

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 17 TO MARCH 23, 2025



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

3/17 - Romans 12:6-8  
"Using Our Spiritual Gifts."

3/18 - Romans 1:16-18  
"Unashamed." Read Hebrews 2:4.

3/19 - II Timothy 4:6-8  
"Action Words of Scripture."

3/20 - II Timothy 4:1-5  
"Fulfill Your Ministry." Read II Timothy 3:16 and James 4:14.

3/21 - None.

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 13:11-18 – The Beast From The Land, Part 2

Pastor Art continued in the thirteenth Chapter of Revelation with a sermon entitled "The Beast from the Land - Part 2" Revelations 13:11-18. This week we looked at the deception of satan. Satan is jealous of God and wants to be in charge. Satan's plan is to emulate the holiness of the triune God. In verse 13 when he calls for fire from heaven, he is trying to emulate the prophet Elijah. One of the hallmarks of satan is the signs and amazing things come first. Power and signs follow Christians not precede them, usually in answer to prayer. Read Matthew 24:11-12, 24-26. Note that the authority of God is only through the Word of God; not specific individuals.

Lawlessness abounds here in this country and all around the world. Read II Thessalonians 2:3-4 and I Peter 5:8. It is important that we speak the truth. You get weak by not reading the Word of God, congregating with like minded individuals, and attending church.

Verse 14 talks about deception and idol making. Read Daniel 9:24-28. Satan is a deceiver but God has more power. Read Exodus 7:1-13. Dunamis is the Greek word often used to describe the supernatural power of God and is translated as "power, strength, ability, might or miracle." You have access to this power through your relationship with Jesus Christ. Read Matthew 24:15.

The Abomination of Desolation is the image of the beast (the idol) and it demands one world worship. Verse 16

## 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. Several of our church family personally know Maci Jeffries. Her mother has asked for her to be flooded with get well and encouragement

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 3:1-3



states that all must receive the mark of the beast. Again, this is mimicking God. Pastor Art shared that in Israel, first thing in the morning, the orthodox Jews put scriptures in a box and strap to their forehead and their right wrists then engage in prayer. This practice is called phylactery. Again, satan is an imitator of God. A warning is issued in Revelation 14:9-11.

Verse 18 talks about the number of satan, which is 666. To understand this, you need to know that the number of man is 6. God created man on the sixth day. The number for God is 7, which denotes it is complete or whole. The number for Christ is 8, which reminds us that he arose on the 3rd day or 8th day meaning Sunday. This is why we celebrate Resurrection Sunday. Read Romans 12:1-2, II Timothy 3:16 and Romans 1:16.

There are two takeaways from today's scripture passage. First, God calls us to "wisdom." Read John 1:1. We find wisdom in God's Word. Two, satan is a deceiver and uses anything to get us to take our focus off of God. Praising God for a pastor who reveals the importance of each and every word of scripture and how we can apply it to our lives!

cards. Send to: SSM Health Rehabilitation Hospital, ATTN: Maci Jeffries, 12380 DePaul Drive, Brideton, MO 63044.

- Our fifth Sunday Fellowship Brunch is coming up on Sunday, March 30. This event is hosted by the Social Team and takes place during the Sunday School hour. First service participants are encouraged to stay for this and second service participants are encouraged to come early. Let's get to know one another!

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p>There were 18 men at "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill. There is no men's fellowship gathering on the 5th Saturday of the month. The next opportunity for men's fellowship will be "Christ, Coffee &amp; Campfire" event in Higginsville on the first Saturday in April (April 5). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON BIBLICAL JOY</b></p> <p><b>Biblical joy is choosing to respond to external circumstances with inner contentment and peace</b>, knowing that God will use these experiences for His purpose and Glory. It is a <b>feeling of good pleasure and fulfillment</b> that comes from the Holy Spirit and abiding in God's presence. Joy is <b>not merely an emotion</b>, but a <b>characteristic of the Christian</b>, produced by the inner working of the Holy Spirit. It is <b>not dependent on circumstances</b> but is a <b>gift from God</b>.</p> <p><i>"Father, You are the source of Joy and hope. Fill our hearts with Your presence. Help us to see the blessings in our lives, even when things are difficult. Help us to be grateful for all that You have given us. And help us to share Your joy with others. Amen."</i></p>

# Submit Your Recipes



## 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 the new church building. Deadline to participate is now March 30, 2025.

**ATTENTION** - As the Social Team is organizing the cookbook, they have found recipe submissions without the author's name. So if you handed Cappi recipes for Bake Salmon, Breakfast Casserole, and Best Ever Banana Bread that were hand written and in an envelope, she needs to know your name. And men, if you have a special recipe, don't be shy, turn it in to be included.



## 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 was an official unveiling of this product at the "Sweetheart Dinner and Dessert Auction" last Sunday, March 16. All proceeds from the sale of our coffee go towards the building campaign (OCC Kingdom Building) and coffee orders can be taken at our website, each purchase can be either shipped for a small fee or can be picked up at church with no added fees. Questions, contact Laura O'Dell (816) 868-3875.



## 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

	<p>Waldrep, Herb Reavis, Jeff Foxworthy, Benny Tate and Brad Whitt. Questions, see Tim O'Dell.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FORGING GODLY MEN</b></p> <p>Attention men: Are you interested in improving your walk with God? Maybe need some encouragement or direction? How does a free local conference sound geared to your needs? Vibbard Christian Union Church is offering a FREE two day conference April 11-12, dinner and breakfast included. Note - bring your sons and grandsons age 13 and older. Registration deadline is April 6. Use the QR code from the attached flyer or call the number listed on the flyer. You may also reach out to one of the church elders with assistance in getting signed up.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA UPDATE</b></p> <p><b>It is not like me to toot my own horn, but just so you know today is my birthday! (March 19th).</b></p> <p>As you know, Developing Kids-Ghana is very near and dear to my heart and this year for my birthday I would like to make one wish. My wish is that you would make a donation, of any size, to DKG to support the building of our new Jr. High School! Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by June to build the foundation, walls and roof! The School was officially registered in Ghana last week and the official name is Developing Kids Leadership Academy! Thank you for supporting DKG, it means the world to me.</p> <p>Anna</p> <p><b>Birthday Gifts may be sent to:</b>  <b>ACM is registered with Goldstar, please check with your employer about matching gifts!</b></p> <p>Checks may be sent to:  ACM International  C/O DKG School  PO Box 272  Concord, NC 28026  Online Giving: <a href="http://acminternationalnc-bloom.kindful.com">acminternationalnc-bloom.kindful.com</a>  <b>(Select DKG in the drop-down bar)</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANSWERED PRAYER</b></p> <p>Liana Trout reported that Grace's surgery to have tubes put in her ears went well and that she came home the same day to rest and recover. Thanking God for his watch care over this little one! Julia Nesselhuf reports that Connie Boren's stent surgery went well but will not be enough. She is now scheduled for cardiac bypass surgery later this month. Praying God's guidance for her surgeons and His abiding presence in this situation. Ella and Bob Phillips had good news to share. Their daughter, Bobbi Sharp's test results came back negative. No cancer! Praise God. Also, they shared that their grandson, Gaige Phillips, has been honorably discharged from the military and is back in the states visiting family. Also, he and Patricia Donici are married now. Congratulations! She has been honorably discharged from the military, too. Pastor Art shared that Abram Edwards has been released from hospital and shocked the doctors with how quickly Abram responded to the medication treating the infection. Praising God for his healing touch! Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!</p>

## COMING IN MARCH & APRIL

March 30 – Cookbook Recipe Deadline  
March 30 – Fellowship Brunch  
Apr 6 – Registration deadline for Forging Godly Men  
Apr 11-12 – Forging Godly Men  
Apr 11-13 – Ashes to Beauty  
Apr 18 – Movie Night  
Apr 25 – St. Joseph Field Trip

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Tuesday, Mar 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, Mar 26- 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Mar 26 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Mar 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.
- Sunday, Mar 30 - OCC COOKBOOK DEADLINE
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 9:30 am - Fifth Sunday Fellowship Brunch downstairs in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Social Team.
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Mar 30 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet

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