

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 24 TO MARCH 30, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

3/24 - John 17:3 "Intimate Relationship with Christ." Read Matthew 24 and 25 as well as John 20:30-31.

3/25 - Ephesians 5:15-21 "God Given Opportunities." Read Psalm 148:4.

3/26 - John 8:1-11 "The Sin We Are In." Read II Corinthians 5:17.

3/27 - John 8:12 "Share the Light of Christ." Read Matthew 5:13-16.

3/28 - Mark 1:40-42 "Asking God for Cleansing." Read Matthew 10:7-8.

Note: Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art is now airing on YouTube. Just another way to share the Good News!

SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 14:1-5 – Seeing and Hearing Revelations 14

Pastor Art moved into the fourteenth Chapter of Revelation by introducing it with a sermon entitled "Seeing and Hearing Revelations 14" based on Revelations 14:1-5. God has a better plan that we can ever imagine. Verse one starts out with the 144,000 believers. Who are they? We know that they were sealed in chapter 7 of Revelation. We know they survived the horrors described in Revelations 6:6-16. We know that they are described in Revelations 7:3-4, which tells us that they are Jews and delineates their ancestry. They present a picture of an obedient relationship to God during the worst period of earth's history. John, the author of Revelation, is looking at a picture of Mt Zion. He is seeing and hearing a prophetic vision. We like celebrating winners. These people (the 144,000) represent God's promises. You are sealed by the blood of Jesus when you gave your heart to Jesus. When you are saved, then you are saved.

Revelation 11:15 describes the sounding of the seventh and last trumpet. But the details of this judgment are not revealed until chapter 15. God's judgement unfolds in Revelation chapters 6 through 11. God is taking back the world from satan. When we see all the darkness around us, we have to realize that satan is in control. We start to see in chapter 14 that God is taking control back. Chapters 12 and 13 recapitulate the travails of the tribulation. First, satan's efforts to destroy Israel are exposed (chapter 12). In chapter 13, we see the careers of the dragon (satan), the Antichrist, and the false prophet (unholy spirit). Chapter 14 returns to what God is doing as

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 37:39-40

BABY DEDICATION

In the first worship service we were pleased to welcome the Gerber family (they filled two pews full). Taylor and Kolby Gerber were presenting their son, Riggs Joseph Gerber, to be committed to the Lord. Pastor Art anointed him with oil and prayed thanking God for this family's obedience to raise a child knowing about God. They were also presented a flower in a vase as a memento of the baby dedication service.

WELCOME

In the second worship service, we were blessed as Shannon Turner came forward to publicly proclaim her faith in Jesus and to become a part of OCC. Shannon came forward with her three children - Nicholas Beck, Clayton Beck and Kadance Beck. Please extend the right hand of fellowship to this new family.

it contains 3 visions of the preview of judgment yet to come and that culminates in Christ's return.





Jesus Christ is the sovereign king and Lord of lords. He will return to take away the reign from Lucifer and earth's petty rulers, who have ruled in selfishness. Read II Peter 3:11, where he shares what we are supposed to be doing. We are called to show the gospel to everyone. Because the tribulation is coming and God will pour his wrath out on an unbelieving world.

Remember being a good person is not enough. The Bible clearly states that the only way to have a holy relationship with God is through Jesus Christ. Jesus loves you more than you can comprehend. He died for your salvation. It is a relationship. He will go with you through any of your personal trials and tribulations. He will never leave you or forsake you - the Bible tells us so. Read I Peter 5:8.

In verse one, behold means a special revelation or overwhelming sight. John saw the lamb. John had a close relationship with Jesus. He saw Jesus and the 144,000. Read Psalm 2:6-9 and Psalm 48:2. God is with those who were sealed. Have you ever asked this question - Am I really forgiven? We question this because the world challenges us as to how this can be. Your sins are gone, erased, deleted. It is because of God's grace. The lamb in this scripture is the perfect picture of salvation and it also says that each of us is a winner. Read II Timothy 4:7-8 and Psalm 91:5-16. Know that each of us is protected by God through the power of Jesus Christ. Read Romans 8:31-39. Jesus will never forsake you. Praising God for a pastor so inspired by even one verse of the Bible that he challenges us to draw close to our sovereign God!

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

4. All church prayer meeting is at 9:00 am this Thursday, April 3 at the church. Everyone is welcome to join us.
5. Easter invitational postcards are available. Please take some and invite others to join us as we celebrate Our Risen Lord!

	<p style="text-align: center;">MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>The next opportunity for men's fellowship will be the "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" event in Higginsville on the first Saturday in April (April 5). Meet in the church parking lot at 5:15 am to carpool there. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON PEACE</p> <p><i>"Lord, Your peace is perfect, and it passes all earthly understanding. Forgive us for the moments where we have forsaken Your peace, and sought a counterfeit peace in earthly things, or attempting to manufacture our own peace by manipulating external circumstances. We surrender to You and walk in Your peace that You have already given to us. Give us the fortitude to never surrender Your peace, this perfect gift. Show us any moment where we are living by our circumstances rather than by the Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">OCC KINGDOM COFFEE</p> <p>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" on 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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>Join us Friday, April 11 for another movie night sponsored by the Social Team. This time we will be watching "The Time Traveler." Bring your favorite snacks and maybe a comfortable chair. We'll be set up in the fellowship hall. Maybe reach out and invite a friend or two.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER AT OCC</p> <p>Easter is almost upon us. Palm Sunday is April 13. On Maundy Thursday, we will be having a 24 hour prayer vigil. More about Maundy Thursday in next week's newsletter. For the third year in a row, we will celebrate Good Friday with a joint service at Kearney First Christian Church. Easter begins with a sunrise service at Southpoint Cemetery. This is followed by a community breakfast hosted by the Orrick Methodist Church. Then we will celebrate the resurrection of our risen savior at 8:15 am and 10:45 am. Special activities are planned for our preschool and elementary children during the Sunday School hour. We have invitational postcards with this information on them. Please take some and invite others to join us.</p>

 <p>CREATED BY VECTORPORTAL.COM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORGING GODLY MEN</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;">VALOR RANCH</p> <p>On Sunday, Mike Britt joined Debbie Childress and received a tour of the property that they purchased. Mike was able to help them by hauling off some old carpet. Renovations have started but they are heavily dependent on volunteer help. If you have time to spare and want to support our veterans, contact Mike Britt (816) 591-0534 to be the hands and feet of Jesus on this project.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">ANSWERED PRAYER</p> <p>It was wonderful to see Mack and Sue Booth back at church. Mack is over his infection and we are praising God for answered prayer. We were blessed to see more people out of the hospital and back into church. Thanking God for his healing touch on Abram Edwards, Bob Todd and Pam Johnson (no neck brace - yeah!). Terry Ealey reports that her brother, Leo Walker, is doing much better. When he was released from the hospital this time, an handicapped accessible apartment became available, which will make his life so much easier. He still has some healing to do before he can be fitted for a prosthetic device but his spirits are much better now. Thank you so much for lifting him in your prayers! Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!</p>

COMING IN APRIL

Apr 6 – Registration deadline for Forging Godly Men
Apr 11 – OCC Movie Night
Apr 11-12 – Forging Godly Men
Apr 11-13 – Ashes to Beauty
Apr 13 – Palm Sunday
Apr 17 – Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil
Apr 18 – Good Friday Service
Apr 20 – Easter Sunday
Apr 25 – St. Joseph Field Trip

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook.
- Monday, Mar 31 - 6:00 pm - Social team meets to prepare active military packages at church.
- Tuesday, Apr 1 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Wednesday, Apr 2- 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Apr 2 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Apr 3 - 9:00 am - All church prayer group meeting. Everyone is welcome to join the prayer team.
- Thursday, Apr 3 - 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.
- Thursday, Apr 3 - 7:00 pm - First Thursday **Pray for America** teleconference call. "Our Hope is Our Resurrected Lord." Call (667) 770-1523, Pin 4961322#
- Saturday, Apr 5 - 5:15 am - Meet in church parking lot to carpool to "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" men's fellowship event in Higginsville, MO.
- Sunday, Apr 6 - Registration deadline for Forging Godly Men
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet

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