

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 31 TO APRIL 6, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

3/31 - Matthew 14:22-33
"God Lifts Us Up When We Need it Most." Read Psalm 139:10.

4/1 - Hebrews 12:1-2
"Running the Race of Life." Read II Timothy 4:7-8 and John 1:1.

4/2 - Matthew 5:21-26
"Apologies from the Heart." Read James 1:19 and Hebrews 12:14-15.

4/3 - None.

4/4 - None.

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 Part 2

Pastor Art prefaced his sermon by reading II Timothy 3:16 about all scripture is inspired by God. God presents us guidelines for living in His Holy Word. Then he moved into the fourteenth Chapter of Revelation with a sermon entitled "Seeing and Hearing Part 2" based on Revelations 14:1-5. It is important to preach the truth so that we are fully equipped to share the Bible with others. This scripture passage from Revelations 14 gives us a picture of what a Christian should look like. Praising God in worship is important. That's why Pastor Art chose Psalm 99 for our call to worship as it is a praise psalm. This is a picture of the first saved during the tribulation - sealed in Chapter 7 of Revelations. In verses 2 and 3, this praise and worship time reminds us of the sovereignty of God. John (author of Revelation) is getting not just a picture but one with sound effects. Read Revelation 15:3-4. This is the Song of Moses and it is filled with praise and reverence.

There are five applications from today's scripture passage (Rev 14:2-5). First, the mark of a triumphant Christian is how they live their life and how they acknowledge God and are blessed. As a Christ follower, you will experience trials but God goes with you because you are sealed through your relationship with Christ. Read Psalm 23:4-5, James 1:2-4, and I Peter 4:13. Even through times of trial and persecution, stay steadfast. Second, purity! Verse 4 states these ones are not defiled - pure. We will see the return of the fertility cults in the tribulation. The Holy Spirit will be removed at the rapture of the church. Read II Thessalonians 2:6-8a. The lawless one will be

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 cards. Send to: SSM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 99:1-3

PRAYER & ANNOINTING

In the first worship service, we were privileged to pray with Melissa Paulson as she came forward to be anointed with oil by the church eldership and to be prayed over regarding her diagnosis of breast cancer. The entire congregation prayed together with the elders as she was anointed with oil.

revealed. Revelations 13 described the revelation of the dragon, Antichrist and false prophet. Lack of restraint will prevail. The 144,000 became beacons of light in a dark world because they stayed true to God. Jesus is the answer. Read I Peter 1:15-16. They followed Jesus wherever He went. Sexual purity is essential to triumphant Christian living. Third, partisanship or party of the Lamb. Put everything into following the party of the Lamb. As a Christ follower, then we are called to follow Jesus, even denying yourself. Read Matthew 16:24, Matthew 19:21 and John 10:27. Loyal devoted followers of Jesus Christ will look like these 144,000. Read Ecclesiastes 1:9. Firstfruits in the Old Testament meant that the first was always given to God. Fourth, commitment. The 144,000 will exemplify purpose, decisiveness, dedication and clarity as marks of the life goals that make triumphant Christians. Read Romans 11:25-27 and Romans 12:1-2. Fifth, perfection. God sees you through a righteous veil because of the blood of Jesus Christ. Read Revelations 14:5 - no deceit. Standing on the truth - you don't ever have to lie. It is a pattern of triumphant Christian living. Read I Peter 1:1-16 and follow it. Praising God for a pastor unashamed of the gospel and willing to teach others the truth!

Health Rehabilitation Hospital, ATTN: Maci Jeffries, 12380 DePaul Drive, Brideton, MO 63044.

4. Easter invitational postcards are available. Please take some and invite others to join us as we celebrate Our Risen Lord!
5. Church board meeting is this Thursday at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

	<p style="text-align: center;">MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>Seven men from OCC participated in the men's fellowship at "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" event in Higginville this past Saturday in April (April 5). There will be no "Fellowship on the Farm" event this coming Saturday as all the men of the church are expected at the Forging Godly Men conference at VCU.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DIRECTORY UPDATE</p> <p>For those of you who are patiently waiting for a print pictorial directory, we are at 25% of our church family with submitted photos. Meanwhile, if you have downloaded the instant church app, you can access information about your church family by using your email. If you need assistance doing this, reach out to the Communications Team. Or if that doesn't work for you, just contact me and I will look up addresses or phone numbers for you.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE ON MILITARY CHILDREN</p> <p><i>"Dear God, we pray for these children who face the difficulties of frequent moves and long periods of separation from their parents. Give them the strength to overcome the challenges of adapting to new schools and making new friends. Comfort them in times of loneliness and help them to feel your presence during times when their parents are away serving our country. May they find peace and security in your love, knowing that you are always with them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."</i></p>



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" 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.



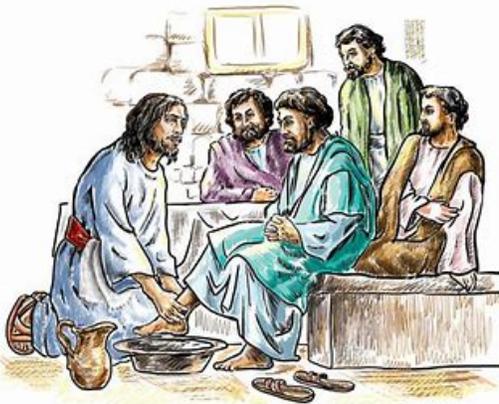
MOVIE NIGHT

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.



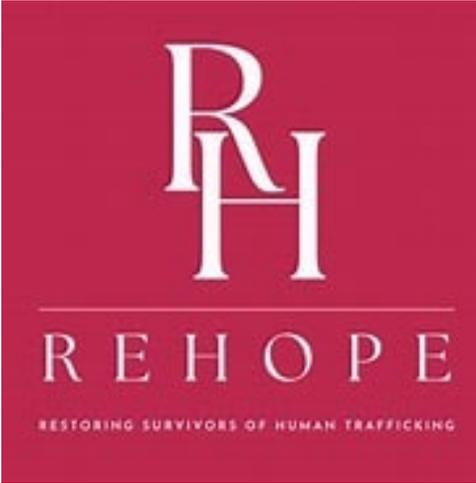
EASTER AT OCC

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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Maundy Thursday—also known as Holy Thursday and Sheer Thursday, among other names—is a Christian holy day that commemorates events known as the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper. On its own, the word "*maundy*" means "the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor, especially commemorating Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet on Maundy Thursday." During the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his 12 disciples as they shared their final meal. The meaning of washing feet is layered: in the ancient world, a host would offer water for guests to wash their feet (sandals being the footwear of the day). So, washing feet is a sign of hospitality—of welcoming and care. It is also an act of humility, as servants often washed feet. The son of God, Jesus, is doing something so lowly to demonstrate humility. Christians have come to interpret Jesus's washing of the feet as an illustration of a humble mission of service. The act has also come to symbolize the cleansing of sin from his fellow Christians—and so Jesus's new commandment was urging his disciples to show forgiveness to all. More information next week on why we are doing a Maundy Thursday prayer vigil.

	<p style="text-align: center;">MISSION TEAM PREPARES EASTER CARE PACKAGES FOR MILITARY</p> <p>This past Monday night ten people showed up to sign Easter cards and write a message from Orrick Christian Church to the 22 individuals on our military prayer list. The Easter card and book about the 91st Psalm were intended to uplift and encourage those we have been surrounding with prayer. Mission Team plans to send care packages at least once a year to let those on our military prayer list know that they are much appreciated and covered in prayer.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">RE-HOPE</p> <p>April 1 marks the one-year anniversary of the ReHope Crisis Stabilization Home, and we couldn't be prouder of the lives touched and the change sparked over the past year. None of this would have been possible without the support and dedication of our amazing team, volunteers, donors, and community. Your belief in our mission has made a lasting difference.</p> <p>Over the last year, we've had the privilege to serve: Women served: 39 (including 4 children) Women referred to long-term programs: 17 (including 2 children) Women connected to safer environments for continued healing: 7 Volunteer hours: 3,106 Requests for services: 361</p> <p>Thank you for empowering hope and change! Here's to another year of growth and transformation.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA (DKG)</p> <p>DKG staff went to the new school grounds to pray today as we embark on this incredible project God has called us to. We will be sad to see this magnificent Mango tree cut down to make way for the school. But there are a number of others we will preserve for their shade and good fruit.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER GREETINGS FROM BRIDGE OF HOPE</p> <p>At Bridge of Hope-Richmond, encouragement is central to our mission as clients seek help and second chances. During Easter, we highlight hope through the prayer, "Mors et vita duello," symbolizing the ongoing battle for life, reflected in Christ's sacrifice. We thank you for your donations and support in this mission.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">ANSWERED PRAYER</p> <p>No one shared any updates this week. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!</p>

COMING IN APRIL AND MAY

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 or youtube.
- Tuesday, Apr 8 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Apr 9 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Apr 10 - 6:00 pm - Church board meeting in the fellowship hall. If you would like to have an item placed on the agenda, please contact Tim O'dell. Everyone is welcome to attend but only elected board members may vote.
- Thursday, Apr 10 - 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, Apr 11 - 6:00 pm - Movie night @ OCC. Bring a snack, chair, friend or whatever and meet in the fellowship hall for some fun.
- Friday, Apr 11 - 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Forging Godly Men conference begins at VCU, includes dinner.
- Saturday, Apr 12 - 8:00 - noon - Forging Godly Men conference continues at VCU, includes breakfast.
- Sunday, Apr 13 - PALM SUNDAY
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet

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