

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 1, 2024



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

11/25 - John 6:22-40 "Bread from Heaven."

11/26 - Psalm 150 "Praise the Lord." Psalm 147:1 and Genesis 2:7.

11/27 - Psalm 100 "Psalm of Thanksgiving."

11/28 - None.

11/29 - None.

SERMON SUMMARY

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – The Hope We Have in Jesus

Filling in for Pastor Art, Elder JC Claypool shared a message entitled "The Hope We Have in Jesus," based on I Corinthians 2:1-5. He also talked about the passage from I Corinthians 3:9 where it points out the importance of laying the foundation because of Jesus Christ. The church of Corinth was one of Paul's mission churches and it figured prominently in his prayers. Despite Paul's many persecutions, he felt deeply about the mission churches that he had set up. The Church in Corinth struggled greatly because of worldly influence and pressure. In these scripture passages he talks about the importance of sacrificial love or agape love.

OCC is growing. Discipleship is a primary focus. Throughout the study of the book of Revelation, we are challenged to keep our focus on Jesus. Do we worship God on our way to church or just at church? Do we worship God after we leave the church on Sunday morning?

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. Church election is being held for 2025 church board members Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Please vote.
4. All church prayer meeting is Thursday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. This special prayer time is open to all.
5. 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.
6. "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" in Higginsville is this Saturday for men's fellowship. Meet in the church

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:22-24

ADVENT

The first Sunday of Advent celebrates "Hope." In the first worship service, the family of Brian, Sarah, Grayson and Reese Claypool, lit the first candle in the advent wreath. They shared several scriptural passages about hope from Romans 5:2b-4, Isaiah 9:6 and I John 5:11-12. In the second worship service Tim and Rosemary Collins lit the hope candle in the advent wreath and shared the short message about hope.

WELCOME

In the second worship service, we had the privilege of seeing Trish Williams, a friend of the Claypool family come forward to reaffirm her faith and to become a member of this church family. So we encourage all of you to reach out and extend the right hand of fellowship to new member, Trish Williams.

Read Hebrews 11:1. Faith and hope are tied together. Now read Jeremiah 29:11. The future and hope are also tied together. Where are you at in your faith? Our hope in Christ gets us through the hard times. Praising God for an elder willing to step up and share God's words on faith and hope with each of us!

- parking lot at 5:15 a.m. to carpool together.
- 7. Set up for Kids' Christmas store will be this Saturday (Dec 7) at 9:00 a.m. at the Lion's Club downtown Orrick. Volunteers needed. Contact Deanne Townsend (816) 260-2403.
- 8. **FINAL WEEK:** Mission Team is collecting items for the Kids' Christmas store. Men's items are especially needed (\$5 to \$7 gift value recommended). Collection bin in the entrance to the church.
- 9. For Orrick's Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 8, they need cookies for the children to munch on while they make Christmas crafts in the Community Center. Please bring your cookie donations to church that morning for them to use that afternoon.
- 10. Join us for the next WOW meeting on Monday, December 9! Childcare provided. Cookies exchange and dramatic presentation on tap for the evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.!

OCC YOUTH

8 youth were in attendance this evening.

Mission work was the focus of this evenings session, as the youth prepared 30+/- care kits to be distributed to Ray/clay county homeless.

The youth prayed over the care kits that they would reach their destination safely, and that Christs Kingdom would be glorified in doing so. We thank, and praise Jesus for those who blessed us with the opportunity to serve the community.

Focus a scripture Matt 6: 1-4 "Doing good to please God"

Next Sunday is the "Orrick Old Fashioned Christmas." Older youth is encouraged to attend the kids Christmas shop at the lions club from 2-3:45. PM





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next Men's Fellowship opportunity is Saturday, December 7 - "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" gathering in Higginville. Carpool leaves our church at 5:15 am. All men are welcome.



WOW – DECEMBER 9

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!



KIDS' CHRISTMAS STORE

Note: This is the final week for this collection! 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.



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.

Community Thanksgiving Worship



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Tuesday, November 26, OCC hosted the Orrick Community Thanksgiving Service with about 68 people in attendance. The service started with a welcome, scripture reading and prayer from Pastor Jacob Overstreet of the Orrick Baptist Church. Drew & Katie Gill led us in worship songs, communion song and closing song. Pastor Art gave a message about everyday being Thanksgiving. His primary scripture passage was Luke 17:11-19. He challenged us to be the one to give thanks even in the hard times. He talked about Paul writing the prison epistles (Ephesians 5:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:16) where even in the midst of brutality and darkness, he repeatedly expresses thanksgiving and challenges the churches to be the one to give thanks and grace. Paul clearly presents an attitude of gratitude. Three takeaways: 1) Be thankful in your mouth - speak in thanksgiving. Read Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 150 and Psalm 147:7. 2) Be conscious of what comes out of your mouth. Think before you speak. Does it edify or degrade? 3) Praise God in daily life and work. Do your best. Work as though for the Lord. You are different from others. Read Colossians 3:22-24 and Colossians 4:1-2. Thanksgiving is what God calls us to do. Pastor Bob Sanders of the Orrick Methodist Church closed the service with prayer.



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 and raycountycommissioners@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.



PRAYER FROM THE MISSOURI MOMS IN PRAYER STATE COORDINATOR FOR THANKSGIVING

"Father, we pause to give You thanks. We are so grateful for the blessings in our lives. We are especially thankful for Christ dying on the cross to grant us Salvation. You are a wonderful God. You are awesome in deeds, and amazing in creativity. We praise You for who You are—The Creator of all things. You hold the galaxies in Your hands. Heaven is Your throne, and the earth is but Your footstool. (Isa 66:1) This Thanksgiving may You feel honored and adored, -treasured and appreciated, -exalted and loved, by those who call You by the name Abba, Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen and Amen."

Field Trip

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.



PRAYING FOR ISRAEL NIGHT AND DAY

Our next 24 hr prayer vigil is scheduled for Thursday, December 12 beginning at 4:00 am and ending Friday morning at 4:00 am. The sign up sheet will be circulated during worship service on Sunday, December 8. 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, Barbara Britt will not be able to send you one this time as she is out of town. Thank you in advance for your prayerful intercession for Israel.



OCC YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDRAISER

At Orrick Christian Church, we make fellowship a priority and we also seek ways to edify and uplift one another. If you send Christmas cards to your church family, we want to offer you a new way to do that. Prepare cards for your church family but instead of mailing them, drop them in the special collection box at the entrance to the sanctuary. Put the amount you saved in postage as a donation to the OCC youth. We will collect your Christmas cards Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, December 15. Our youth will rebundle the cards by family then distribute them Sunday, December 22 during worship service (not while the message is shared) or as people come to the evening Choir performance. Remember first class postage is \$.73 per letter. So write youth fundraiser in the memo of your check or put cash in an envelope and again write youth fundraiser on the outside. This is a great opportunity to connect with your church family, create an unique service project for youth that reinforces their skills to alphabetize items, and supports our youth through an easy fundraiser.



NEWHOPE
Missions International

NEW HOPE MISSION INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

Vacation Bible Schools - 115 Children Accept Jesus. Mission partners often ask what does Vacation Bible School look like in a third world country? It means sharing the Gospel while meeting practical needs within the community. Much like Haiti Hunger Relief, people are desperate for provision but their hearts fiercely trust in the Lord to meet their needs. Therefore, as each mission church celebrated VBS, the Gospel message was shared through Bible stories, skits, games, and lunchtime provision. Pastor Widenel shares, "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'. During these 8 days {of ministry}, we have children who accepted Christ. We give glory to God for these

	<p>children.” As pastoral reports were received, our hearts rejoiced in the salvation of 115 children.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">MEN’S ENCOUNTER 2025</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">UPDATE FROM JARED & ANNA ODLE WITH DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA</p> <p>Due to travel issues and lack of RSVPs, the DKG School Fundraising Gala was cancelled. As we get close to the ending of 2024, we are already looking ahead to 2025 and making plans for both ministry and family. The New Year is just around the corner and we want to be intentional about being about the Father’s business in Ghana.</p> <p>Some big events taking shape for 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ground breaking for new DKG Jr. High School! -Purchase of land for a new church at Kochim. -Samuel will start his freshman year of college. -DKG reading clubs will expand to 4 new schools. -Supporting churches will visit Ghana summer of 2025
	<p style="text-align: center;">REHOPE YEAR END SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 "tiny homes" delivered to house mothers, children, and women transitioning to independence at ReHope Farms in Missouri • 5 women graduated the two-phase program at ReHope Farms • 5 women baptized into the Christian Faith • A crisis Stabilization home established in Kansas City, KS for women who recently exited trafficking
	<p style="text-align: center;">GIVING TUESDAY</p> <p>In case you didn't know, we don't want you to miss it. Next Tuesday, December 3rd is "Giving Tuesday," a global day dedicated to celebrating generosity. It is a day dedicated to doing something good for others, neighbors, strangers, communities, and organizations, collectively. Giving Tuesday can be celebrated through acts of personal service or through monetary donations. If you would like to be a part of "Giving Tuesday" there are several ways you can support the work of OCC. We have an outreach funds that impacts many in our community, donations to catpack program supports hunger relief for children, and of course donations to our building expansion fund support future discipleship activities from OCC.</p>



ANSWERED PRAYER

We are rejoicing in the homecoming of Army National Guard Lt Anthony Stumborg, who has completed a year of deployment for border patrol. Praising God for his safe return to family and for being able to enjoy Thanksgiving celebration with all his family.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Dec 3 – Church Election
Dec 8 – Kids' Christmas Store
Dec 9 – WOW
Dec 22 – Christmas Cantata
Dec 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Dec 2 - 6:00 pm - Choir practice in the sanctuary at church.
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - 5:00 pm - Election for 2025 church board. All members of the church need to drop by and cast their secret ballot in the fellowship hall.
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - 6:00 pm - Leadership meeting, Trustees & 2024 Church board meeting in the fellowship hall.
- Wednesday, Dec 4 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Dec 4 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Dec 5 - 9:00 am - All church prayer meeting at the church. This special prayer time is open to all.
- Thursday, Dec 5 - 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.
- Thursday, Dec 5 - 7:00 pm - **Pray for America**. First Thursday conference prayer call. Call 667-770-1523 then enter the password: 4961322 followed by the # sign.
- Saturday, Dec 7 - 5:15 am - Carpool meets at church for "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" men's fellowship event in Higginsville. All men are welcome.
- Saturday, Dec 7 - 9:00 am - Set up for Kids' Christmas store in the Lion's Club in downtown Orrick.
- Sunday, Dec 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec 8 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Dec 8 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Dec 8 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Dec 8 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm - Kid's Christmas Store sponsored by OCC at the Lion's Club, Front Street
- Sunday, Dec 8 - 5:00 pm - Old Fashioned Christmas parade

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