

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 13 TO MAY 19, 2024



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

Monday 5/13 - Revelation 5:4-5 "Hope" Read Romans 3:23, Psalm 30:5 and Genesis 49.

Tuesday, 5/14 - Revelation 5:5-6 "Christ the Lion and the Lamb." Read Genesis 49:9-10, Matthew 10:22, John 15:18-20, Ephesians 6:14-18, and Deuteronomy 1:8.

Wednesday, 5/15 - Revelation 5:6c "The Seven Spirits of God Sent Out into all the Earth." Read John 16:7, Acts 2:2-4, Deuteronomy 16:16, Leviticus 23:15, Revelation 3:1 and Proverbs 3:5-6.

Thursday, 5/16 - Luke 24:44-49 "The Holy Spirit in the Life of a Christian." Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

Friday, 5/17 - Luke 11:1-4 and Matthew 6:9-13 "The Lord's Prayer." Read Romans 6:23.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Art introduced our guest speaker, Jeff Baird, President of New Hope Mission International (NHMI), who spoke about the Kingdom Work that is going on in Haiti despite the ongoing violence and food insecurity throughout the country. Jeff Baird has been a Christian since 1973. He has been married to his wife, Heather, for 35 years and has adult children and one grandchild. He has been a board member of New Hope Mission International for 20 years. Currently, he serves the community, where he lives, as a hospice chaplain.

His first trip to Haiti was in 1986. Because of the negative impact of voodoo and gang rivalry and violence, food insecurity is a huge problem. He talked about the powerful Kingdom Work being done in Haiti, especially northern Haiti by God-fearing and God-inspiring pastors. The oppression is being lifted as hope is shared by persevering Christians. He talked about the strong Christian foundation being laid by the churches of Haiti.

He introduced several guests at the church, including one young man from Haiti, who was completing his education in Lawson as well as several members of VCU, who assist with the adoption of families through monetary support. He had several prayer points for us to

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### ONGOING

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. We are preparing **67 catpacks** (weekend hunger relief for Orrick students). We are accepting donations of child friendly foods.
3. OCC is having VBS this June. Looking for volunteers to help teach, serve, transport, and a host of other positions. If interested contact Madison Bennett (816) 590-7466.
4. Fourth Saturday Men's Fellowship will be hosted by Drew Gill at Gill Farms shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 46:1-3

consider in our prayers for Haiti. First, that law would be established and justice and mercy abound. Second, elected leaders would love the people over position and power. Third, that leadership would arise that is not bound by voodoo and gang allegiance. Fourth, for teachers and children for end of year testing as they are still overcoming educational gaps from COVID and gang violence disruptions.

Then he moved into his sermon entitled "Hope in a hopeless world," based on Philippians 1:3-11. On this Pentecost, we know from Acts 16 of the birth of the church of Philippi, where Paul had been jailed for sharing the gospel and at midnight God performed a miracle and released Paul, who then stopped the jailer from taking his life and converted him and his family thus building the church of Philippi. We are called to intimate fellowship and partnership in the gospel through the Holy Spirit. God's work is going on in Haiti today as they fight voodoo. In this passage in Philippians, Paul is expressing confidence because he has seen the faithfulness and service of the church of Philippi. He pointed out 3 things from this passage: 1) Salvation - saved by faith. We are called to a life of faith. Read Hebrews 11:6. Faith grows through challenges. 2) Hope - we are living in a day and age of hopelessness. Our job is pointing people to Jesus. Hospice is about changing where we place our hope. Read Romans 15:13. We are called to overflow with hope - spill onto others around us. We are called to walk in a community of believers to reinforce our hope. Read Psalm 16:11. Intimacy with the Lord comes through walking through times of suffering. Draw near God. Read Psalm 23:4. 3) Love - We receive love and are called to extend love. We are valued and cherished by God. He has a purpose for our lives. God's love is the foundation of our lives. The truth is that God loves you. Read John 3:16 and I Corinthians 13. Love is never failing and unending.

We are called to honor God. A divine partnership established the church. Live fruitful lives for God's glory. Read Philippians 1:9-11. He concluded by praying Paul's prayer from this passage over the congregation. Thanking God for a man filled with the Holy Spirit and encouraging fruitful living for God!

A special offering was taken for NHMI to address food inequity and expand the kingdom work going on in Haiti.

5. Remember to catch the post Mother's Day sales for gift items for women for the Kids' Christmas store. Bin in foyer for your donations. Happy shopping!
6. We kick off our veteran's service project by collecting new packages of men's t-shirts, underwear, socks and good men's used shoes. Of course, cash donations are always welcome, too.

	<p><b>OCC MENS' FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p>Third Saturday Men's Fellowship was switched from the church to JC Claypool's homeplace. Twelve men participated in this event. Fourth Saturday Men's Fellowship will be hosted by Drew Gill at Gull Farms shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p><b>VETERAN'S SERVICE PROJECT</b></p> <p>On Saturday, May 18 we kicked off our Veteran's Service Project. The third Saturday of May is National Armed Forces Day. This year our service project goes to help <b>Valor Ranch</b>, also a transitional housing program for veterans but based in rural Clay County at present. Their top needs are men's t-shirts, underwear, socks, and good men's used shoes. Of course, cash donations are always welcome, too. Valor Ranch strives to restore the dignity and self-worth of homeless veterans by providing transitional housing, job readiness and reintegration programs. Debbie Childress, Founder of Valor Ranch, will speak briefly at our church on Sunday, June 9th during both services. She will be available during the Sunday School hour to answer questions.</p>
	<p><b>OCC FIELD TRIP PLANNED FOR STEAMBOAT ARABIA</b></p> <p>Social Team has planned another day trip to Steamboat Arabia in the river market area of Kansas City on Thursday, May 23. Cost is \$16 per person. Remember it is first come, first served when reserving a seat on the shuttle bus. There are 24 seats available. However, you can get the discount price and always follow along in your personal vehicle. Questions, contact Cappi Lawrence (816) 826-8115. Bus leaves the OCC parking lot at 9:00 am. Make plans to join us for this outing!</p>
	<p><b>SECOND CHANCE</b></p> <p>God gives second chances and apparently so does the Social Team. If you did not get your recipes submitted for the OCC Cookbook, you now have until <b>June 1st</b> to submit your favorite recipes. Either hand a copy of your recipe to Cappi Lawrence or send your recipe by email to <a href="mailto:recipe4occ@gmail.com">recipe4occ@gmail.com</a>. Funds from the cookbook project have been designated to help decorate the church expansion.</p>
	<p><b>A PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE</b></p> <p><i>"Lord Jesus, I cry out in thanks to You! You called thousands of believers to spend their valuable time, talent, and treasure to mobilize their community to gather in prayer, lifting up Your Word, full of truth and hope, in a nation that is hungry for Your unfailing love. Thank You for pouring out Your glory, unity, and creativity on these gatherings. So many people had a fresh encounter with You, Jesus, the Living God, our Savior! I pray that the hearts of people who participated in these gatherings would continue to be stirred with a growing desire to unite in prayer with fellow Christ followers. I also pray for those who attended but who don't yet know You as Lord and Savior – I pray that the seeds of truth that were planted would fall on hearts of fertile soil, that roots of faith would grow into the fruit of a confession of sin and proclaim You as Lord of their lives. Lord, I am watching expectantly to see more of Your light shining in every city in our nation, as this mighty network of intercessors continues to Lift Up Your Word, and Light Up the World. In Jesus' Name, Amen."</i></p>



#### A WORD FROM MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

Persevering moms,  
Being a mom is not an ordinary calling, it is an extraordinary calling! Motherhood is a great gift from God and with this gift and calling, we need God so desperately. God has placed each child with each mom perfectly as He has planned and He makes no mistakes. But dear mom, you don't have to do it alone! God has everything you will ever need for your calling as a mom. He wants to bless you and your children abundantly.

Daily we need His wisdom, His discernment, His unconditional love, His peace, patience, goodness, kindness, self-control and more. No wonder He tells us we can boldly and confidently enter His throne room of grace to find mercy and help in our time of need. And if we lack wisdom, to just ask Him and He will freely supply it.

The gift of praying God's Word for our children is unstoppable, eternal, and does not come back void. If you are not part of Moms in Prayer International, come join us!

There is a mom ready to help you lift your children up to God in prayer. Thank you for rising up to pray for the children of this world! You are bringing God much glory.

-Sally Burke, President of Moms in Prayer International

If you would like to know more about Moms in Prayer International, contact Barbara Britt, OCC Prayer Team leader and she will help you get connected, trained, or whatever you need.



#### BRIDGE OF HOPE UPDATE FROM MISSIONS TEAM

This year we have accomplished many goals. We have completed 39 new intakes of which 2 were male clients. Each client is required to take parenting and prenatal education programs. We hosted 2 Community Baby Showers in partnership with Home State Health. While Bridge of Hope is willing to bridge the gap with families, we need your help to make our efforts go further. We are currently sending our nurse for additional training so we can provide our clients FREE ultrasounds at our facility. Studies show that more than 54% of women considering abortions, who receive counseling and an ultrasound choose life. The cost of \$3,000.00 is what is needed to complete all the training needed to provide life saving ultrasounds. Bridge of Hope is having a Fundraising Concert featuring Jeremy Pope and Special Guest Chris Stigall on Friday, June 7 @ 6:00 pm at the Farris Theatre, 301 W Main, Richmond, MO. A generous free will offering will be taken! Would you prayerfully consider a donation of any size. Ways to donate: 1) online at <https://www.boh4women.org/donate/> 2) call at (816) 520-7828 or 3) mail a check to Bridge of Hope, 111 West Main St, Richmond, MO 64085. We would love to encourage individuals to volunteer at our office. Just call the above number to learn more.



#### ANSWERED PRAYER

Recently, Arlie Wansing had been placed on our prayer list for multiple health issues. So we are praising God that he felt healed enough to attend church this past Sunday. God works both openly and covertly in our lives because He loves us so much. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

## COMING UP IN MAY & JUNE

Field trip to Steamboat Arabia sponsored by the Social Team is scheduled for Thursday, May 23.

Next Ashes to Beauty women's encounter weekend is scheduled for May 31 to June 2. Again, for more information about this event, check with church elders.

June 1 - **Deadline for OCC Cookbook recipe submission.**

Bridge of Hope Fundraising Concert on Friday, June 7 at 6:00, Farris Theatre, 301 W Main St, Richmond, MO featuring Jeremy Pope and Special Guest, Chris Stigall.

Our next WOW (Women of Worth) event is June 10. Start thinking about who you will invite to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

OCC is having VBS on June 24-28. Please make plans to be involved in this special outreach.

All church picnic is Sunday, June 30 at the Home Place at Valley View.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in each weekday morning for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" on facebook.
- Wednesday, May 22 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
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- Thursday, May 23 - 9:00 am - Shuttle bus departs from OCC parking lot for field trip to Steamboat Arabia
- Thursday, May 23 - 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.
- Saturday, May 25- 6:00 am - Fourth Saturday Men's Fellowship will be hosted by Drew Gill at Gill Farms shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, May 26 - Tribute to the Fallen
- Sunday, May 26 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, May 26 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday, May 26 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).

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