

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 3 TO MARCH 9, 2025



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

3/3 - Psalm 91:11-12 "Abiding in the Presence of God." Read Hebrews 13:2.

3/4 - I John 4:7-11 "That's How It is With God's Love." Read I John 4:3, Romans 5:8, Romans 12:1-2 and John 13:34-35.

3/5 - Psalm 37:23-24 "Staying on the Path with God." Read Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 119:1-8 and Deuteronomy 5:33.

3/6 - I John 1:1-10 "God is Light - In Him There is No Darkness." Read John 1:5 and II Corinthians 13:5.

3/7 - Deuteronomy 30:11-20 "The Choice of Life or Death." Read Hebrews 10:26, Romans 8:6-9, Romans 12:1-2 and Romans 6:1-4.

Note: Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art is now airing on Youtube. You are encouraged to click on Orrick Christian Church and subscribe then like the church's posts. Just another way to share the Good News!

## SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 13:1-10 – The Beast From The Sea, Part 2

Pastor Art continued in the thirteenth Chapter of Revelation with a sermon entitled "The Beast From the Sea: Part 2" Revelations 13:1-10. He reviewed last week's message where we learned the Beast had a powerful deceptive appearance. Last week we focused on the first two verses, which were about the attributes of the Beast, specifically his person and his authority.

This week we will focus on the AntiChrist's esteem, worship, vanity, actions and his followers. In verse 3, it starts out talking about all the world (meaning outside of the believers during the tribulation). It is a pictorial description of the AntiChrist's esteem. Pastor Art stated his belief that it was a fake wound that the AntiChrist recovers from but the world believes that he was resurrected from the dead. Read II Thessalonians 2:9. The "lying wonders" described in this passage means not a true miracle. Note that there is unparalleled death in the world during the tribulation. In verse 4, we learned that they worshipped the dragon. This is satanic worship and it will be widespread. When we see the word "worship" in the Bible, it is a reminder to put God first. Does the world see us put God first? Our priorities should be worship, prayer, studying God's Word and reflecting Christ in our life. How am I leading the world to God? I shall serve no other god before the Almighty God.

In verses 5 & 6, we learn that the AntiChrist has been given authority for 42 months. Vanity becomes evident. The AntiChrist will curse God and belittle Him. Wickedness will reign on earth. The AntiChrist will be the mouth of satan. Man has denied God's existence since the fall of the Garden of Eden. We have got to speak the truth. Worshipping satan started a long time ago. During those last 42 months, it will be brutal. In verse 7, the AntiChrist is given a lot of authority. Yet it also reminds us that God is sovereign. The saints will be persecuted. There will be worldwide slaughter of God's

## 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. The next men's fellowship event will be Saturday at 6:30 am. "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by Keith Logan at 3521 SE Yankee Ridge

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Read Psalm 5:1-3

people. This was predicted by the prophet Daniel. Read Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24:15. Jesus refers to this as the abomination of desolation. Read II Thessalonians 2:3-4. This persecution will solidify the AntiChrist's power over the world. In verse 8 & 9, it is pointed out that non-believers will worship the AntiChrist.

We are called to live differently from the world. We are watched by the world. Seven times in the Bible, New Testament believers are described as having their names written in the lamb's book of life. Read Revelation 3:5. Jesus promised that he who overcomes will not have his name blotted out. Read Romans 8:38-39 and I Peter 1:18-19. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Two takeaways today: first, God never releases his control on the earth because He is sovereign. Second, if you have received salvation, it comes through the blood of Jesus Christ. Praising God for a pastor who always emphasizes God's eternal love and sovereignty.

Rd, Kingston, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- 4. Next WOW gathering will be at the church on Monday, March 10. Meal will be served at 6:30 pm. Childcare provided. Invite others to join us as we have another wonderful fellowship and faith growing opportunity.
- 5. Make plans to attend the youth fundraiser for church camp - "Sweetheart Dinner & Dessert Auction" on Sunday, March 16. Invite others to join us.



**YOUTH**

16 youth in attendance this evening! We all played so hard it was a challenge getting pictures taken! Message from John 1:19-23 "The testimony of John the baptist"



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Fifteen men participated in the second Saturday men's fellowship gathering at the church. "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by Keith Logan at 3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO will be next Saturday (March 15) at 6:30 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON EXPECTATION

*"God of hope, we pour out praise to You as our Source, Strength, Savior, Sustainer and the Author of our days, our Lord. We pour out our confession and repentance for the times we have not fully trusted in you and allowed the troubles of this world to trouble our hearts. We pour out our guilt and thank you for filling us with grace and forgiveness. We pour out our thanks to You for every blessing, every lesson, Your mercy and miracles that fill our lives. We pour out our cares and concerns to You knowing our worry accomplishes nothing, but our worship delights You. We pour our burdens out to You believing Your goodness and righteousness will bring Your heart and holy purposes to every hurt, situation and person we place in Your hands. We hold fast to You. Thank You for holding us strong and steadfast in every storm and being the joyful confident hope that fills us in every moment of life. In the worthy and wonderful name of Jesus we pray, Amen!"*



COOKBOOK OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL TEAM

Deadline Extension announced! As the Social Team has been compiling the new church cookbook, they are still in need of recipes, especially for SALADS and ENTREES (main dishes). If you have a recipe that you would like to share, contact Cappi Lawrence [chdarnell2@yahoo.com](mailto:chdarnell2@yahoo.com), Terry Ealey [TNTEaley@gmail.com](mailto:TNTEaley@gmail.com), Cheryl Schreier [ctaylor91760@gmail.com](mailto:ctaylor91760@gmail.com) or Lisa Cline [lisa.cline1960@icloud.com](mailto: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 now March 30, 2025.



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!



SWEETHEART DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH

Yes, the Sweetheart Dinner & Dessert Auction has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 16 at 5:00 pm at the Home Place at Valley View. We think this date may be safe from inclement weather. Remember this is a fundraiser for church camp for our youth. Invite others and bring lots of delicious desserts. Social Team is serving spaghetti that evening for our meal, which you are encouraged to make a freewill offering. Youth will be assisting. This event has been a lot of fun in the past so you won't want to miss it!



### OCC KINGDOM COFFEE

If you ever check out the church website <https://www.orrickchristianchurch.org>, then you would see there is a new page link under ministry groups. It is called Build the Kingdom Team Page. There will be an official unveiling of this product at the "Sweetheart Dinner and Dessert Auction" next Sunday, March 16. Questions, contact Laura O'Dell (816) 868-3875. Proceeds from the sale of this product go into the church building fund.



### ASHES TO BEAUTY WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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. The next weekend encounter in 2025 is April 11-13. Contact Laura O'Dell (816) 868-3875 if you are interested in attending. She will assist you with making arrangements.



### 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 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.



### DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA

### DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA (DKG) UPDATE

Ni ti yuum palli! Or Happy New Year! In Ghana you greet people with Happy New Year the first time you see them in the new year, even if it is two months after the start of the new year! Jared, Anna, Nathaniel and Abigail left Indianapolis on February 13th and arrived in Tamale the following day. We are all happy to be back and getting back to a normal routine. Before leaving Indiana we shipped 9 barrels with books, educational materials and personal items that would not fit in our suitcases. We hope they will arrive in Ghana later this month. We are excited to announce that DKG has a Scholarship Foundation set up at the Putnam County Foundation in Greencastle, IN. The fund was started with \$100 and our prayer is that it will grow through gifts and Capital so that one day it will support our scholarship fund in Ghana. The first goal is to reach \$12,000, which will allow us to receive an annual interest payment of 4.5%. We know this fund may grow slowly to start out, but we believe it will be a tremendous blessing in the future. One of our big goals is to see how we can make DKG a sustainable organization in the future. We recognize that some day, maybe many

years in the future, God will call us back to the US and when that time comes, we don't want all of our hard work to come to an end.

*Thank you for giving so generously at the end of 2024, we received around **\$23,000** between our personal fund and DKG! DKG currently has \$15,000 given for the school project. We will be starting to clear the ground, as soon as the legal paperwork comes back from the government. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by June so that we can start the foundation and sub-structure.* Living expenses continue to rise here in Ghana and we are living off the same income as when we arrived almost 9 years ago. This year we are able to give ourselves a little raise due to some changes in our sending organization raising the salary level for all global workers.

Ways you can help us:

- If you are reading this because your church supports us, please consider giving us a raise, just like your church staff receives a raise now and then.
- If you are reading this because you are a friend and individual supporter, could you share our newsletter with a friend who might be interested in our work.
- If you are reading this and have never given a financial gift, would you consider putting us in your giving budget this year? We have many donors who give \$20 to \$50 a month, but those gifts add up quickly and are a huge blessing.
- If you are a donor, check with your employer to see if they match gifts through Goldstar! We are registered as ACM International from Concord, North Carolina.

Checks may be sent to:  
 ACM International  
 C/O Jared and Anna Odle or DKG School  
 PO Box 272  
 Concord, NC 28026  
 Online Giving: [acminternationalnc-bloom.kindful.com](http://acminternationalnc-bloom.kindful.com)  
 (Select Jared and Anna or DKG in the drop-down bar)



**ANSWERED PRAYER**

A number of our church families have recently had surgeries and are doing well. Praising God that Connie Oliphant, Ella Phillips, Mike Stoenner, Martha Marrant Samuels and Donna Wright all had successful surgeries. God is good! We are thankful that Maci Jeffries came through her surgery successfully (6 hours) and look forward to how God will use this surgery to bless her. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!

## COMING IN MARCH

March 10 – WOW  
March 10 – Registration Deadline for Gridiron Conference  
March 16 – Sweetheart Dinner & Dessert Auction  
Mar 21-23 – Men's Encounter  
March 30 – Cookbook Recipe Deadline  
March 30 – Fellowship Brunch

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Mar 10 - 6:30 pm - WOW meeting at the church; dinner & childcare available.
- Tuesday, Mar 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, Mar 12 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Mar 12 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Mar 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, Mar 14 - 4:00 pm - Meeting at Valor Ranch, 20998 Grant Lane, Raymore, MO.
- Saturday, Mar 15 - 6:30 am - "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by Keith Logan at 3521 SE Yankee Ridge Rd, Kingston, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Saturday, Mar 15 - 11:00 am - Celebration of Life service for Merrilyn Stewart with bereavement dinner in fellowship hall at noon.
- Sunday, Mar 16 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Mar 16 - 9:45 am - Sunday School classes for all ages.
- Sunday, Mar 16 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Mar 16 - 5:00 pm - Sweetheart Dinner & Dessert Auction at the Home Place at Valley View

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