

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 6, 2024



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

9/30 - Psalm 46:1-3 "God is our Help in Times of Trouble." Read Philippians 4:12-13.

10/1 - Jeremiah 33:1-3 "Recognize Our Potential in Following Christ and Listen." Read John 14:6.

10/2 - None.

10/3 - Psalm 46:10-11 "God is in Control." Read John 11:17-26.

10/4 - Exodus 15:22-26 "Healing and Dealing with God." Read Psalm 103:1-2.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 16:1-3

BAPTISM

Orrick Christian Church is getting ready for some individuals to be baptized. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Art (816) 935-8179.

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 11:1-5 God's Temple & Our Witness

Pastor Art returned to our in depth study of the book of Revelation with a sermon entitled "God's Temple & Our Witness," based on Revelation 11:1-5. He stated that God put our tent revival at the perfect time. Our church is spiritually stronger because of that event. Then he went over the scripture passage focusing on how it applies directly to us. You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. How am I witnessing? This scripture passage is powerful as it focuses on the temple and witnessing. Does your past give you a testimony that you can share with others? Of course, it does. God allows you a unique testimony. Ask yourself, how can God use me as well as the Body of Christ to reach others? You are called out of the world - set aside to serve God. You are changed because you have been born again.

God will never be without a witness. This passage is here for us to know God's plan. A third temple will be built. He reviewed the history of the temple that replaced the tabernacle. Solomon built the first temple. Zerubbabel built the second temple. It was enhanced by Herod the Great and often called the Herodian Temple. It was destroyed in 70 AD. The temple in this passage is referred to as the Tribulation Temple. It is on the horizon. In addition to the measuring of the Holy of Holies for the temple, there will be a measuring of the people. The building of this temple is in the first half of the tribulation. Read Daniel 9:27, where he describes the abomination of desolation. This

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. In our Catpack program (weekend hunger relief for students), we are preparing 70 backpacks. One in five students in Orrick Schools is food insecure (hungry). So we encourage you to donate child-friendly food (individual servings of cereal, pasta, meat, snack crackers, fruit

HOW WE CAN TESTIFY
(WITNESS) IN OUR
EVERYDAY WALK WITH
CHRIST

- Invite a friend to attend or watch church with you. ...
- Exhibit the Fruits of the Spirit in your dealings with people (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).
- Send a note of biblical encouragement. ...
- Show integrity and good character that reflect our Christian values.
- Ask someone how you can pray for them. ...
- Bless someone with a thoughtful gift.
- Be well-versed in the Scriptures and memorize verses and passages that you can use to share the Gospel.
- Be approachable and friendly
- Show Compassion in times when others need you.
- Show Grace when others make mistakes
- Plant seeds about our bible study times and church worship services
- Offer to pray with folks when they are down
- Offer to pray over a meal when out to eat with others
- Share your personal testimony of how Christ came into your life
- Don't partake in crude or dirty jokes same with filthy language
- Keep your bible on your desk at work.

points to the entrance of the Antichrist (a false Christ), who expects others to worship him.

We need to understand that the temple God is measuring is us. Read I Corinthians 6:19 about the power of the Holy Spirit. We are studying what our heart is supposed to look like. Read I Corinthians 6:18 (barriers). Two witnesses are needed because of Mosaic law. Read Mark 6:7-13. Christ sent his apostles out 2 by 2 and empowered them. The two olive trees and two lampstands represent the witnesses. The olive tree represents the Holy Spirit. Read Zechariah 4:2-6. The Holy Spirit never runs out. It is not depleted. You are a light to the world. Do they see Jesus in us? Read Zechariah 4:11.

God will never be without two things. God started the temple with the very first person who gave their heart to Him and He gave them the Holy Spirit. The fire spoken of in this passage represents the Word of God. Are we the temple of God? Are we witnessing for God? Praising God for a pastor who keeps us on the straight and narrow way reminding us of God's call on our lives and his guiding hand!

3. bowls, trail mix, poptarts, etc). Our 24 hour prayer vigil for Israel starts at 3:00 am on Thursday, October 10. Sign up sheet circulated during Sunday worship services. Also, you can contact Barbara Britt at (816) 826-8832 to sign up and a prayer guide will be emailed to you.
4. Social team meets at 5:00 pm at the church on Thursday, October 10 just prior to church board meeting.
5. Church board meets at 6:00 pm at the church on Thursday, October 10. If you have an item you would like to have discussed, please contact Tim O'Dell so that your item can be placed on the agenda.
6. OCC Youth are requesting bags of candy so that our church can participate in the Orrick Trunk-or-Treat event at the end of the month.
7. Operation Christmas Child has kicked off. There are multiple ways you can participate and be the hands and feet of Jesus (see list).



CHURCH ELECTION

I know everyone is overwhelmed with information about the national, state and local elections. But I am asking you to turn your attention to our church election. Our board of directors is elected by the church membership each year in December and begin a term of office for one year in January. Now is the time to be praying about whether the Lord is leading you to step up and serve on the church board. As stated before, it is a one year commitment. The 7 elected members compose the church board, who then elect officers among themselves. So if you feel the Lord is asking you to share your talents and resources by serving on the church board, please contact Tim O'Dell and let him know of your interest. The nominations for our church board closes at the end of October. The current church board will approve the slate of nominees at the November church board meeting. Election occurs in December. More information on the election process later.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE REGARDING ISRAEL

"Heavenly Father, we come before You, asking for Your protection, wisdom, and strength for Israel and her allies. We stand against our common enemies. Break the strongholds in terrorist nations and bring peace to Jerusalem, the nation of Israel and to the entire region. Lord, we also pray for our military forces that are deployed in that region, asking that You protect, guard and guide them. Surround them with Your angels and lead them in every step. We ask these things in the powerful, mighty Name of Jesus. Amen!"



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child. Our OCC Mission Team has set a goal of 200 shoeboxes for this year. Collection dates are from October 13 through November 10. Shoebox Dedication is November 17. Here are the ways you can participate:

1. Donate to cover the shipping cost of \$10 per box (make check to Orrick Christian Church and put shipping in the memo)
2. Pack your own shoebox - information and shoeboxes in foyer and annex
3. Bring items from the shoebox list (see attachment) and the youth will pack at their packing party as a service project on Sunday, November 10
4. Sponsor one of the following items for shoeboxes: (Crayons - \$75; Colored pencils - \$80; Pencils & sharpeners - \$75; Bars of soap - \$200; Wash cloths - \$90; Toothbrushes - \$50). To sponsor an item contact Deanne Townsend (816) 260-2403 or Lisa Shelton (816) 210-9455

Join us for Operation Christmas Child. You will be fulfilling the Great Commission in a powerful way. Mission Team is trusting God to work through his saints at Orrick Christian Church to make all of this happen.



PRAY FOR ISRAEL NIGHT AND DAY

As we approach October 7th, we remember the horrific Hamas terrorist attack that happened one year ago. On that tragic day, more than 1,200 innocent Israeli men, women, and children were killed, and 250 hostages were taken. Today, almost 100 of them are still being held. This anniversary is a reminder of the ongoing dangers Israel faces from nations and terrorist groups that want to destroy it. As followers of Christ, we can bless Israel by lifting them up and interceding for them in effective, strategic, intentional, fervent, fiery, fierce prayer! We should also pray fervently for those in the nations surrounding them, and for our own nation, that the name of Jesus and the light of the Gospel will arise in them to pierce through the darkness.

Our next 24 hr prayer vigil is scheduled for Thursday, October 10 beginning at 4:00 am and ending Friday morning at 4:00 am. It seems especially appropriate that the sign up sheet will be circulated during worship service on Sunday, October 6, an international day designated as Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. Please sign up and take a printed prayer guide. More than one person can sign up during a time slot. There is no limit to the number of individuals that can participate in this prayerful intercession. If you failed to take a prayer guide, contact Barbara Britt at pray4occ@gmail.com and she will send you one by email. Thank you in advance for your prayerful intercession for Israel.



MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK ON OCTOBER 20

During our worship services on Sunday, October 20, Jared and Anna Odle will be speaking about the mission work they do in Ghana. There will be plenty of opportunities to talk with them and ask questions. Two years ago when they spoke, they also brought some of the crafts from Ghana to sale. OCC supports the work that Jared and Anna Odle do through their Developing Kids Ghana literacy program and church plants.



CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Sunday, you heard the Mission Team talk about Operation Christmas Child and collecting items for that mission outreach, which will be kicking off Sunday, October 13. Well, the Worship Team is getting ready to kick off their Christmas Choir in mid-October. If you are interested in singing with this group, please reach out to Sherry Smith (831) 206-1217. Last year we were totally blessed by their moving Christmas music and testimonies. Who knows what they have planned for this year? Regardless, it will touch our hearts and souls.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – "LOVE LIKE JESUS"

Rayville Christian Union Church is offering their annual fall women's conference and has invited our church to participate. The theme this year is "Love Like Jesus" and it is scheduled for Saturday, October 19 with breakfast served at 8:30 am and ends at 3:00 pm. Please register by October 1st. Questions - contact Kim Robinson (816) 776-6994.



THROWBACK WORSHIP NIGHT

You are cordially invited to Rayville Christian Union Church on Saturday, November 2nd for Throwback Worship Night. The concert kicks off at 6:30 pm. Enjoy worship music from the 1990's and 2000's. There will probably be a free will offering collected.



"I STILL DO" MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER BY ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES

"I Still Do" is a weekend event for every couple. Whether you are engaged (separate hotel rooms required), newlyweds, or oldie-weds, or somewhere in between, you don't want to miss this life-changing weekend! The weekend will be filled with powerful teachings from the Word of God, coupled with personal testimonies for a powerful event sure to inspire a deeper level of intimacy with God and your spouse. Early bird pricing is \$165 per couple (ends October 1st). Regular pricing is \$195 per couple. This is a live event on November 8 and 9 with keynote speakers Jeff & Sheila Brawley as well as other Encounter Ministry couples. The weekend is packed with 6 sessions, worship, testimonies, live teachings and lots of fun! This event takes place at Branson Convention Center at the Landing, 200 S Sycamore St, Branson, MO 65616.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Yes, autumn is finally here and Orrick is preparing for their annual trunk-or-treat event on Front Street. The street is blocked off for several blocks and caring individuals decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy and other treats. The OCC Youth will be participating and may or may not decorate the church bus for this event. Trunk-or-treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. How can you support this safe and fun community event? There are two ways to support it. You can choose to decorate your own vehicle and hand out treats or you can buy a bag of candy and drop it off at church for the OCC Youth to hand out from our church bus. Either way you are being the hands and feet of Jesus by supporting this safe community event.



ANSWERED PRAYER

Barbara Britt had an intensive week of medical testing this past week and all tests came back good. Praising God for answered prayers and thanking all of you for your prayer coverage. While Billy Marrant is back in the hospital with some breathing issues, he is praising God that his tumor is shrinking due to the treatment he has undergone. We join him in praising God. Brian Baldwin is home healing from back surgery. Pam Johnson's knee surgery last Monday was successful and she is home recuperating. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING UP IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Oct 19 - Ray County Annual Women's Conference "Love Like Jesus"

Oct 27 - Trunk-or-Treat

Nov 2 - Throwback Worship Night

Nov 8-9 - "I Still Do" Marriage Weekend

Nov 17 - Shoebox Dedication Sunday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Wednesday, Oct 9 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
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- Thursday, Oct 10 - 3:00 am - **24 hr prayer vigil for Israel begins**
- Thursday, Oct 10 - 5:00 pm - Social Team meets at the church.
- Thursday, Oct 10 - 6:00 pm - Church board meeting in the fellowship hall. This meeting is open to all church members but elected board members are the only ones who can vote.
- Thursday, Oct 10 - 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, Oct 11 - 3:00 am - **24 hr prayer vigil for Israel ends**
- Saturday, Oct 12 - 6:00 am - Second Saturday Men's Fellowship gathering at the church. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Oct 13 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Oct 13 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday, Oct 13 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Oct 13 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Bible 101 with Pastor Art
- Sunday, Oct 13 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth group meets

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