

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 9, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

2/3 - I Peter 1:18-21 "Are We Holy?" Read I Peter 1:13-15.

2/4 - None.

2/5 - I Samuel 16:1-7 "Your Heart is Important to God." Read Proverbs 14:12 and Romans 12:2.

2/6 - I Peter 4:7-8 "Love Covers a Multitude of Sins." Read Psalm 32:1-6 and I Corinthians 13:7..

2/7 - I Timothy 4:6-8 "Training for Godliness." Read Romans 12:2 and I Timothy 4:1-4.

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 12:4-12 – The Woman, The Child and the Dragon

Pastor Art picked back up from his sermon last week as we continued to learn more about "The Woman, The Child and the Dragon," based on Revelation 12:4-12. He reminded us emphatically that the Word of God does not change. He stressed the importance of the church studying God's Word. It is so important to study it word for word. We should view this study of Revelation not as a sprint but more like a marathon. In this passage God has a redemptive plan. Since satan fell, it has been his mission to thwart God's plan. Our job is to be prepared. To do that, we have to know the Word of God. The definition of success is where opportunity meets preparation. We must be prepared to defeat satan. The best coaches scout the opposition so that they can be prepared. We have to follow the same plan to combat satan.

Scripture reveals that satan has tried and failed repeatedly. Chapter 12 of Revelation documents all the times that satan has tried and failed. Going all the way back to Genesis, where satan tries to separate Adam and Eve from God. In this scripture passage, we are now in the center of the tribulation period. Verse 12 reminds us that the church has been raptured and that they are in heaven rejoicing because they are no longer dealing with satan. This scripture passage reminds us that satan was banned from heaven but that he still has some access because he is the accuser in heaven before being permanently cast out.

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" will be hosted by Keith Logan at 3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO at 6:30 am (Feb 15). All men are welcome and

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 27:1-8

WELCOME

In the first worship service, we were blessed with two families coming forward to publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus and to seek fellowship as a part of the OCC family. Samantha and Jackson (age 7) Elliott came forward to join our church. They have been worshipping with us since August and had their picture taken for the church directory yesterday. Mike and April Stoenner also came forward to officially become a part of our church family. They attended our church picnic last year and have been an active part of our church since, including getting their picture taken yesterday at the church photo shoot.

In the second worship service, Teresa Coulter came forward to proclaim her faith in Christ and become a part of the OCC family. We are delighted to have her. Please extend the right hand of fellowship to these three new families. Our church is growing and there is much rejoicing in heaven!

In verse 4, Pastor Art reminded us that the woman represents Israel and gives birth to Jesus. We know how Satan used others to try and kill Jesus as a baby. His tail threw a third of the angels from heaven. He has no boundaries. These angels were transformed into demons. God used an angel to thwart Satan. From the Christmas story, we all know that Satan stirs the heart of Herod trying to stop God's redemptive plan by killing all the Jewish baby boys. God sent an angel to warn Joseph and sent him to Egypt to keep his family safe. Satan is the evil one. Read Matthew 6:13. Satan is the tempter. Read Matthew 4:1-11. It is important that we know that Satan is the ruler of this world. Read Matthew 16:23. Satan didn't want Jesus to go to the cross. He manipulated others to jeer at him and tempt him while on the cross. Anything to thwart God's redemptive plan. Beware, Satan tries to manipulate believers to thwart God's plans. Read Luke 22:39-46 and I Peter 5:8-9. The deceiver uses non-believers to taunt you. Read II Corinthians 4:4. If Christ had come off the cross there would be no salvation. But Satan failed again! Read Matthew 27:42-43, Psalm 2:1-3, 9 and Psalm 19.

Verse 12 reminds us that the time is short. All scriptures have been fulfilled to the point that the rapture can occur at any time. We put stuff off all the time. Don't put off fellowship, Bible study or other things in Christ. Praising God for a pastor who passionately reminds us of God's redemptive plan and the shortness of time!

encouraged to attend.

4. "Valentine Sweetheart Dinner & Dessert Auction" on Sunday, Feb 16 at the Home Place at Valley View Farm. Everyone is encouraged to bring one or more desserts to auction off to raise money to send OCC youth to church camp. Great opportunity to invite others to join us for lots of fun!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wow! Twenty-two men gathered for "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop. They had a fantastic time together with an edifying message about the "Fear of God" and how it applies to our lives. Next gathering will be "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by Keith Logan at 3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO at 6:30 am (Feb 15). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON FAMILIES BASED ON COLOSSIANS 3:3

"Father, thank you for our families. Some of us have not had great family experiences, so we pray for my brothers and sisters who've had to endure hardship and pain, that you would heal them and pour out your joy and peace to them. We thank you for those who have had strong and godly family relationships, please use them to help show others what a healthy family is. For most of us, Lord, our family relationships are both a blessing and a difficulty. We pray for those whose families are not all together, that You would, through Your Holy Spirit, draw them closer. Most of all, Lord, regardless of our family situations, please work on us individually, to make us the most godly, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, dads, moms, brothers, sisters, and uncles and aunts we can be. Hide us Lord in Your Holiness, make us more like Jesus, and use us to show your love to them. In Jesus' name, Amen."



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!



COOKBOOK OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL TEAM

As the Social Team has been compiling the new church cookbook, they are still in need of recipes, especially for SALADS, APPETIZERS and ENTREES (main dishes). If you have a recipe that you would like to share, contact Cappi Lawrence chdarnell2@yahoo.com, Terry Ealey TNTEaley@gmail.com, Cheryl Schreier ctaylor91760@gmail.com or Lisa Cline lisa.cline1960@icloud.com. Don't miss out on an opportunity to be included! Profits from this cookbook will be going toward some of the furnishings for the new church building. Deadline to participate is March 15, 2025.

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.



VALOR RANCH UPDATE

To kick off 2025, we are thrilled to announce an exciting milestone in our mission to support homeless veterans! Our organization has officially acquired a new property on 14 acres in peaceful Ray County to expand our transitional housing program. This serene location will provide 4 additional housing accommodations, a shared community space, and access to essential support services. With this expansion, we are taking a significant step toward giving more veterans the stability and resources they need to rebuild their lives in a tranquil and supporting environment.

As we prepare our new property to welcome veterans, we're reaching out to our community for support. This space has incredible potential, but we need your help to make it truly feel like home. We are currently seeking sponsors for a few critical renovations and upgrades:

- Bathroom renovation - consider sponsoring a bathroom upgrade
- Kitchen counters - the heart of any home is the kitchen; new counter tops will make this space functional and inviting
- Freezer unit - a new freezer is needed
- Bedroom furniture - comfortable beds, dressers, & nightstands will provide a restful environment our veterans deserve

Together we are blazing new trails for our veterans! For more details or to sponsor a renovation, please email debbiec@valorranch.org.



ANSWERED PRAYER

We have some amazing answers to prayer to share with you. My nephew, Brad Hill, was released from the rehab hospital to go back home following back surgery over two weeks ago for two ruptured discs. Brad is a widower with two sons ages 2 and 6. He had a tremendous amount of help from friends, family and neighbors to care for his children, pets, and home during his surgery and convalescence. He and his family are so deeply appreciative of the prayer coverage during his surgery and subsequent recovery. Lisa Shelton had two amazing answers to prayers to share. The first is about her father, Don Harris, who was recently diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. His doctor ordered pulmonary function tests and the results were amazing. Both his pulmonary doctor as well as his cardiac doctor, agreed that he has very mild pulmonary fibrosis and COPD, requiring no medication and minimal lifestyle modification. In addition, they are investigating a new device that filters blood clots and would allow him to discontinue a very heavy duty blood thinner that he is currently taking. So prayers have been answered for Lisa's father and we are removing him from our prayer list. For the second amazing answer, Lisa shared that her primary care physician was concerned about a shadow he saw on her lung x-rays. This discovery created tremendous anxiety for Lisa. She called her oncology team, who reviewed the x-rays and her treatment plan. They concluded that this shadow was scarring as a result of the radiation treatment for her breast cancer. Lisa felt such a sense of peace after talking with them even though her primary care physician is still insisting on a CT scan. All in all, Lisa feels that God has answered her prayers because of the peace He has given her. As always, she is so appreciative of the prayers of her church family! Tammy Griffin had a successful surgery to receive a pacemaker. Connie Langdon is home from the hospital but still has a ways to go for full recovery. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Feb 16 – OCC Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Fundraiser
Feb 21-23 - Ashes to Beauty
March 10 – WOW
March 15 – Cookbook Recipe Deadline
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 11 - 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 12 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Feb 12 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Feb 13 - 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, Feb 14 - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
- Saturday, Feb 15 - 6:30 am - "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" will be hosted by Keith Logan at 3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO at 6:30 am (Feb 18). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Feb 16 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 16 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Feb 16 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 16 - 5:00 pm - OCC Valentine Sweetheart Dinner & Auction at the Home Place at Valley View, 35920 W Hwy T, Camden, MO 64017. Fundraiser for OCC youth to attend church camp. Invite friends!

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