – ever looked into a mirror & thought this about yourself? Can you describe a **verse 24** moment that was defining for you?

Having read Paul's defeat, now read **verse 25**- Can you feel Paul's relief in this answer to his internal battle? Like Paul, how should verse 25 change the emotions of the struggle & defeat you feel before it? (Read **Romans 8:1** for more) Read **Galatians 5:17** which talks about the same battle between flesh & Spirit. Two other verses here in **Galatians 5:16 & 25** give us a look at how to avoid temptation's call, what are the ways?

Use the SOAP method of Bible Study with the verses below for April 26,2015

### 5x5 SOAP

- Day 1: James 1:19-20
- Day 2: James 1:21-25
- Day 3: Matthew 7:24-27
- Day 4: James 1:26-27
- Day 5: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:6

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"Walking by the Spirit" & "Keep in step with the Spirit" - what does it look like to do these things? Discuss the dynamics of "keeping in step" with someone – how intentional do you need to be in your life to do this through rough/tricky terrain? Why is it so hard throughout the day to "keep in step with the Spirit"? If walking with the Spirit is the key to avoiding temptation, how can you specifically begin to keep in step during your day? What changes could make to remain vigilant about keeping in step?

**Galatians 5:19-21** gives us some practical examples; read & respond to which you'd like some prayer on. Read **verse 22** & let us pray that the Spirit increase these in our lives as we keep in step. The battle with temptation is only won through Jesus' work (**Romans 7:25**) and the Spirit's power (**Galatians 5:16**) – so end with spending some time praying for each other in our areas of struggle.

### A Note On Funding The Orchard's Vision & Mission

The offerings of the people committed to the Vision & Mission of The Orchard are what support our Ministry. We do not "pass the plate". An offering box is located in front of the stained glass and at the rear of the auditorium or if you would like to give by credit/debit card there is a Giving Kiosk in the Gathering Center Entrance.

You may also give on-line or complete an envelope if you wish to give via credit/debit card.

**April Total:** \$29,763

**April Budget** \$58,577

**YTD Received through March 31:** \$185,057

**YTD Budget: through March 31:** \$175,731