

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 21 TO APRIL 27, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

On sabbatical this week.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 23:5-6

SERMON SUMMARY

Luke 24; Matthew 28; Mark 16; John 20 – 40 Days

Elder Phil Boude filled the pulpit for Pastor Art. He presented a sermon on "Forty Days between Resurrection & Ascension." This time period is covered in all the gospels (Luke 24; Matthew 28; Mark 16 and John 20). Everything Jesus did or said was important and relevant to our lives. Phil spent some time reviewing the importance of the empty tomb and the cross and their importance in God's redemptive plan. Read Philippians 2:8-11. Christ's obedience brought glory to the Father. Mystery was resolved through Jesus' resurrection. Read Colossians 1:20-28. By proclaiming Christ and teaching others, we are perfected through Christ Jesus. Read Luke 24:1. It all started on the first day. Verse 5 reveals more than one woman witnessed the empty tomb. The women were grieving until they met Jesus. Jesus met them and sent them to the disciples with a message. Read Mark 16:10. Mary returned and greeted the mourning disciples. Verse 11 reveals that they didn't believe Mary. Unbelief or perhaps refusal to believe. Verse 13 talks about two men traveling away from Jerusalem. They did not recognize Jesus when he appeared to them. In verse 19, they describe Jesus as a prophet. In verses 25-27, Jesus rebukes them. Then Jesus explains himself beginning with Moses. There is more teaching by Jesus.




In John 20:8-9, we go back to the first day, confirming that no one understood the law of Moses requiring Christ to die and rise again. Read Colossians 1:19-20, 26-28. The resurrection proved that death and sin had been conquered. No one knew how it would happen - it was a



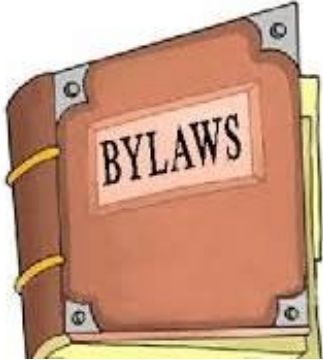
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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. All Church Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 am and at 7:00 pm this Thursday. Because it is National Day of Prayer, our focus will be praying for our nation, national elected and appointed positions, state leadership as well as county and city leadership. Everyone is welcome to attend.

mystery. Confusion, scared about the unknown, moments of doubt and unbelief! The disciples dealt with all of this and we deal with this, too. Read John 20:19. On the evening of the first day, Jesus appeared to most of his disciples and convinced them it really was him. Verse 22, He breathes the Holy Spirit on them. It is our teacher just as it was their teacher. Read John 21:15-19. This passage is about Christ and Peter. Peter was dealing with unbelief and guilt for denying Christ. Christ had a plan and Christ restores Peter to the godly man he was intended to be as a fisher of men. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the great commission. Read Acts 1:2-8. After the 40 days, the disciples were told to wait for the promise (be baptized by the Holy Spirit). Jesus was seen many times, taught and did many wonders. Christ meets us where we are just as he met his disciples. He heals us and restores us where we are. He provides power and guidance through the Holy Spirit. He sends us out to share his message. No sin is greater than God's grace. There is the redeeming power of the blood of Jesus Christ. So when we struggle with doubt and unbelief, we have the record of the 40 days to encourage us and guide us. Read Romans 8:31. Praising God for Elder Phil Boude and his explanation of the message of encouragement the 40 days gave the disciples and us!

4. "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" men's fellowship event in Higginsville is Saturday, May 3. Meet at 5:15 am in church parking lot to carpool together. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
5. Missions Team is asking that you check out post Easter sales for gift items for the Kids' Christmas store (adult gifts) and for the Operation Shoebox for children 2-12. Collections bins in the foyer along with gift ideas suggestions.

	<p style="text-align: center;">MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>Nineteen men showed up for "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill. The next fellowship opportunity is Saturday, May 3 - "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" in Higginsville, MO. Meet at 5:15 am in the church parking lot to carpool together to this event. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE</p> <p><i>"Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Spirit to dwell in Your children. Remind us of the supernatural power who lives in us and all the Spirit provides when we submit our will to Your will filled with eternal heavenly purpose and prepared by Your heart and hands. Holy Spirit we surrender every area, moment and breath of our life to You. Thank You for Your promise to enable and equip us with perseverance that will bring about our proven character in Christ, and bring hope that never disappoints but brings power, and overflowing joy and peace to us and pours through us as we pour out our prayers to the God of hope. In the glorious name of our Savior we pray, Amen!"</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYING FOR ISRAEL NIGHT AND DAY</p> <p>Since the ceasefire in Israel appears to have ended. We will once again begin our monthly 24 hour prayer vigil for Israel. Our next 24 hr prayer vigil is scheduled for Thursday, May 8 10 beginning at 4:00 am and ending Friday morning at 4:00 am. We will be circulating a sign up sheet during our worship services. Please sign up and take a printed prayer guide. More than one person can sign up during a time slot. There is no limit to the number of individuals that can participate in this prayerful intercession. If you failed to take a prayer guide, one will be attached to the newsletter sent out that week. Thank you in advance for your prayerful intercession for Israel.</p>

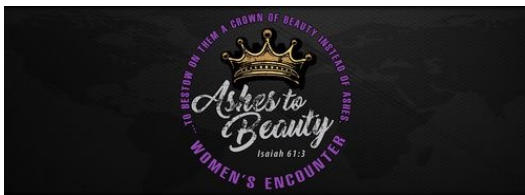
	<p style="text-align: center;">MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>A repeat of this movie will be held on Friday, May 2nd so that any men who missed out could watch "The Time Traveler." Bring your favorite snacks and maybe a comfortable chair. We'll be set up in the fellowship hall. Maybe reach out and invite a friend or two.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">SOCIAL TEAM FIELD TRIP TO ST JOSEPH, MO</p> <p>Thirteen friends and family from OCC went to St Joseph last Friday and enjoyed the museums as well as eating out. They visited the Walter Cronkite museum at the university and Patee House museum. Then they had a delicious meal at Frederick Steak House. There were still a number of places that people wanted to see so they may be returning in the near future. We will keep you posted.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">BYLAW CHANGE</p> <p>It was announced at church that there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 11 to vote on a bylaw change that has been suggested by the Leadership team and approved by the church board. At present OCC is affiliated with the Disciples of Christ denomination. Like many other mainline denominations, the Disciples of Christ have been caught up in political correctness and in part have drifted from scriptural correctness. So OCC has filed to be a stand alone 501(c) 3 non profit evangelical church. When all the government entities have approved that change and the congregation has approved that change, we will cease to be affiliated with the Disciples of Christ. Please take time to read the bylaws. If you have questions, plan to attend the May church board meeting (May 8).</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">TEE IT UP FOR VETS GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING VALOR RANCH</p> <p>Valor Ranch is having a golf tournament fundraiser. If golfing is one of your passions, here's your opportunity to support our veterans through this spring time golf tournament. It will be held at Tiffany Green Golf Club. See attached flyer.</p> <p>Special thanks to April Stoenner for participating in Valor Ranch's work day and representing OCC this past Saturday. Ask her what she thinks about the property that they have purchased. Next Valor Ranch work day will be Saturday, May 17. That is also the day that we kick off our veterans service project. More information next week.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH BUS TRIBUTE & GIFT</p> <p>Thank you to Orrick Christian Church, who today (Sunday, April 27), presented Union Baptist Church with the gift of their bus in memory of Barbara Goode. They have generously been allowing Union Baptist to use the bus for their Vacation Bible School for many years. The church plans to continue to use it faithfully. What a wonderful blessing!</p>



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THURSDAY, MAY 1

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. The theme this year is "Pour out to the God of Hope and Be Filled," based on Romans 15:13. There are a number of local events planned.

- 7:00 am - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the Elms Hotel & Spa in Excelsior Springs. Keynote speaker is Pastor Jon C Nelson of Soma Community Church of Jefferson City, MO. Breakfast and program last one hour. To purchase tickets contact Mike Boudreaux (816) 507-8504.
- 9:00 am - All Church Prayer meeting at the church to pray over our country, national elected & appointed leaders, state leadership as well as county & city leadership. All are welcome!
- noon - Prayer led by Ray County pastors over the 7 areas of influence in the courthouse rotunda in Richmond.
- 7:00 pm - All Church Prayer meeting also at the church to pray over our country, national elected & appointed leaders, state leadership as well as county & city leadership. This prayer time is open to all.
- 7:00 pm - The annual National Day of Prayer Broadcast is hosted by National Day of Prayer Taskforce President Kathy Branzell and co-host Tim Tebow. This 90 minute virtual prayer gathering is broadcast on NRB TV, God TV, CTN, and Salem Radio Broadcast.
- Greg Laughlin is looking into prayer flights for our area. More information if he is able to make these arrangements.
- National Day of Prayer is offering a 7-day free devotional in preparation for the Thursday call to prayer. Access by: www.nationaldayofprayer.org/devo



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. Next weekend encounter in 2025 is May 30-June 1. Contact Laura O'Dell (816) 868-3875 if you are interested in attending. She will assist you with making arrangements.



TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

Each year the OCC Prayer Team prepares a tribute to the fallen - perpetual recognition of those who have died in military action or in the service to our communities as a first responder. Members of the church can submit names by filling out the card on the table at entry to church or by sending information to pray4occ@gmail.com This tribute is held as a part of each of our worship services on Memorial Day weekend. Once you submit a name it stays on the list forever. Questions, contact Barbara Britt at the above email or (816) 826-8832.

GRIDIRON MEN'S CONFERENCE



Just a reminder that the 2025 Gridiron Men's Conference in Huntsville, AL is just around the corner. 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, Herb Reavis, Jeff Foxworthy, Benny Tate and Brad Whitt. Questions, see Tim O'Dell.

ROUND TABLE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



The Round Table Endowed Scholarship is offered in memory of Mike and Edna Waters, who established the Round Table Sunday School Class in the lower level of the Orrick Christian Church. It started with four boys and grew in size to include many young people. Mike gave the lessons and Edna arranged for the social activities of the class. Many adults have pleasant memories of this class started in 1971 and continuing through the mid-seventies.

Michael C. Waters was an educator at the high school level from the early thirties until retiring in 1970. He devoted his life to serving young people through teaching, coaching and scouting activities. Edna supported his efforts and was by his side. Mike was a Deacon of the Orrick Christian Church.

The following is the criteria for receiving funds:

1. Be a member and an active participant in the church life of the Orrick Christian Church.
2. Attend a college or university or a seminary in preparation for the ministry.

Please complete the attached form. Scholarship funds will be given only after a student successfully completes one semester of college, university or seminary. A check will be made to the student and institution. The candidates for the funds will be chosen by the church elders.

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION



The Singleton family is inviting their church family to celebrate Jeffrey's graduation from Orrick High School. I don't know how those other parents feel, but we definitely know that it takes a village to raise a child. OCC has been a big part of our village (a huge blessing) and we would like to invite our church family to our home for a grad party following the 2pm ceremony at the school on the 18th. We will be having cake and punch right after the ceremony. The invitations kindly request that guests RSVP.

ANSWERED PRAYER



We had so many answered prayers last week that I inadvertently left off a couple. Chad Birdsong came through his gall bladder surgery without any issues. He returned to work at the end of the week on light duty plus he joined his church family for Easter Sunday worship. Thanking God for his watchcare and healing touch for Chad. Also, Lorna Kester went in for one of her regularly scheduled MRI's and received great news that everything was good. Again praising God for answered prayer for her. These types of tests raise quite a bit of anxiety so God was good! Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!

COMING IN APRIL AND MAY

May 1 - National Day of Prayer
May 2 - Valor Ranch Golf Tournament
May 2 - Movie Night
May 8 - Praying Night & Day for Israel
May 8-10 - Men's Encounter
May 11 - Congregational Meeting
May 14 - Baccalaureate
May 25 - Tribute to the Fallen
May 30-June 1 - Ashes to Beauty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook or youtube.
- Wednesday, Apr 30- 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Apr 30 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, May 1 - 9:00 am - All Church Prayer meeting to celebrate the National Day of Prayer.
- Thursday, May 1 - 7:00 pm - All Church Prayer meeting to celebrate the National Day of Prayer.
- Thursday, May 1 - 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, May 2 - 6:00 pm - Movie night make up for men. Meet in fellowship hall and enjoy popcorn and snacks while watching the movie.
- Saturday, May 3 - 5:15 am - "Christ, Coffee & Campfire" men's fellowship event in Higginsville. Carpool meets in church parking lot. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, May 4 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, May 4 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, May 4 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, May 4 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet

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