

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 24, 2024



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

11/18 - John 4:46-54 "Coming to Jesus, trust, and sharing your Faith." Read John 20:30-31.

11/19 - John 5:1-16 "Do You Really Want to be Healed?" Read John 14:1 and Matthew 11:28.

11/20 - None.

11/21 - John 6:1-14 "Lifting Our Eyes for Divine Guidance." Read Genesis 22:13.

11/22 - Matthew 14:22-33 "Getting in the Boat with Jesus." Read John 6:15-21, Mark 6:45-52, Philippians 2:9, Romans 1:17, Habakkuk 2:1, Hebrews 10:16 and Galatians 3:11.

## SERMON SUMMARY

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 – Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude

Pastor Art shared a message entitled "Cultivating An Attitude of Gratitude," based on I Thessalonians 5:16-19. Actually, he started out in II Timothy 3:1-5. He stated that we need to take accountability for thanking God. Regardless of world or personal circumstance, we are called to rejoice and celebrate our resurrected Christ. Always! Sometimes God will put you through the fire to save others. Read Psalm 100:1-5 again. We need to recognize that God is responsible for our success. Read Philippians 4:4-8. Satan tries to hijack your thoughts. Meditate on what God is doing. Praise and worship should be exciting.

Praying without ceasing involves speaking to God on a regular basis. Pleasant speech. Cultivating a thankful heart. Celebrating in all circumstances includes learning through loss. Read Genesis 50:20. Joseph had some tough experiences. But he was thankful for God's provision, guidance and protection.

Three points of thanksgiving: First, even in the roughest times, God can produce a miracle for us to give thanks. Read John 6:8-11. Second, we need to give thanks even when it doesn't seem like we have enough. Read I Corinthians 11:23. Third, we are to be thankful even when we are depleted and listen for God's way. Our hope rests in

## 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 bowls, trail mix, poptarts, etc).
3. Share your talents and time with our church choir. Practices for the Christmas program are held on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Questions contact Sherri Smith (831) 206-1217.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100:1-5

Christ. There is always a reason to rejoice in God's grace. Read I Corinthians 10:23-33. Remember this: Satan tries to get you off balance. Satan does not have control over you. This scripture passage points out that when we give thanks, God can delete all sin. Learn to edify (lift up) others. Read Mark 8:33. Rebuke Satan and he will flee. We are not on our own when we give ourselves to Christ. We are a part of the body of Christ. We submit to the will of God.

Then Pastor Art closed with a testament to Billy Marrant and how he shared the love of Christ with all those around him. He asked everyone if they knew Jesus and then invited them to church. He was reaching out to Jesus and living his faith. Praising God for a pastor, who is compassionate and clearly demonstrates an attitude of gratitude for his flock!

4. Mission Team meeting at church on Monday at 7:00 pm.
5. Mission Team is collecting items for the Kids' Christmas store. Men's items are especially needed (\$5 to \$7 gift value recommended). Collect on bin in the entrance to the church.
6. Join us for the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, November 30 beginning at 8:00 am. We will be decorating the sanctuary and other parts of the church for the Christmas season.
7. Save the date for the next WOW meeting on Monday, December 9!

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p>Five men participated in "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill, at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO this past Saturday. Men will be preparing breakfast for all the volunteers who show up Saturday, November 30th to participate in the "Hanging of the Greens." Hope to see you there.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WOW – DECEMBER 9</b></p> <p>Women of Worth (WOW) has their next quarterly meeting on Monday, December 9. As always childcare will be provided. Because of the holiday season, we will be doing a cookie exchange. If you would like to participate, bring 2 dozen cookies! Container provided for the exchange. Our special program that evening will be a one woman dramatic presentation by Lora Rucker. It is entitled "Christmas through Mary's Eyes." She does a phenomenal job of bringing the Christmas story in a new and different way. Reach out and invite a friend or two for this special evening of worship, fellowship and enlightenment!</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KIDS' CHRISTMAS STORE</b></p> <p>Now that Mission Team has concluded Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, it is time to move to their next Christmas outreach. Each year our church sponsors a Christmas Store for preschool and elementary children (ages 3-12) to shop free of charge for three adults in their lives. It teaches them the art of giving and being blessed by that action. So Mission Team organizes this event and asks for donations of gifts valued between \$5 and \$7 for both men and women. We always seem to be short on gifts for men. The Kids' Christmas store will be Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Lion's Club building. If you would like to help set up, man the gift stations or help put things away afterwards, please contact Deanne Townsend (816) 260-2403. See flyer for gift ideas.</p>



### SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR CHURCH BOARD

Nominations for the church board are now closed. The slate of nominees for the 2025 church board are: Tim O'Dell, Laura O'Dell, Drew Gill, Mrs Terry Ealey, Rusty Lawrence, Mike Britt, Jenna Decker and Dan Paige. At a special December board meeting, an election will be held to elect 7 of these eight individuals to serve on the board. Election is open to all members of OCC. Please take time out of your busy schedule and cast your vote. The election is by secret ballot. Election is from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 3rd in the fellowship hall at the church. Election results will be accepted and announced at the board meeting that night. The newly elected 2025 church board begins their term of service on January 1, 2025.



### SUPPORTING VALOR RANCH

Valor Ranch has been our service project for veterans outreach for more than a year now. They have identified a piece of property in Ray County that they would like to purchase to establish Valor Ranch and services to homeless veterans. They must appear before the Ray County Planning and Zone Board to get the property zoned for use by Valor Ranch. So there is a specially called meeting to review the Valor Ranch proposal on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 pm at the Community Room of the Ray County Public Library. Valor Ranch is asking for our church support for this opportunity to serve veterans. How can you show support? 1) Write an email supporting Valor Ranch in Ray County. Send the email to both [pz@pz.raycountymo.gov](mailto:pz@pz.raycountymo.gov) and [raycountymission@commission.raycountymo.gov](mailto:raycountymission@commission.raycountymo.gov). It can be as simple as I support Valor Ranch and their efforts to help veterans who have served this country or as detailed as you would like. 2) Attend the special hearing on December 9 at 6:00 pm in the Ray County Public Library Community Room.



### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Orrick Community Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm. Our church will host the event this year. Please join us for a time of worship and thanksgiving.



### PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE FOR HOMES

*"Lord, we enter Your presence with thanks and praise. Thank You for reassuring us in Your Word that You listen to us, You love us, and You never leave us. We pour out the names of our family to You and can be filled with all joy and peace knowing You love them even more than we do. Help us to listen, not lecture; empower us as encouragers, giving more affirmation than advice, more smiles and hugs that show our hope that abounds in us through Your Spirit. Please protect those that I love from being bullied, worried or weary and may my attitude, words and deeds draw my family closer together and especially closer to You. Thank You for Your love! In the mighty, wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen!"*



NEXT FIELD TRIP SPONSORED BY OCC SOCIAL TEAM

On Friday, December 13, OCC members and friends will be taking a trip to St Joe to visit a variety of museums there. Since none of the museums will give a group discount, this trip will be a pay as you go one. You still have to fill out a form for Cappi Lawrence to reserve your seat on the church shuttle bus but no money will be collected up front. Patie House Museum has been confirmed as well as the Jesse James house behind it (optional for those who've never been there before). Group will also visit the Walter Cronkite museum on the college campus. Lunch will be on your own at the Frederick Inn Steakhouse. Shuttle bus will depart from the OCC parking lot at 9:00 am.



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NEW HOPE MISSION INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

Beginning of School MannaPack Update: Due to the government's delay in certifying the pass/fail grades of the 2023/2024 school year, the beginning of school had to be postponed until the second week of October. On the field, the excitement of almost 2,000 enrolled children awaiting opening day was marked by hearts full of anticipation. Feeding programs at each school are operational, but as many know, despite the Mission's continued attempts of intervention, our MannaPack container has been denied clearance from port officials. {To date, the container has been detained for 15 months.} Before NHMI Founder and U.S. Director, Brent Baird left for the field in November, he compiled all relevant paperwork. Just this week he met with one of Haiti's ten regional governors asking for his assistance in the release of these much needed mannapacks. The meeting produced a positive result, and the governor indicated he would help us. He expressed sincere thanks as Brent and team member Pastor Myron prayed for him.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued a notice last Tuesday that prohibited U.S. airlines and other civilian aircraft from operating below 10,000 feet in Haitian airspace for 30 days. The ban comes after gangs shot at planes from three U.S. airlines {Spirit, Jet Blue, and American} hitting a Spirit Airlines jet as it was landing in the capital of Port-au-Prince. One flight attendant was injured. Naturally, this affects NHMI. The Mission's airline of almost 35 years, Missionary Flights, Inc. has applied for a humanitarian aid exception. Please pray as a board member shares, *"There has been a major increase in violence {in the south} and now quite a few areas of famine. In the north, food prices have escalated and there is a shortage of gas again."*



MEN'S ENCOUNTER 2025

Men's Encounter is a 48 hour weekend, where men (18 years & older) from all walks of life, can experience the power and freedom, paid for by Jesus on the cross. There are 14 different sessions. Each session has a time of praise and worship, true life testimonies, teaching from God's Word and a time of personal reflection. All teachings and testimonies are spoken by ordinary men who tell of their Encounter with our extraordinary God! There are five Men's Encounter weekends planned for 2025. The first one is January 24-26. If you have questions, please contact JC Claypool at (816) 718-2309.



### OCC YOUTH OUTING

Thirteen youth traveled to Lexington theaters to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."



### ANSWERED PRAYER

Barbara Blubaugh reports that Mary Jones has been released from the hospital and is at home with assistance. She very much appreciated the prayers during her hospitalization. As Billy Marrant drew closer and closer to meeting Jesus in person, he shared with everyone how sweet his friendship with Jesus was. Praising God for his wonderful witness to all his caregivers and hospital visitors! Christal Milligan reports that her daughter Shannon Miles has won her battle against cancer and that she is doing amazingly well. They are deeply appreciative of all the prayer support she received. Chad Birdsong had a scary episode with unstable blood pressure and blood clots in the lungs requiring hospitalization. But God brought him through this health scare and he is already back at work. Shelly Hoskins shared that Jayla Weideier had a healthy baby and that both are doing fine. Praising God for answered prayer for these two individuals. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

## COMING UP IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Nov 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service  
Nov 30 – Hanging of the Greens  
Dec 3 – Church Election  
Dec 9 – WOW  
Dec 22 – Christmas Cantata

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Nov 25 - 6:00 pm - Choir practice in the sanctuary at church.
- Monday, Nov 25 - 7:00 pm - Mission team meeting at the church.
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - 7:00 pm - Hosting the Community Thanksgiving service at our church. Pastor Art will be bringing the message. All are encouraged to attend.
- Thursday, Nov 28 - Happy Thanksgiving Day!
- Thursday, Nov 28 - 6:00 am - Morning devotion with Pastor Art on facebook.
- Thursday, Nov 28 - 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, Nov 30 - 8:00 am - Breakfast at church prepared by the men. Hanging of the Greens" decorating church for Christmas. Many hands make the work light and fast.
- Sunday, Dec 1 - First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec 1 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Dec 1 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Dec 1 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Dec 1 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Bible 101 with Pastor Art
- Sunday, Dec 1 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth meets at church

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