

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 23, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

2/17 - None.

2/18 - Matthew 6:25-34 "Why Worry? God's Going to Take Care of It." Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

2/19 - Luke 22:42-44 "I Surrender All." Read Romans 12:1 and John 14:12.

2/20 - Psalm 34:1 "Living in the Goodness of God." Read Psalm 145:1-3 and Psalm 100:5.

2/21 - Revelation 12:11 "Being an Overcomer by Blood, Testimony and Faithfulness." Read Revelation 12:10, Matthew 28:18 and Hebrews 2:14-15.

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 12:13-17 – Persecuted But Protected

Pastor Art finished up the twelfth Chapter of Revelation with a sermon entitled "Persecuted But Protected," Revelations 12:13-17. He first gave a spoiler alert: No matter what happens in this world you are protected (eternally). Persecution is not a surprise. Once again, we revisit the Woman and the Dragon. A reminder that the reference to the Woman is actually Israel. Of course, the dragon we have studied is satan. Read Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31.

There is a longing to be in the Body of Christ or church. God creates this desire in you. Revisiting Revelation chapter 6, we are reminded that after the church is raptured, there is a huge awakening and revival. There will be many people surrendering their hearts to God. Those who gave their hearts are persecuted. Israel and the rest of her offspring (Christians grafted into the family of God) will be protected in ways we cannot even imagine. Read Galatians 3:6-9, Matthew 4:19, Galatians 3:26-29 and John 3:16. In verse 17, (midway through the tribulation) we see that those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ will receive protection. We are talking about individuals who put God first in their lives.

In verse 13, we know that with the fulfillment of prophecy, satan is banned from heaven and he is furious. Christ came to fulfill the law for anyone that believes. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. A new covenant is made through Jesus Christ. It is forgiveness. Read Luke 6:46, 22. In verse 14, God is going to do three things to protect 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. "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" gathering for men will be the first Saturday of the month (March 1) in Higginsville. Carpool departs from the OCC parking lot at 5:15 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Isaiah 40:1-5

woman. First, God is committed to the preservation of His people. So for 3 1/2 years (last half of the tribulation) God will protect Israel and Christ following believers. Second, the actions of the dragon are countered by God's love. Read Deuteronomy 1:30-33 and Romans 8:31-39. Last, Christ intercedes for you when you make mistakes. Praising God for a pastor that stands on the truth and encourages others to do likewise!

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.



BABY DEDICATION – NATALIE RAY HOLLOWAY

The entire Holloway Family came forward during the first worship service as Pastor Art anointed baby Natalie Ray with oil and prayed over her. Everyone was encouraged as they observed this family witnessing the importance of God in their family. It is a testament of hope for her future salvation. Lots of joy today in the Orrick Christian Church.



CHANGE OF WORSHIP FORMAT

Katie and Drew Gill led the worship in both the first and second service. They sang and played the guitar for "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," while Pastor Art did the Pastoral prayer. Then Drew Gill, accompanying himself on the guitar, sang a special entitled "Looking For You." Drew gave a short testimonial about filling the void in his life with worldly things before he found God. He also shared the scripture from Haggai 1:6. The change in format was attention grabbing and reminded us that worship is intended to be vibrant and not routine.



YOUTH



Eleven youth in attendance! We opened in praise and worship with a short message on praise from 2 Samuel 6:12-22. Fellowship through supper, games were Bible Olympics, and team building on God leading our paths, and bearing and sharing one another's burdens. Younger youth watched "The Price of Egypt" and older youth studied about John the Baptist and the Word becomes flesh in John 1:6-18.

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>Fourteen men showed up for "Fellowship on the Farm" with Drew Gill at the Farm shop in Richmond, MO on the fourth Saturday of February (Feb 22). Next gathering is "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" for men on the first Saturday of the month (March 1) in Higginsville. Carpool departs from the OCC parking lot at 5:15 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON RECONCILIATION</p> <p><i>"Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us. Thank You that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Holy Spirit, please strengthen us with fruitfulness to pour out prayer in love, biblical love, the love of Jesus that the hurting and hopeless need to experience. Help us to speak and show love that draws others to You and not attitudes, words or deeds that push them away from You. Please forgive me where I have fallen short, when I have returned evil for evil, hurt for hurt, giving them a piece of my mind instead of Your heart. We pour out our hearts to You now on behalf of those who oppose You, Your Word and Your people. We pray that they would come to a loving relationship with You and be saved. We pray Your abounding blessings over them as Your loving will draws them to You and fills their days with Your goodness. We pray we will always be known for living out Your love as Your children and disciples. In the love-filled name of Jesus we pray, Amen!"</i></p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER FEBRUARY 27</p> <p>God is on the Move on our College Campuses! Join with others in the Moms in Prayer ministry this Thursday to pray for Colleges across the United States. Attached is the Collegiate Day of Prayer Points. I encourage all groups to use this Prayer sheet for this upcoming week. Let's cry out to the Lord expecting Him to do something big. If you would like more information on THE COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER, you can go to www.collegiatedayofprayer.org. You can adopt a campus and get information about the simulcast from Texas A&M. Let's encircle our college students and pray for Revival to spread across all our college campuses.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Submit Your Recipes</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> |



WOW – WOMEN OF WORTH

Ladies, our next WOW (Women of Worth) gathering is scheduled for Monday, March 10th at 6:30 pm here at the church. The focus for this meeting will be fellowship and encouraging women to draw closer to one another as they deepen their faith in God. A number of women will give small short talks. Just a reminder that a meal and dessert is part of the fellowship time. Childcare is available. Reach out and invite a friend or two!



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Yeah! We are up to 48 families with pictures in our 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 Sunday (March 3) 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.



MOVIE NIGHT

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! Everyone is welcome!



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.



GRIDIRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

It is time to register for the 2025 Gridiron Men's Conference in Huntsville, AL. There has never been a more important time for Christian men to stand strong and live out their faith with courage. Join thousands of men at this conference, where you will find powerful teaching and uplifting worship that will help you grow as a leader in all areas of your life (family, church, workplace). Gridiron men stand clear, bold and strong! Expect to take the shuttle bus from church on Thursday, June 12th. On June 13th visit the Space and Rocket Center then onto the conference Friday evening. Conference continues Saturday, June 14 until 12:30; then drive home for Father's Day. Ten rooms with double beds have been booked for both nights. Cost of these rooms will be covered by sponsors from Rayville Christian Union Church (we can get more rooms if needed). Each participant (or sponsor) will be responsible

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| | <p>for the cost of Conference ticket (\$109) and Rocket Center ticket (\$40) along with food and other incidentals. Ticket reservations must be made by March 10th as price goes up on March 12th. Speakers include: Phil Waldrep, George Foreman, Herb Reavis, Jeff Foxworthy, Benny Tate and Brad Whitt. Questions, see Tim O'Dell.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">VALOR RANCH</p> <p>Valor Ranch is proud to have earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency for the 4th year in a row! This means that you can be confident that your donations are being spent in an ethical, responsible manner. We are grateful to GuideStar/Candid for awarding us this honor once again. Did you know that only about 5% of nonprofit organizations earn ANY Seal of Transparency and less than 1% earn the Platinum Seal? Valor Ranch is honored to be among the less than 1%. We will always work hard to be good stewards of the hard earned money our supporters trust us with!</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">REHOPE: A NIGHT OF IMPACT & HOPE</p> <p>ReHope's Annual Freedom Gala was a resounding success! For the second year in a row, Meeting Professionals International (MPI KC) members showed up in full force—volunteering, supporting, and standing alongside our partners in the fight against human trafficking. With a sold-out audience and an incredible \$250,000+ raised, this event truly made history! Your commitment makes a difference!</p> <p>🎉 BIG NEWS! 🎉 MPI KC took our support a step further by winning a live auction item—giving us the honor of naming the brand-new street where the ReHope Farms family cottages are located. Our partnership will be etched in history as the street sign moves to a Wall of Fame after the first year! This is just the beginning. MPI KC is committed to a long-term partnership with ReHope and continuing our fight to support survivors and end human trafficking.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">ANSWERED PRAYER</p> <p>I am pleased to share that my nephew, Brad Hill, has returned to work after his back surgery. Thank you so much for your prayer coverage of him and his young family. Ella Phillips shared that her dental surgery went well and she is hopeful that it will work like it is supposed to. Thank you for your prayer support. Diane Loveland reports all clear on her cancer diagnosis and feels comfortable being removed from the prayer list. Praising God for his healing touch. Barbara Blubaugh reports that Hazel Livingston is doing better health wise but is shaken up after being robbed in a store parking lot. Sara Geenens reports that her friend Kora Kolar has completely recovered from her kidney issues and can also be removed from the prayer list. God is so good! Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!</p> |

COMING IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Feb 28 – Movie Night

March 10 – WOW

March 10 – Registration Deadline for Gridiron Conference

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.
- Monday, Feb 24 - 4:00 pm - Meeting with Valor Ranch at the church.
- Tuesday, Feb 25 - 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 26 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Feb 26 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Feb 27 - 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 28 - 6:00 pm - Movie night brought to you by the Social Team. Bring a snack and a friend!
- Saturday, Mar 1 - 5:15 am - "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" gathering in Higginsville, MO. Meet and carpool from OCC parking lot. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Mar 2 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Mar 2 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Mar 2 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Mar 2 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Mar 2 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet
- 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.

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