

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 14 TO OCTOBER 20, 2024



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

10/14 - II Chronicles 1:7-10
"Using the Word of God to Make Our Decisions." Read Proverbs 16:1-3, James 1:5, Proverbs 14:12 and II Chronicles 7:14.

10/15 - Genesis 1:27
"Created in God's Image." Read Ephesians 2:10, Psalm 139:13-14 and Isaiah 49:15b-16.

10/16 - Proverbs 2:1-6 "Godly Discernment." Read Proverbs 1:8-9.

10/17 - None. .

10/18 - Psalm 46 "Be still and know that I am God."

SERMON SUMMARY

Jared & Anna Odle from Tamale, Ghana

Jared & Anna Odle from Tamale, Ghana led our worship service this Sunday. Jared did a balloon demonstration and talked about the application to our lives. Balloons represent celebrations or pain depending on your perspective. Yet it is simply a piece of latex and air. He related this to a scripture passage in John 4 where Jesus meets a lady at the well in Samaria. She comes to the well alone, which breaks all kinds of cultural expectations. A Jewish man has a discussion with her that also breaks all kinds of social rules. A man, who is the Messiah. He tells her that he knows her past. She has a strong reaction and immediately goes to town to tell others about Jesus. Verse 28 states that she tells everyone about Jesus. He recognized her pain point. Jesus knows that one thing that is your everything. In verse 30, we see the people streaming toward Jesus. Talk to Jesus. He will bring healing. He emphasized the power of prayer. After Jared's brief sermonette, he and Anna transitioned to their talk about Ghana.

Ghana is a country in the western hump of the continent of Africa that has 3.5 million people. There are 56 different languages, although English is the official language of the country. They live in the northern region of Ghana, which is 97% Muslim. They updated everyone on the Lord's work that is going on in their part of Ghana with a power point presentation. Since their last visit to the US, they built and dedicated a new church in Kalinka. It was made with mud bricks,

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 145:1-3

covered in concrete and has a tin roof. It started out as 6 ladies praying under a tree and has grown to 12 ladies praying for their Muslim husbands. They have had several groups come to assist them in their work. 7 students and 2 adults from Indiana Wesleyan University spent 4 days learning about Ghana culture and Muslim/Christianity interactions. Nine individuals from Broadway Christian Church hosted a teacher training as well as an eye/dental clinic for the community and church. They have had 3 new schools participating in the Junior High Reading Clubs. Some students enter Junior High and do not know how to read. Developing Kids Ghana (DKG) assists with reading assessments. They lead a Kumbungu Pastors Coaching Group with approximately 20 rural pastors. They meet once a month to offer encouragement and mentoring. Pastors struggle with the question - How does Jesus meet you in your culture?

For the first time ever, they offered a marriage enrichment workshop. 30 pastors and their wives participated in a 3 day workshop. Focus was to improve relationships based on God's Word. DKG supports students going to college and vocational schools. This year they had 7 graduates. DKG pays about 60% of their college expenses because these are the future leaders of Ghana. 70 teachers were involved in teacher training. For the first time ever, they opened a computer lab this year with 30 computers. The Library has been open for several years and averages 300 students a week. Medical care is a challenge. For every hospital in Ghana, there are 26 hospitals in the US. So they are involved in eye and dental clinics. Every Tuesday and Thursday, they offer dental extractions. The eye chart is different from ours in that they use hands and ask which direction the hand is pointing to assess vision. Last year they gave out 200 pairs of eyeglasses. Their newest project is building a new Junior High School in 2026. Junior High Schools are in short supply yet they are critical. They set the stage for High School and College opportunities. High School is a boarding situation. They eventually hope to serve 550 students at the new proposed Junior High School.

Living in a Muslim dominated area, they mostly focus on points of connection. Those points are family, God and prayer. God takes care of all of us. They thanked the Orrick Christian Church for being a ministry partner. Praising God for missionaries like Jared and Anna Odle and for their willingness to carry out the Great Commission!

- servings of cereal, pasta, meat, snack crackers, fruit bowls, trail mix, poptarts, etc).
3. Fourth Saturday Men's Fellowship gathering will be held at the church. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
 4. **LAST WEEK!** 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. Please help our youth serve the Orrick Community.
 5. Operation Christmas Child has kicked off. There are multiple ways you can participate and be the hands and feet of Jesus (see list).
 6. Share your talents and time with our church choir. Practice for the Christmas program starts on Monday Oct 21 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Questions contact Sherri Smith (831) 206-1217.



CHURCH ELECTION

Only 4 people have stepped forward to serve on the church board. Our new bylaws require 7. If no one else steps up, the church ceases to do business on December 31, 2024. That means we stop paying our bills, our pastor, our custodians, ect. So if the Holy Spirit has been tugging on your heart strings to step up, now is the time. Our board of directors is elected by the church membership each year in December and begins 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. Time is running out as 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.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For the Third Saturday Men's Fellowship, there were eight men in attendance at the Bible, Breakfast & Bull Fellowship hosted by Keith Logan at Fourth Quarter Farm. They had great food and fellowship and studied the stoning of Stephen - the impact his death had on the spreading of the gospel. Next men's fellowship will be at the Gill Farm Shop. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE REGARDING PASTORS

"Heavenly Father, thank you for Pastors who serve your people in congregations, hospitals, prisons and in locations across the globe. Bless them, keep them safe and make your face shine upon them. Lift up their countenance and give them peace. Father, help pastors to prioritize seeking Your face and rise above distractions in their prayer life. May they remain focused and calm, confident in the truth of Your Word and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today You are there with them. In Jesus' name. 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 ends **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). 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.



CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

First practice is set for Monday, October 21. 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. Rumor has it that we may hear Christmas music played on a mandolin. Who knows what they have planned for this year? Regardless, it will touch our hearts and souls.



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.



PASTOR APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

You may not realize that October is designated Pastor Appreciation month. Social Team is planning a Pastor Appreciation Fellowship Brunch during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, October 27 in the fellowship hall. Pastor Art also celebrates his birthday in October. Besides excellent food for brunch, there will be a gift bag in which you can place your pastor appreciation notes and birthday cards. Our pastor spreads himself pretty thin at times to meet our needs and pastor this flock. Now is the time to minister to him and his family as God directs you.

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 3:30 - 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.



A MUSICAL INVITATION

Hailey Darnell would like to invite her church family to attend a free musical concert by her and her special needs friends. The concert will be held on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 pm at the North Cross Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO 64118.



DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA

DKG SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GALA

You are cordially invited to a Developing Kids Ghana's School Fundraising Gala on Thursday, November 21st at the Columbus Room at Effingham Event Center, 1501 W Fayette Ave, Effingham, IL 62401. Join us at 6:00 pm to hear about the Lord's work in Ghana including a presentation on DKG's future school project. Dinner is provided by Niemerg's Steakhouse at 7:00 pm. Questions, contact host (765) 301-2239.



ANSWERED PRAYER

Frankie DeWitte Logan reported that their good family friend, Mark Baker had a successful removal of one kidney, which was covered by a tumor. He's now undergoing immunotherapy and recovering. Praising God for answered prayer and His healing touch. It was great to have Billy Marrant back in church this Sunday to worship with us. God is good! Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING UP IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Oct 27 – Pastor Appreciation/Birthday Fellowship Brunch
Oct 27 - Trunk-or-Treat
Nov 2 - Throwback Worship Night
Nov 8-9 - "I Still Do" Marriage Weekend
Nov 17 - Shoebox Dedication Sunday
Nov 21 – DKG Fundraising Gala
Nov 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Oct 21 - 6:00 pm - Choir practice in the sanctuary at church.
- Wednesday, Oct 23 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Oct 23 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Kathie Paige.
- Thursday, Oct 24 - 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, Oct 26 - 6:00 am - Fourth Saturday Men's Fellowship held at the Gill Farm Shop. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Oct 27 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Oct 27 - 9:45 am - Pastor Appreciation/Birthday Fellowship Brunch
- Sunday, Oct 27 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Oct 27 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Bible 101 with Pastor Art
- Sunday, Oct 27 - 4:00 - 7:00 pm - Orrick Trunk-or-Treat

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