

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 10 TO FEBRUARY 16, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

2/10 - Ephesians 2:1-10 "But God..." Read Revelation 12:9, Genesis 50:20, Philippians 2:27, I Corinthians 1:27, I Corinthians 1:10, Actions 13:30, Acts 7:9 and Psalm 23:4.

2/11 - Isaiah 41:10 "Leaning on God." Read Jeremiah 29:11, John 10:10, Psalm 46:1-2, Joshua 1:9, Matthew 28:20 and Proverbs 3:5-6.

2/12 - Isaiah 40:28-31 "Waiting on the Lord." Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 46:10.

2/13 - Nehemiah 1:4-11 "How to Pray." Read Matthew 6:9-13.

2/14 - Hebrews 11:6 "Living in Our Faith." Read Galatians 3:11, Genesis 4:4, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12, Acts 16:31 and Genesis 5:24.

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 12:5-12 – The Woman, The Child and the Dragon

Pastor Art finished up the mini-series from Chapter 12 of Revelation entitled "The Woman, the Child and the Dragon," Revelations 12:5-12. Everything written in Revelation is for a specific purpose. There are three characters in Chapter 12: The woman represents Israel. The Dragon is the devil. The child is Jesus Christ. God's redemptive plan is unfolded starting in verse 9. It is also described in Psalm 2. Both create a picture by describing the midpoint of the Tribulation. At this point (midpoint) we learn that Israel flees to a place that God has prepared for them. They receive protection during the end times of the tribulation when satan's wrath is turned on the earth. In verse 7, we learn that war breaks out. It is an angelic war. It is two-thirds of the angels against the one third angels/demons. During this war, Michael and the angels prevail over the demons, who are cast out of heaven. In verse 9, the great dragon is revealed as the devil or satan, our adversary, the deceiver, the accuser. It is the serpent of old (read Genesis 3:1).

Do you really think satan is going to leave you alone? Read II Corinthians 11:14-15, I Peter 5:8-9, and II Corinthians 4:4. Beginning in verse 10, there are three points. First, we have blood bought, heavenly freedom by salvation through Jesus Christ. It will not be consummated until we stand in the presence of Jesus. Read I John 3:2. Second, the Kingdom of God will be established on this earth. It starts in the millenium. Read Matthew 6:10. Third, the power of Christ is strong authority. He will be the only authority in 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. "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the fourth Saturday of February (Feb 22).

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 8:1-2

world. That power is blood bought. They overcame satan by the blood of the lamb (verse 11). Read Ephesians 1:7 and I John 1:7.

Pastor Art shared part of Lisa Shelton's testimony from this week in the hospital. Lisa was anxious and dealing with the unknown as they ran test after test to find out what was going on in her body. Yet time and time again she would cling to God and feel peace, speak peace and peace pervaded the environment around her. Her night nurse asked the day nurse during their report if Lisa was awake. The day nurse replied that Lisa was asleep. The night nurse said that she really, really wanted to talk to her because Lisa had something that she wanted - that peace. Lisa had a strong testimony because she felt peace, spoke peace and peace surrounded her. Others noticed. Our testimony is how we live. Others are always watching and some are wondering what it is that makes us so different. Your actions and your enthusiasm shines forth!

Verse 11 concludes with love their lives until death. This means that they put Christ first in their life and everything else falls later. Verse 12 tells us very plainly that there was rejoicing in heaven because satan and his demons were cast out. But woe to the non-believers on earth. Praising God for a pastor that preaches God's Word revealing the truth to all that will listen!

All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- 4. Post Valentine sales are a great time to pick up gift items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as well as Kids' Christmas Store. Your Mission Team appreciates all the work you do to make these events so memorable for the recipients.



YOUTH

Sixteen youth were in attendance. Praise and worship, followed by games, supper and a message from 1 Peter 5:5-11: submitting to God, resisting the enemy.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

"Bible, Breakfast & Bull" was cancelled this past Saturday due to inclement weather. Next men's fellowship gathering will be "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the fourth Saturday of February (Feb 22). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON MARRIAGE</p> <p><i>"Lord, thank You for Your gift of love and marriage. Thank You for designing it to be a reflection of Your love for Your Church. On this Valentine's Day, we lift up marriages—our own, those of our friends and family, and those who are preparing for this covenant. Where there is joy, let it increase. Where there is strife and hurt, bring healing. Where there is division, restore unity. And for those who are waiting, remind them that You are writing their love story in Your perfect time. Teach us all to love as You love—with patience, kindness, humility, and faithfulness. Let our marriages be a light that points the world back to You. In Jesus' name, Amen."</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART DINNER - POSTPONED</p> <p>This event has been postponed due to anticipated inclement weather. When we have a new date, we will share it with you. This event is too critical to our children's faith walk to cancel. It is the fundraiser that sends any child to church camp this summer.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">COOKBOOK OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL TEAM</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECTORY UPDATE</p> <p>Last week we had our photo shoot at the church and 29 families participated out of 208 families. We now have a total of 42 families with pictures in the directory. As you can see, it is not worth our time and money to print a directory with 3/4 of the pictures blank. However, we will be doing a tutorial the next two Sundays before and after worship to help you download the app for the church directory on your phone. Several techy people have volunteered to assist with this. Look for Terry Ealey, Katie Gill, Jeffrey Singleton or Tim O'Dell. If you have additional questions, please contact Barbara Britt. We still hope to do a pictorial directory at some point in the future.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>Social team is sponsoring a Movie Night on Friday, February 28 in the fellowship hall at church. Fun starts at 6:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and let the good times roll!</p>

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.

GOD'S KINGDOM WORK



In a historic move, the Ukrainian Council this past week, approved Resolution No. 12412 establishing a National Day of Prayer in Ukraine. This landmark decision makes Ukraine the second nation in the world to establish God and national prayer into its public law. The newly designated day will be celebrated annually on February 24 with Ukraine's Parliament commencing its session on that day by performing the spiritual anthem "God the Great, the One."

Laws matter. When a nation's laws reflect humility before God, it leads to His blessing. On February 12, 2025, history was made when Ukraine's parliamentary leadership decided to put on their law books a day for the nation to stop and pray. A delegation from the US National Day of Prayer Task Force in early December spoke to parliament and national faith leaders about a Ukrainian national day of prayer. These Americans were in the room when the member of parliament who wrote the bill was inspired to do so and recommended it be observed on February 24th. The speed with which this was written, reviewed, lobbied, and passed into law is something only God could orchestrate. To God be the glory!

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

Hallelujah! Two of our church families have been out with illness and surgery. We were pleased to see Connie and Perry Langdon back as well as Sam and Tammy Griffin. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Feb 21-23 - Ashes to Beauty
Feb 28 – Movie Night
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 18 - 10:00 am - Meeting with Valor Ranch at the church
- Tuesday, Feb 18 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Tuesday, Feb 18 - 7:00 pm - **Pray for Ray County** meets in the courthouse rotunda in Richmond. This meeting is open to all.
- Wednesday, Feb 19 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Feb 19 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Feb 20 - 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 22 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" will be hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the fourth Saturday of February (Feb 22). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Feb 23 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 23 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Feb 23 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Feb 23 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Feb 23 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet

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