

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 20 TO JANUARY 26, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

1/20 - Philippians 1:21-23 "Living Like a Believer." Read II Timothy 1:12..

1/21 - Ephesians 2:19-22 "Living Stones of the Church." Read I Peter 2:4, Matthew 18:20, Romans 12:1 and John 14:6.

1/22 - Lamentations 3:20-25 "Comfort By God." Read John 11:33-35 and II Corinthians 1:3-4.

1/23 - Matthew 25:31-46 "Serving Like Christ." Read Matthew 24:3 and Acts 9:4.

1/24 - Acts 1:8 "Be A Witness." Read Matthew 28:18-19, John 3:16 and John 16:33.

SERMON SUMMARY

Matthew 28:18-20 and John 20:19-23 – To Make Disciples We Must First Be Disciples – Part 3

Pastor Art finished his mini-series on discipleship. This week his sermon was entitled "To Make Disciples We Must First Be Disciples - Part 3," based on Matthew 28:18-20 and John 20:19-23. It is so important to be aware of what a disciple is. We have been learning through the scriptures of the words Jesus spoke to guide His disciples. You must be a worshipper, worker and witness. Our attitude of worship should be present outside of the worship services. Our focus is on witnessing for Christ today. Ten men are attending Men's Encounter this weekend and it is all about witnessing. In this scripture passage from John, Jesus tells His disciples that they will be witnesses for Him and He breathed the Holy Spirit into them for guidance. The body of Christ dwells in the heart of the believer.

In Acts, you receive power that is explosive to be witnesses in your community, region, scary places, and everywhere. The Greek word for power in this passage is "dunamis," which means explosive power and our word dynamite comes from this word. When you become a born again Christian, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into you when you become a believer.

Pastor Art then demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit by inflating a balloon. As we pray, study God's Word and fellowship with one another, more air fills the balloon. When it is buoyant, it is easy to pass to others. A deflated balloon does not pass well. It falls flat.

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. "Christ, Coffee & Campfire!" men's fellowship gathering in Higginsville

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 134:1-3

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we have power available to us to witness and touch others' lives. Read Acts 2:38-39, I Corinthians 12:13 and Romans 8:9. The Holy Spirit unites us worldwide. When we allow the Holy Spirit to dominate our lives, sin falls away. The more we worship God, the less Satan influences us. Darkness falls away. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. A unique benefit of the Holy Spirit is that it seals our redemption. Read Romans 10:14-17. Preacher means you. It is based on the Greek word "kerusso," which means to proclaim, herald or announce. When you share the truth of the gospel, you are being an announcer, proclaimer, and yes, preacher. Read Romans 8:28 and Isaiah 52:7. Hearing the Word of God and sharing your opinion is not the same thing. We need to set aside ourselves and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth. The simple message is 'Jesus loves you and so do I!' Our witness is to tell the truth of Jesus. Testify to what you have seen or heard or experienced.

There is joyful satisfaction in sharing the truth or witnessing. Your joy will overflow by the Holy Spirit. Read John 17:17-18, Matthew 5:14-16 and John 8:12. You are the light of the world for all to see and glorify God! Praising God for a pastor who joyfully proclaims the truth and encourages each of us to do so!

occurs on the first Saturday of every month. All men 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.



	<p style="text-align: center;">MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>"Fellowship on the Farm" cancelled for the fourth Saturday of January (Jan 25). Next fellowship opportunity is "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" in Higginsville. Carpool leaves church parking lot at 5:15 am on Saturday, February 1. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE</p> <p><i>"God of Hope, we are secure in You. We have Hope because You set us free from the chains of sin and death, and You fill us with all joy and peace in believing. We are so grateful for our hope and salvation in You, we cannot help but share about it with those around us. Give us the words to speak as we seek to share our faith, and the patience to listen to the hearts of those who respond to our testimonies of Your hope. When we encounter those who stumble over the truths of the Gospel or who see it is foolish, teach us how to intercede for them, that Your Holy Spirit might work in their hearts. Your Hope is our anchor through every situation and season! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."</i></p>

PHOTO SHOOT FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY



Smile! We are taking your family picture for the digital church directory on Saturday, February 8 between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. You and your family will be in and out in five minutes. No sales pitch! Just come, smile and have your picture taken. So that everyone doesn't show up at the same time, we are recommending that families whose last name is between A and L come between 1:30 and 3:00 pm. If your last name begins with M through Z, please come between 3:00 and 4:30 pm. If you have a conflict with your assigned time, come whenever you can. These pictures are important for helping us connect with one another as our church continues to grow. After pictures get uploaded to the church digital directory, we will move toward printing a limited number of directories for purchase. Access to the digital church directory is free and available to anyone using your email address provided you have given your email address to Barbara Britt. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Britt at pray4occ@gmail.com or (816) 826-8832.

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!

VALOR RANCH THANK YOU



Thank you so much for the very generous donation to Valor Ranch! As you know, we have closed on property in Ray County and we're so excited to be a part of the community! We have a lot of renovating to do before moving in so every dollar is so appreciated as we get things ready to provide a safe place for veterans. Thank you again! Debbie Childress, Founder.

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.

ANSWERED PRAYER



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

COMING IN FEBRUARY

Feb 1 - Valor Ranch Fundraiser
Feb 8 – Picture Day for Church Directory
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.
- Tuesday, Jan 28 - 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 29 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Jan 29 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study.
- Thursday, Jan 30 - 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, Feb 1 - 5:15 am - Carpool leaves church parking lot for "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" men's fellowship in Higginsville, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Feb 2 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 2 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Feb 2 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 2 - 5:00-7:00 pm - OCC Doctrinal study begins with Phil Boude and Pastor Art (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Feb 2 - 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth groups meet at OCC

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