

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 12 TO AUGUST 18, 2024



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

8/12 - Revelation 8:11, 3, 5 "Prayer Time." Read Revelation 6:11 and Exodus chapter 7-9.

8/13 - None

8/14 - Revelation 8 and Psalm 19:1-2, 7-10 "Is God Trying to Get Your Attention?"

8/15 - Mark 14:66-72 "Godly Relationships." Read Mark 14:27-31.

8/16 - Revelation 9 and Revelation 8:13 "Thoughts." Read Philippians 4:8-9, Romans 8:28 and Hebrews 10:26.

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 9 – Hell Released

Pastor Art started his sermon entitled "Hell Released Revelation 9" by backing up to the last verse of chapter 8. The main message is don't put off sharing the Good News. Be bold and speak the truth in love. The three trumpets acknowledged in the closing verse of chapter 8 accelerate God's wrath upon a Christ rejecting world. This wrath will not fall upon believers. Read I Thessalonians 5:9. In chapter 9 of Revelation we discover we have no control. The world convinces us that man has control but he does not. God does. Today's scripture passage is Revelation 9:1-12. Supporting these verses is II Peter 3:9. Jesus talked more about hell than anyone else in the Bible. Turn from sin and seek Christ's example. Salvation only comes from Jesus. Jesus went specifically to the cross so that we would not experience hell.

In verse 1, when the angel sounded the trumpet, a superstar fell from heaven. We know him as Satan. But he is described as beautiful and accomplished. For other descriptions and names read Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:11-17 and Luke 10:18. Demons are fallen angels. Read Luke 8:26-33. When Satan was cast out of heaven, 1/3 of the angels went with him. Some were cast directly into hell - the worst of the worst. It is easy to be deceived by Satan, which is why we rely on Christ for guidance and protection. In this passage, demons are released and directed to torture non-believers but not to kill them. God is the author of life. Evil dwells in darkness. The torment continues for 5 months. The king over the demons

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ONGOING

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. "Fellowship on the Farm" this Saturday hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
3. Mission Team encourages you to support the Bridge of Hope Baby Bottle Fundraiser all through the month of August. Pick up

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 117

released is a very high ranking demonic angel but not Satan. Read Proverbs 30:27. The demonic king is called Abaddon, meaning Destruction, or Apollyon, meaning Destructor. Satan is called the accuser. He has access to heaven. Our savior is the best defense attorney to protect us. Read Ephesians 6:12. This world we live in grows darker as evil gains in popularity. Praising God for a pastor that speaks the gospel truth and encourages his flock while challenging them to share the Good News!

baby bottles to collect your change.



OCC MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Seventeen men participated in Third Saturday Men's Fellowship which was hosted by Perry Langdon. Many stayed afterwards to prayerwalk Orrick Schools. "Fellowship on the Farm" this Saturday will be hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

About 21 women attended the Social Team's first ever Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 16 at 6:00 pm. They watched "Mom's Night Out" movie and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Stay tuned for another Ladies Night Out later this fall!



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 was given for students, teachers and school staff in our congregation during both worship services. 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 this week's newsletter.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

OCC YOUTH: This Sunday after the second service older youth has an opportunity to serve the community. The bus will leave church after the second service approximately 12:45 PM. Sandwiches provided. Twenty-one adults and youth served from 2:30-5:30 at the Back to School Bash in downtown Kansas City.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE AS WE PREPARE FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN

"Lord, You are my Teacher, my Lord – I strive to walk in Your will and ways. Thank you for the godly peers and influencers that You placed in my life, teaching me and modeling to me how to walk with You, and live in righteousness. Lord, I pray for young people today, that You would give them a firm foundation in You. Bring godly and upright people into their lives to model how to walk in integrity, perseverance, and faithfulness. I pray that You would give wisdom to older adolescents who are making their first choices of who to listen to among their peers, and instructors – guide them in choosing people of Godly character to listen to and emulate. Give them discernment to know when to listen closely to wise instruction, and when to abstain from following others down paths of destruction. In every new situation and circumstance, teach these young people to seek You first. In Jesus' name, Amen."



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.



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 presented a number of opportunities to engage in corporate prayer. On Saturday, August 17, fifteen individuals, including a high school student, showed up to prayerwalk the Orrick Schools. 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 largest turnout that we have had for this prayer event

Backpacks are loaded with new supplies, lunch boxes are ready to be prepared, and first day of school outfits have been purchased. We are in the throes of the Back- to- School season. It is one full of all kinds of emotions. Prayer is our weapon. It is the most powerful thing that you can do for your child. As the school year begins, here are some scripture prayers for your consideration.

Prayers for the School:

Lord God, the Bible tells us that, " Everyone should be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." (Romans 13:1) I pray that the kids attending school this year are respectful of their Principals, teachers, and school staff. Let the school be run in an orderly fashion. I ask that the school become a place of encouragement for the teachers and students. Give teachers wisdom as they prepare lessons. I pray that students would embrace teachings that are God-aligning and intelligent. I also pray that any teachings that go against Your word would not take heart in any of the student's minds. Instead, may the light of the gospel be perceived in every subject whether it is math, science, English, or history. You are the Creator of all things. You reign above it all. You can shed light in dark places. I pray for Divine protection for the school campuses and students. According to Zechariah 2:5, "May Jehovah be a wall of fire round about, and the glory in her midst." Lord, protect the local schools and colleges. Be that Wall of fire around the campus and be the fire of the Holy Spirit in the midst. Please raise up godly students, teachers, and administrators that guide and guard the hearts of our children. Help each student to find identity in You and nothing else. Draw the lost to You. Set our schools on fire by the Holy Spirit. Raise up Moms in Prayer Groups in every school so that the lives of students are covered in prayer.

Prayers for Your Child:

God, I pray that my child would be, "Strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. May he/she put on the full armor of God so that he/she can be prepared and take a stand against the devil's schemes. Make him/her aware that his/her struggle is not against flesh in blood—it is not the student or teacher who is making their lives hard--, but against all levels of evil forces set out to trip him/her up and destroy his/her life. When evil comes, help him/her to Stand Their Ground." (Ephesians 6: 10-13) Christ, be their firm foundation. Enable them to stand steadfast and strong. God, I intercede for my child asking that You would place friends around him/her that sharpens their faith like "Iron sharpens iron." (Proverbs 27:17) Give my child at least one friend that is Christlike to walk this faith journey with. I also pray that my child is so close to You that his/her life is controlled and guided by Your Hand. As they go about

their day, "May they hear a voice behind them saying, - This is the way you should go, walk in it; whether to the right or to the left." (Isaiah 30:21) Lord, teach my child that more important than any accolade, making any team, or being selected for any honor- that obedience to You is first and foremost. Let them heed to the Holy Spirit drawing their heart to spend time with You. If my child would but keep his/her eyes focused on You, Oh God, then everything else would fall into place. Lord, journey with them. I cannot be with my child at all times, so I place this dear one in Your Hands. Protect their minds and protect their bodies. Pull them away from the influence of Social Media to the Divine influence of the Most High God.

Prayers for Yourself

God, help me as a Parent to lead well. You tell us in the first chapter of James that, "if anyone lacks wisdom that we can ask of God, and that You will give it to us generously." I need wisdom, Lord. I need Your power within me to direct my every action so take control. Lord, please enable me not only to guide my child, but give me God- given insight on how to strengthen their faith. Let me make the most of moments in the car, time after school, or when we eat to impress God's word on his/her heart. Make me wise when we look at what activities my kid will participate in. Remind me that church and youth group – those things that strengthen a child's faith -have eternal value. Christ must come first. Give me boldness to "pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers and requests. Help me to be alert and always be praying." (Ephesians 6:18) Give me a greater vision for my life and for my family's life. Stir the Holy Spirit within me. "I pray that out of His glorious riches, the Lord would strengthen me with power through His Spirit in my inner being so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith." (Ephesians 3:16-17) Lord, parenting is a calling. Help me fulfill my purpose. I ask You to mold and make me into the parent that my child needs. Help me to set apart time to be in the scriptures and pray so that I am completely in tune with Your will.

Father God, I pray Ephesians 3:20-21 over this year knowing that, "God is able to do immeasurably more than what I ever thought or imagined- in our schools, in my kid's life, and in my heart,- according to the power of Christ that is at work within me--- to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! I lift this prayer in the Never ceasing, Stronghold breaking, Miracle working, Prodigal returning, and Powerful Name of Jesus Christ, Amen and amen.

These prayer suggestions are from the Missouri Moms In Prayer state coordinator. If you would like to pray like this every week for your child, contact Barbara Britt, Prayer Team leader about starting a Moms In Prayer Group here at OCC. You can reach her through pray4occ@gmail.com or by text or phone (816) 826-8832.



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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.



ANSWERED PRAYER

Joe Spears has successfully recovered from his shoulder surgery and returned to work. This prayer report just came in from Pam Terpening. First I want to thank everyone who has prayed for us during my cancer journey. The cancer WAS in my lungs, lymph nodes, liver, brain and the original was on my back. But after 2 years of struggle and treatment and having my family called in a couple different times because they thought the end was here. In June, I was given the "CANCER FREE" diagnosis! Told my lungs are clear of the sarcoidosis as well. I have been off oxygen for last 7 months and have a normal oxygen level now. PRAISE GOD!!!! While I still deal with weakness and fatigue, I am living the best life I know how. The Lord has something big for me to do and has helped me grow so much closer to Him over the last two years. He is still in the miracle making business. Today, I'm a living, walking, talking, breathing, testifying child of God. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING UP IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

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.
- Tuesday, Aug 20 - 7:00 pm - **Pray for Ray County** - meeting in the courthouse rotunda in Richmond. Open to all.
- Wednesday, Aug 21 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Aug 21 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible study meeting at the church.
- Thursday, Aug 22 - 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.
- Saturday, August 24 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, August 25 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, August 25 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday, August 25 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, August 25 - 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, August 25 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Children & youth group

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