

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

1/27 - John 20:19-23
"Christ Commissions Us with Peace." Read Philippians 4:7, Luke 24:37-41, John 16:33, Acts 1:8 and Romans 5:1..

1/28 - Romans 1:16-20
"Living By Faith."

1/29 - Romans 3:21-26
"Our Sinful Human Condition." Read Romans 1:18-Romans 3:8 and Ephesians 2:1.

1/30 - Romans 10:13-17
"Carrying the Message of the Good News." Read Isaiah 52:7.

1/31 - I Peter 5:8-10
"Do-Overs: Resist Satan." Read Revelation 12:10 and Philippians 1:12.

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 12:1-12 – The Woman, The Child and the Dragon

Pastor Art dipped his toe back into the book of Revelation with a sermon entitled "The Woman, The Child and the Dragon," based on Revelation 12:1-12. Then he talked about the message that Jesus was giving John as well as earlier writings. Read John 14:4. Satan is the accuser, hater, liar. This passage in Revelation is about God's redemptive plan and Satan's attempt to thwart it. Before going into today's scripture passage, he did a brief review of the first 11 chapters of the book of Revelation, which we studied throughout 2024. We are living in the church age, which is described in the first three chapters of Revelation. Jesus delivers a message to John about the seven churches of Asia Minor. In chapters 4 and 5, John is taken to the heavenly throne and made aware of the tribulations. Nobody knows when Christ will return. In chapters 6 through 18, we see the beginning of the tribulation. The seven seals have been broken and scrolls read revealing progressive judgement on the earth. We are also made aware of the appearance of the two witnesses.

We need to be aware of what is written in Revelation to prepare us as we move forward. Chapter 12 reveals God's redemptive plan through a woman and a child. We will learn in chapter 13 that the dragon opposes God's redemptive plan. Chapter 14 we learn about the angels proclaiming the redemptive story. Pastor Art once again reminded us that the Bible is not chronological but circular regarding events and how they unfold. The Truth of God's Word is always fulfilled as in the past, present or future. Two takeaways today: #1 We win! #2 Satan is very real.

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. All Church Prayer meeting is Thursday, February 6 at the church at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
4. First Church Board meeting of the year will be Thursday, February 6 in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm. This

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 19:1-4

In today's scripture passage, the woman described is Israel. Read Genesis 37:5-11, where Joseph dreamed something that is revealed in this passage. Passages describing the people of Israel as a woman include Isaiah 64, Jeremiah 3 and Hosea 2. As a Christ follower we need to know the Word of God. In this passage, Israel gives birth to Christ (see Matthew 1 and Luke 2). In verse 3, the fiery red dragon is satan. Satan ruled the 7 worldly kingdoms (Read Daniel 7:7-24). In the future he will rule over 10 kingdoms. The number 7 symbolizes completeness or in this case dominion over governments. Jumping ahead to verse 9, we learn the dragon is satan and that he takes angels, who become demons with him.

We are called to be ready at all times for the rapture of the church and to battle satan. John MacArthur states that we are one generation away from the death of the church. Jesus loves you because He created you. He will forgive you anything. Praising God for a pastor who leads us in truth through the Book of Revelation and implores God to give us revelation in how to apply this to our lives and testimony!

- meeting is open to all members of the church. New officers to be elected and 2025 plans to be discussed.
5. "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the second Saturday of February (Feb 8). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
 6. Photo shoot for church directory on Saturday, February 8 at the church. Last names between A & L between 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Last names between M & Z come between 3:00 – 4:30 pm. If you have a conflict with your assigned time, just come whenever. **It is important that everyone participate!**
 7. Don't forget the Sweetheart Dinner Fundraiser on Feb 16. We are counting on you for donations of delicious desserts for the auction. Remember this is a fundraiser for the youth.



YOUTH

Fifteen youth in attendance this evening. We opened in worship and prayer, then cat-packs. The entire youth discussed their roles when serving at the sweetheart dinner on 2/16/25 and picked their youth theme scripture Romans 12:2a "do not be confirmed to this world."





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

No one attended "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" in part due to the hazardous road conditions that morning. Next men's fellowship event is Saturday, February 8. "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE

"I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint." In Hebrew, this scripture means that **the prophet Habakkuk will remain alert and wait for the Lord to provide an answer.** Standing is often interpreted as a sign of being steadfast, not giving in, and actively taking a position on something. The verse uses multiple expressions to signify watching, being positioned like a watchman on a tower. **Habakkuk asks God, then waits in faith expecting God to give him an answer.** The prophet is a great role model. He knew a little something about waiting on God! Although his story is one from thousands of years ago, the lessons his story teaches are still relevant today. Especially today in our "Give me what I want NOW!" culture.

"Father, we are encouraged to know that Habakkuk's name means "one who embraces." Help us to embrace waiting and not to despise it. Grant us the grace to remain steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in Your work. May we not lose heart, remain on our post and Stand firm upon your Words of Hope. Thank you for Psalms 30:5 "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." We stand in the truth of Habakkuk 2:3, "For the vision awaits an appointed time; it testifies of the end and does not lie." In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."



PHOTO SHOOT FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Smile! We are taking your family picture for the digital church directory **THIS** 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](#). 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



Registration is closed as this event is full! Can be placed on waiting list if still interested. Ashes to Beauty weekend is designed for every woman 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.

MEN'S ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



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! The next one is March 21-23. If you have questions, please contact JC Claypool at (816) 718-2309.

ANSWERED PRAYER



Terry Ealey reports that Penny Hendricks received good news after her most recent scan. The majority of the cancer in her body is gone! Praising God for answering prayers in such a powerful way. Penny is still receiving treatment as there is a spot in her lungs that has not cleared yet. She so appreciates everyone's prayers! Kathie Paige reported an update on Matt Bailey. Matt's cancer marker numbers have kept going up since October so they wanted him to have a PET scan. We were all very concerned that it would show growths on other places in his body. But it showed the same growth on pancreas and liver. They don't understand it. But we Praise Our Lord. We are praising God that Kim Cherrito has completed her radiation treatments for brain cancer. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Feb 8 – Picture Day for Church Directory
Feb 16 – OCC Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Fundraiser
Feb 21-23 - Ashes to Beauty
Mar 21-23 – Men's Encounter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Tuesday, Feb 4 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Wednesday, Feb 5 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Feb 5 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Feb 6 - 9:00 am - All Church prayer meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Thursday, Feb 6 - 6:00 pm - Church board meeting in the fellowship hall.
- Thursday, Feb 6 - 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, Feb 6 - 7:00 pm - **Pray for America**, First Thursday prayer call. "Pouring Out for the Family." Call (667) 770-1523, Pin 4961322#
- Saturday, Feb 8 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Saturday, Feb 8 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm - Pictures taken for church directory by professional photographer. No sales pitch. In and out in about five minutes.
- Sunday, Feb 9 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 9 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Feb 9 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 9 - 5:00-7:00 pm - OCC Doctrinal study begins with Phil Boude and Pastor Art (childcare provided) May be cancelled due to SuperBowl!
- Sunday, Feb 9 - 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth groups meet at OCC

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