

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 8, 2024



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

12/2 - Isaiah 41:10 "Hope and Assurance." Read Psalm 23 and Romans 8:28.

12/3 - Romans 5:1-5 "Believing God's Promises." Read Isaiah 41:10 and Romans 15:13.

12/4 - None.

12/5 – Psalm 107:1, Romans 5:6-10 "Goodness of God" Read Psalm 34:8, Romans 10:9, Micah 7:13

12/6 – John 14:1-6 "Hope" Read John 3:16-17

## SERMON SUMMARY

John 1:1-4, 14 – God Revealed

Filling in for Pastor Art, Elder Phil Boude shared a message entitled "God Revealed. Brother Phil talked about how things we smell, taste or even the seasons of the year can bring back memories, both good and bad. The history of our lives are bookmarked by these memories. Bad memories can also be bookmarked. Memories mean something different to a believer versus a nonbeliever. We just had Thanksgiving which means something different to a believer versus a nonbeliever. Christmas should be a completely different thing for a believer versus a nonbeliever.

If you have a negative bookmark but are a believer you should be filled with joy, peace and salvation through God's grace. We should not focus on the negative but rejoice always. God lifts us through his Word.

If we struggle to rejoice maybe we don't have a complete understanding of who Christ is. We should remind ourselves of who Christ is and what He did for us to get us through times of struggle. Gospel of John has a dedicated purpose. John 1:1, 20:31. We have life by believing in Jesus. God has always revealed Himself to us. Why? To reveal Himself to us. Hebrews 1:1-3

John 1:1 – Beginning. Holy Spirit pulled the words in a way to be understood by the Jews and the Greeks. Before time. God exists outside of time, space and matter. The Word – Logos – several different applications but clearly as John wrote it Jesus was with

## 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138:2

ADVENT

The second Sunday of Advent celebrates "Peace." In the first worship service, the Lopez family lit the first candle in the advent wreath. They shared several scriptural passages about peace from Isaiah 40:1-5, Psalm 36:11 and Isaiah 11:6. In the second worship service the Jones family lit the peace candle in the advent wreath and shared the short message about peace.

WELCOME

In the first worship service, we had the privilege of seeing Beth Hunt come forward 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, Beth Hunt.

God before anything was ever created. We also glimpse the trinity. The Word was Jesus. Everything made through Jesus. Jesus is the author of creation. In Him was life. Eternal life. No beginning; no end. This life was the light of men.

Isaiah Chapter 60:51 – talking about light as a metaphor for salvation or spiritual awakening. Also read John 5:26. It is imperative to know who Jesus is. Jesus has always been there and is God. He is uncreated and unending. Hebrews says in this church age God chose to reveal Himself to us through his Son. This is God revealed. Read Matthew 16:16-18. Three major points: 1) Simon only knew Christ was Christ because God revealed to him who He was. 2) God revealing his Son to man is the very foundation of the church. 3) Nothing can stop this revelation from occurring. Not the Gates of Hades, nothing. The foundation, the rock of the church.

John 1:14 – The Word became flesh and we saw His glory. God became flesh. To reveal Himself to us, God came to us from His throne, became man, dwelt among us for 33 years, displaying all the deity and attributes of God. Jesus through his obedience brought redemption to men on the cross. Read Romans 5.

If we find ourselves instead of rejoicing always, feeling the presence of joy and hope, can we not take a moment to remind ourselves of the sacrifice that God made so that we would have life eternal? Remember that when we feel weak, God hangs on to us. It is His strength not ours. This must be the source of our joy. Read James.

Praising God for an elder willing to step up and share God's words on faith, hope and peace with each of us!

- 3. 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. Reach out and invite a friend or two.
- 4. The Missions Team will be sponsoring a coat drive through January 12.
- 5. "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill, at the Gill Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd., Richmond, MO, Saturday at 6:00 a.m. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



OCC YOUTH



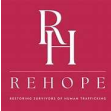

18 youth participated in the lighted Christmas parade.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Three men attended "Christ, Coffee, and campfire" this Saturday. Next Men's Fellowship event will be hosted by Drew Gill on the Second Saturday of December (Dec 14). "Fellowship on the Farm" will be at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO Saturday at 6:00 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

 <p>WOW WOMEN OF WORTH</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>105 youth and their parents were assisted at the Kid's Christmas Store this year! Many of our older youth and adults pitched in to ensure that all the children shopped for their special loved ones. Thank you for your donations and your assistance to make this year's store an outstanding success!</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT FIELD TRIP SPONSORED BY OCC SOCIAL TEAM</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYING FOR ISRAEL NIGHT AND DAY</b></p> <p>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.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCC YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDRAISER</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEN'S ENCOUNTER 2025</b></p> <p>Men's Encounter is a 48 hour weekend, where men (18 years &amp; 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;"><b>OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT REHOPE</b></p> <p>For the next two Sundays, candles, drink cups and soap will be available for sale in the foyer of church. All proceeds benefit ReHope.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANSWERED PRAYER</b></p> <p>Please continue lifting up the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!</p>

## COMING UP IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

Dec 22 – Christmas Cantata

Dec 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Jan 24 – 26 – Men's Encounter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Dec 9 - 6:00 pm - Specially called meeting of Ray County Planning and Zone Board to review Valor Ranch proposal at the Community Room of the Ray County Public Library.
- Monday, Dec 9 - 6:30 pm - WOW
- Tuesday, Dec 10 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Wednesday, Dec 11 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Dec 11 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Dec 12 - 4:00 am - **24 Hr prayer vigil for Israel begins**
- Thursday, Dec 12 - 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, Dec 13 - 4:00 am - **24 Hr prayer vigil for Israel ends**
- Friday, Dec 13 - 9:00 am - Shuttle bus leaves church for St Joe field trip.
- Saturday, Dec 14 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill, at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO Saturday at 6:00 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Dec 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 5:00-7:00 pm - Bible 101 with Pastor Art
- Sunday, Dec 15 - 5:00-7:00 pm - OCC Youth meet

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