

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 5 TO AUGUST 11, 2024



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

## SERMON SUMMARY

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Revelation 8:7-13 – Desolation on Earth

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Pastor Art returned refreshed from vacation and immediately jumped back into our study of Revelation with a sermon entitled "Desolation of Earth," based on Revelation 8:7-13. After thanking Tim O'Dell and the elders for filling in last week and bringing such a clearcut message, he directed everyone to Matthew 24:3 and 21. The apostles (believers who had actually seen and studied with Jesus) asked Jesus questions about the end times and he gives his reply in verse 21. When you see the phrase "The Day of the Lord," this is not referring to the rapture but the full return of Christ on earth. The most important question anyone can ask themselves is this - "Am I saved?" The Day of the Lord follows after the great tribulation. God will pour out his wrath on a Christ rejecting world. Go to the Word of God for answers to your questions. Not only will you find answers but practical applications of the sermon for your life. Read James 5:16 and Hebrews 10:26. In the book of Exodus, chapters 7 through 9 reveal God's wrath against Egypt as he uses Moses and Aaron to put 9 plagues upon Egypt. This is not the only example of God's wrath turned against the earth. The judgments from today's scripture passage in Revelation are an answered prayer. Read chapter 6 of Revelation. Your prayers matter.

An eighth angel is mentioned in today's scripture passage. In Luke 1:5-25, a priest is sent to the altar of incense. That priest is Zechariah and he has been called to burn incense for God, while others pray and worship in

1. If you are interested in serving on any of the church teams listed in our bulletin, please contact us at this email address and we will be glad to put you in touch with the team leader or contact them directly.
2. Ladies Night Out is sponsored by the Social Team this Friday at 6:00 pm at the church. Enjoy a movie and snacks. Bring a snack to share and bring a friend.
3. Third Saturday Men's Fellowship will be hosted by Perry Langdon, 32477 Wolf Hollow Rd, Excelsior Springs, MO. All

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 141:1-4

## WELCOME

During second service, Brenda King came forward to become a member of the church. Please welcome her!

the courtyard of the temple. Zechariah and Elizabeth are righteous individuals and have lived to an old age. The Angel Gabriel appears and stands at the right side of the altar of incense, a position of prominence. Incense in heaven mingles with the prayers of the saints. Gabriel announces the birth of John the Baptist.

Back to Revelation, in Revelation 6:9 the tribulation saints are praying that God passes judgment. Then in Revelation 8:5 the angel took the censer and put fire in it and through it to the earth. Read Zephaniah 1:7. In Revelation 8:7, the first trumpet is blown by the angel, fire and hail mixed with blood was hurled to the earth where 1/3 of the trees and grass was immediately burned up. In verse 8, the second trumpet sounded and a burning mountain fell into the sea causing it to turn to blood and 1/3 of the ships and all living things in the sea were destroyed. Read Exodus chapter 7 where God turned the Nile River to blood. We are seeing the destruction of all the things the world worships before or instead of God. In verse 10, the sounding of the trumpet brings a fiery star that crashes to earth and destroys 1/3 of the rivers and natural springs. Read Psalm 147:4-5. Wormwood was the name of this star and it caused the water to be bitter. In verse 12 the 4th angel sounded the trumpet and darkness fell on the earth as 1/3 of the sun, moon and stars were gone. Read Matthew 24:29-31 and Mark 13:24-25. Remember the 9th plague was darkness in Egypt. Verse 13 concludes with an eagle flying and crying out "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of earth." Read Amos 5:18 and Joel 2:2. Life is but a vapor. Read Hebrews 11:8-10. We are to be the light of Christ. Set on a hill for all to see. Living a life that reflects Christ. Praising God for a pastor who brings fresh insight to God's Word for each of his flock to apply to their lives!

men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

4. Prayerwalk around Orrick schools this Saturday at 8:30 am. Meet in the elementary school parking lot.
5. Our church has been asked to help with Back to School Bash in Kansas City. Depart after second worship service. Questions ask Drew Gill or Deanne Townsend.
6. Forty Days of Prayer in preparation for our tent revival begins this week. If you have not signed up for the reminder app, please do so to ensure your participation in this event. Unsure how to sign up, check with one of the elders.
7. Mission Team encourages you to support the Bridge of Hope Baby Bottle Fundraiser all through the month of August. Pick up baby bottles to collect your change.



### OCC MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Eight men participated in "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill this past Saturday. Many stayed afterwards to prayerwalk Richmond High School. Third Saturday Men's Fellowship will be hosted by Perry Langdon, 32477 Wolf Hollow Rd, Excelsior Springs, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Social Team cordially invites all the women of the church to a Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 16 at 6:00 pm. Our fellowship time will be in the church. Please bring a snack to share as we fellowship and watch a movie. Questions - contact Cappi Lawrence, Social Team leader (816) 826-8115.



### BLESS OUR SCHOOLS SUNDAY (BOSS)

For the last eight years, OCC has participated in the Moms In Prayer International event called Bless Our Schools Sunday, usually held the third Sunday in September. This year Moms In Prayer International has allowed each individual congregation to choose the Sunday that is most appropriate to bless the schools in their community. OCC has chosen Sunday, August 18, 2024 to be our Bless Our Schools Sunday (BOSS). A special prayer will be given for students, teachers and school staff in our congregation. This Sunday was chosen as all local schools start back up this week. A special prayer guide will be accessible through the Sunday bulletin QR code. It will also go out as an attachment to next week's newsletter.



### BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Our church has received a request to supply volunteers for the Back to School Bash that is sponsored by ICare Village of Hope and 13's Promise Foundation. This event takes place Sunday, August 18 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Volunteers from the church will carpool from the church following the second service. The event takes place at 3400 Woodland Ave, Kansas City, MO. Besides handing out backpacks, there will be a lot of fun activities including food trucks, face painting, bounce houses, live bands, and a few Chiefs' players hanging out including #13. If you would like to volunteer, please let Drew Gill or Deanne Townsend know.



**PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE AS WE PREPARE TO PRAYER WALK LOCAL SCHOOLS**

*"Father God, As we reflect on Your words from Deuteronomy 6, we are reminded of the importance of keeping Your commands in our hearts and diligently teaching them to our children. Grant us the wisdom and desire to engage in meaningful conversations with our children and grandchildren, sharing our experiences and learning from theirs. May Your truths be ever present in our lives, guiding our actions and decisions. Let us be examples of Your love and wisdom, teaching and living out Your commandments in every aspect of our lives – when we sit in our homes, when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise up. May Your words be a constant reminder to us, written on our hearts and displayed in our homes. Bless our educators with patience, insight, and a heart for teaching. Bless our students with a love for learning and an understanding of the importance of history and the values that have shaped our society. Help us all to remember and honor the lessons of the past, so that we may build on them in the future. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen."*



**DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA – JARED & ANN ODLE UPDATE**

DKG sponsored 10 kids to attend Kid's Camp this year! Pray for our kids to grow in their love and knowledge of God and to build stronger relationships with their friends!



**VALOR RANCH UPDATE**

We had a veteran call this week for assistance. We were able to get him back to KC from Texas, get him set up with housing and we'll be assisting him as he transitions back to work. He was hesitant to call because he "didn't want to bother us". Folks, this is literally what we do. If you know of a veteran who needs some help of any kind, send them our way! We are honored to serve and help any of our veterans! 🇺🇸



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**BRIDGE OF HOPE FUNDRAISER**

During the month of August, OCC is supporting the Bridge of Hope Fundraiser. It is their Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser. Mission Team is asking you to pick up one of the baby bottles in the foyer and fill it with change during the month of August. Bring it back on September 1 or September 8. Bridge of Hope is based in Richmond and they are a resource center that advocates for families. Questions - contact Deanne Townsend (816) 260-2403.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

In less than 2 months we will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. As the summer season ends, be on the lookout for clearance toy items that would be appropriate. No bubbles as liquid items cannot be shipped! Also, as school starts, there will be lots of school items available. These are great fillers in the box and practical, too.



NEW HOPE MISSION INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



**VBS.** Because “a picture is worth thousand words”, NHMI would like to share our summer VBS events through a visual experience. A personal testimony from Pastor Widenel, “*The New Hope Church of Cima greatly thanks the Mission for financially supporting the VBS this year. The theme of this event: ‘Jesus loves all children’. {Mark 10:13} During these 8 days {of ministry}, we have 8 children who have accepted Christ. We give glory to God for these children.*”

FYI. More children within the mission church network accepted Christ but because all the data from the VBS events has not yet been received at the Home Office, a completed report will be shared in the 4th quarter newsletter.

**Haiti Hunger Relief {HHR}.** The continued blessing of supplying the needs of the saints by providing food for the hungry goes on and on. Thank you to all who have graciously given to make this possible. God bless you!

FIELD TRIP TO THE NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM  
AMERICAN JAZZ MUSEUM



Its back! Social Team has rescheduled this day trip to downtown Kansas City on Friday, September 13, 2024. Plan to tour the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum as well as the American Jazz Museum. Both are located in the same building. These museums are unique to Kansas City. Admission per person for both museums is \$18.00. Forms are at the church and turn them into Cappi Lawrence, Social Team Leader. Shuttle bus will depart from church at 9:30 am. Again, it is first come first served as far as seats on the bus. But you are always welcome to follow the bus in your personal vehicle and enjoy the discounted tickets, fellowship and opportunity to have a meal together after visiting the museums.

PRAYER



Pastor Art has spent time in both his devotions and Sunday messages emphasizing the importance of prayer in the life of a Christ follower. August presents a number of opportunities to engage in corporate prayer. On Saturday, August 10, ten individuals, including a high school senior, showed up to prayerwalk the Richmond High School. The weather was glorious and we prayed God's power down on this school district and prayed to kick Satan to the curb. This was the second year that we have prayer walked in Richmond. Then our annual prayer walk around the Orrick Schools is on Saturday, August 17. Each of these prayer events sponsored by OCC has a printed prayer guide to assist you in your prayer time. Please consider joining us for any or all of these prayer times. You will be uplifted and encouraged through your participation.

ANSWERED PRAYER



Prayers for traveling mercies were answered for the many members of our church family as they traveled far and wide across our great country. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

## COMING UP IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Aug 16 - Ladies Night Out

Aug 16-18 - Men's Encounter

Aug 17 - Prayer walk Orrick Schools

Aug 18 - Back to School Bash & Bless Our Schools Sunday

Sept 9 - WOW

Sept 13 - Field trip to Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and American Jazz Museum

Sept 20-22 - Ashes to Beauty Women's Encounter

Sept 22-25 - Tent Revival

Sept 25 - See You At the Pole

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Wednesday, Aug 14 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Aug 14 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible study meeting at the church.
- Thursday, Aug 15 - 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery Lexington Group, First Baptist Church, 525 S Business 13, Lexington, MO. Contact Tamara Lane (660) 570-3761 for more information.
- Friday, Aug 16 - 6:00 pm - Ladies Night Out sponsored by Social Team. Enjoy movie in fellowship hall. Bring snacks to share and relax.
- Saturday, Aug 17 - 6:00 am - Third Saturday Men's Fellowship will be hosted by Perry Langdon, 32477 Wolf Hollow Rd, Excelsior Springs, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Saturday, Aug 17 - 8:30 am - Prayerwalk Orrick Schools. Meet in the elementary school parking. Prayerwalk guide provided.
- Sunday, Aug 18 - Bless Our Schools Sunday (BOSS)
- Sunday, Aug 18 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Aug 18 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday, Aug 18 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Aug 18 - Back to School Bash. Depart from OCC parking lot after second service. Meet at shuttle bus.
- Sunday, Aug 18 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - OCC 101 (an entry level Bible study for any interested party led by Pastor Art). Childcare available at the church.
- Sunday, Aug 18 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Children & youth group

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