

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 6 TO JANUARY 12, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

1/6 - II Corinthians 4:8-9
"Dealing with Our Issues." Read Psalm 40:2 and Isaiah 41:10.

1/7 - Philippians 3:12-16
"Drawing Closer to Christ."

1/8 - Matthew 7:21-23
"Self-Deception." Read Matthew 7:13, John 17:15-20, John 3:3, John 14:23, Proverbs 14:23 and Ecclesiastes 7:8..

1/9 - Matthew 7:24-29
"Building Our Life on a Foundation in Christ." Read Ecclesiastes 7:8.

1/10 - Matthew 16:24-27
"Being a Disciple." Read Matthew 17:25 and Matthew 28:16.

SERMON SUMMARY

Matthew 28:16-20 – To Make Disciples We Must First Be Disciples

Pastor Art has started a mini-series on discipleship. His first sermon in this series was "To Make Disciples We Must First Be Disciples," based on Matthew 28:16-20. As we start a new year, Pastor Art wanted to focus on discipleship. This is one of our missions. The other being John 8:12. Then he stated that being a theologian doesn't trump having a personal relationship with Christ. Living the knowledge that you take in daily is being a disciple. A more formal definition of disciple is being an apprentice or attached to a teacher to learn specifically from that person. Read Isaiah 8:16. Jesus was not the only one to have disciples. Read John 1:35-37. Others recorded in the Bible as having disciples include Isaiah and John the Baptist. By learning from these godly men, the disciples were actually learning and following God. Read John 1:1 and Matthew 28:18. Christ has full authority. We are following God through Christ. Read John 14:6, Revelation 5:12, Philippians 2:10-11 and Revelation 1:7. Everyone will see Christ when he returns. But the Body of Christ will recognize Christ because we are his disciples. Read Revelation 19:15. The wrath of God will come through Christ.

Jesus told his disciples ahead of time where to go and what to do. Read Matthew 26:32. They were told to meet Him in Galilee. As Christ followers we learn what we are to do by studying the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Gospel means the truth. In Matthew 28:10. They are commanded to do what Jesus says. So two things happened: 1) They did what Jesus told them to do and 2) they worshipped. So a disciple is a worshipper, a servant, and a witness. Worship is both individual and corporate. Read John chapter 4 about the

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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. "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by Keith Logan at [3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3521+SE+Yankee+Ridge+Rd,+Kingston,+MO) at 6:30 am on the third Saturday of January (Jan 18). All men

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 34:1-3

WELCOME

In the second worship service, we were privileged to see Kristen Wilde come forward. Kristen is a born again, baptized Christ follower, who wanted to make OCC her home church. Please extend the right hand of fellowship to Kristen.

story of the Samaritan woman. Read Hebrews 10:26. Pastor Art encouraged us to lean out of the circle of believers to teach others about Christ but not to leave the circle of believers. Read I Timothy 2:5-6, John 20:28-29 and John 4:21-24. We recognize Jesus, acknowledge that He is a mediator for us, and understand the importance of the Holy Spirit when we are worshipping. We have joy in our heart. Relationship and worship go hand in hand with one another.

The world knows who Jesus is. But they put Him in a box. Jesus loves everyone because of his deep compassion for humanity. He loves them and gives them an opportunity to accept Him and change. Jesus set the example of serving others and telling them the truth. Jesus was the perfect lamb. We have to understand how to love one another - first and foremost. Serve the Body of Christ first. Read Romans 10:14-17, Isaiah 52:7, and John 8:12. A disciple must teach others. This comes from understanding discipleship by worshipping, serving and witnessing. Praising God for a pastor who shares Biblical truth and mentors discipleship for his flock!

- are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- 4. Mission Team is asking you to start collecting now for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox and Kids' Christmas Store. So as you come across great clearance items considering purchasing for these projects. Collection bins in the entry way to the church.



YOUTH

Seven youth in attendance this evening as we opened in praise in worship. Both groups discussed goals the youth want to accomplish this year. The older youth discussed the dinner and desert auction on 2/16/25 at 5:00 p.m.

Message focused in the Gospel of John, Chapter 1 – sifting and sorting wheat from chaff.



Men's Fellowship



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sixteen men showed up for "Fellowship on the Farm" at Drew Gill's place. Next week "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" will be hosted by Keith Logan at [3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3521+SE+Yankee+Ridge+Rd,+Kingston,+MO) at 6:30 am (Jan 18). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



THE HOMESTEAD

We were invited by a church in Higginsville to attend the matinee of The Homestead on Sunday. Bible 101 and others met at the theater in Higginsville to enjoy an evening of fellowship and to watch the movie. The bus was at full capacity and carried 22 people to the theater. At least four others drove separately and met the group at the theater.

	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING</p> <p>Live in Kingston, Cowgill, or Polo, and looking for a small group? A new study in Romans begins this Wednesday evening for the OCC Northland small group - singles and marrieds are welcome. For more information, contact: Frankie Logan 281-682-8712.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE</p> <p><i>"Heavenly Father, Creator of time and life, we rejoice and give You thanks for Your grace, love and Spirit that fills and marks our lives with abundance. Your Word reminds us that You have a purpose in the entirety of life. As strange as it may seem to those who do not yet know You, we believe in You and in every Word You have breathed and promised and so we stand firm knowing that there is beauty and blessing coming from You even in the hardest and most hurtful earthly seasons. We will encourage one another as we stand in Your presence and purpose, moment-by-moment on mission for our King and Heavenly Kingdom to come and Your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Your powerful name we stand and pray, Amen!"</i></p>
 <p>Moms in Prayer INTERNATIONAL™</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOD IS WITH US – A REMINDER FROM MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL</p> <p>Immanuel - God is With Us God is with us in the ER, in the divorce lawyer's office, during finals, changing diapers. God is with us in prison, on the first date, during the ugly cry, in line. God is with us working the graveyard shift, working through the 12 steps, at the office, at the gym. God is with us in therapy, at the check-out, in the delivery room, doing dishes. God is with us on the bus, at the custody hearing, in AA. God is with us in the waiting room, during chemo, in recovery, at the funeral. God is with us at the wedding altar, when we thought we would be married, "til death due us part" turns into, "there is someone else." God is with when the pregnancy test is positive, when it is negative, when its everything we hoped for, when its nothing anticipated. God is with us when they can't find a heartbeat, when its cancer again, when the kids stop coming around, when they reject what they once believed. God is with us when we are not sure what we believe, when the pain is so great that we can't sing the songs, when we are frustrated, overwhelmed, betrayed, when we feel like we are on the outside. God is with us when we get knocked down, when we don't understand, when we want to quit. God is with us today, tomorrow, and every day after.... <i>So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10</i> <i>Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20</i> <i>The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Psalm 145:18</i> <i>I will never leave you nor forsake you. Hebrews 13:5</i></p>

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39
The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by his love, He will exult over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 13:7



GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF PRAYER

Join us for this exciting event, Global Celebration of Prayer, January 20-24, 2025! Pray in unity with Moms in Prayer groups in more than 150 countries. Each of us will use the same prayer sheet, God is the Victor. We will cry out to God for the children and schools, asking our Victorious Lord to bring salvation, transformed hearts, and His will to be done in communities worldwide. You can pray in a group or on your own. Global Celebration of Prayer January 20-24, 2025.



VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART DINNER

It's back! You are cordially invited to a Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner on Sunday, February 16 for dinner and dessert auction. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm at the Home Place at Valley View, [35920 State Hwy T, Camden, MO](https://www.google.com/maps/place/35920+State+Hwy+T,+Camden,+MO). This event is hosted by OCC Youth and OCC Social Team. A spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread is provided for a love offering. Everyone is challenged to bring a dessert for the auction. All proceeds from the dessert auction will go toward sending our youth to church camp. This is a fun event. Reach out and invite a friend or two!



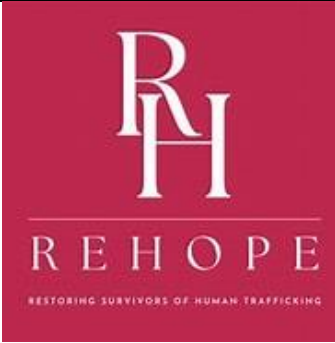
ASHES TO BEAUTY WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Ashes to Beauty weekend is designed for every women 18 years and older. It is about encountering Jesus at the Cross in a new and personal as well as intimate way. There are 12 sessions that relate to a woman's life. Each session will include praise and worship, personal testimonies, teachings from God's perspective, and a time of reflection. First weekend encounter in 2025 is February 21-23. Contact Laura O'Dell (816) 868-3875 if you are interested in attending. She will assist you with making arrangements.



BRIDGE OF HOPE

Bridge of Hope in their mission to protect unborn children and assist mothers has asked for our church to participate in Sanctity of Life Sunday - January 19. Specifically they ask for prayer on that Sunday that supports life and fights against the culture of death promoted by the abortion industry.



RE-HOPE GALA FUNDRAISER

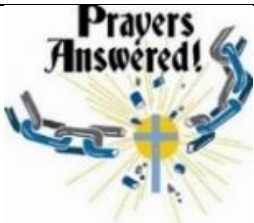
Join us for a special night as we celebrate our 11th Annual Freedom Gala on Saturday, January 25 at Fiorella's Event Center. Not only does your ticket include a delicious meal plus inspirational program, but join us for a Pre-Event Social Gathering from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Take time to peruse the silent auction, get a preview of live auction items plus learn more about the problem of human trafficking and the mission and work of REHOPE. Dinner will begin at 6:30 followed by the program. The evening concludes around 8:30pm.

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month – a time to honor survivors and to learn how we can spot signs of trafficking. For more information visit: <https://www.doi.gov/oles/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month>



VALOR RANCH FUNDRAISER

We are excited to be hosting the 5th Annual Wyatt Childress Memorial Poker Tournament on Feb. 1. It's in memory of an amazing young man, who died by suicide in 2020. For a minimum donation of \$100, your business name (or individual) will be on every table at the tournament, featured on our social media, and featured on our new Sponsor tab on our website, for the whole year! In addition, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Grand Street Cafe on the Plaza, which is where Wyatt worked. Who wants in? Registration to play is also open at ValorRanch.org. 🇺🇸
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ANSWERED PRAYER

No updates received this week. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Jan 20-24 - Global Celebration of Prayer
Jan 24-26 - Men's Encounter
Jan 25 - ReHope Freedom Gala
Feb 1 - Valor Ranch Fundraiser
Feb 16 - OCC Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Fundraiser
Feb 21-23 - Ashes to Beauty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Jan 13 - 6:30 pm - Mission Team meeting at the church.
- Tuesday, Jan 14 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Wednesday, Jan 15 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Jan 15 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study.
- Thursday, Jan 16 - 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, Jan 18- 6:30 am - "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by Keith Logan at [3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO](#) at 6:30 am All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Jan 19 - Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Sunday, Jan 19 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Jan 19 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Jan 19 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Jan 19 - 5:00-7:00 pm - OCC Doctrinal study begins with Phil Boude & Pastor Art (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Jan 19 - 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth groups meet at OCC

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