

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 29 TO AUGUST 4, 2024



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

Monday 7/29 - Mark 16:15-16 "The Great Commission: A Call to Evangelize." Read Revelation 7:1-8, Acts 16:31, and Matthew 28:19-20.

Tuesday, 7/30 - Revelation 7:16-17 "Anticipating Heaven." Read Hebrews 11:10, John 10:6 and Psalm 23.

Wednesday, 7/31 - Jeremiah 32:27 "God's Help." Read Romans 12:1-2, Zephaniah 3:17 and Revelation 7:16-17..

Thursday, 8/1 - None.

Friday, 8/2 - None.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Revelation 8:1-6 – Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets

As Pastor Art enjoyed a well deserved vacation, the Elders and Deacons of the church pitched in and coordinated a wonderful worship service. Elder Tim O'Dell delivered the message. While Sam Griffin filled in as lay leader during both services. The title of Tim's message was "Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets," based on Revelation 8:1-6. This is the last of the sealed judgements but not the end of the Lord's judgement upon the earth. In this passage we are given a glimpse of what is happening in heaven before the seventh seal is opened.

Then Tim did a quick recap of what we had studied so far in Revelation. Jesus has taken the scroll from the Father, which is the deed to the earth. He breaks each of the seals. We know that this covers a 7 year period but do not know the amount of time allotted to each seal. The white horse appears when the first seal is broken and we know this is the AntiChrist. The second seal releases the red horse who brings war. The third seal releases the black horse who brings famine and scarcity. Famine and scarcity should not surprise us. When the church is raptured, all the work that was done by Christ Followers stops. So disruptions in food supply as well as many other services would naturally occur. The fourth seal represents death and 25% of the remaining world's population dies and is confined to Hades (prelude to Hell). The seals fall on top of each other. Calamity keeps building. With the opening of the fifth seal, our focus switches to heaven, where we hear

## 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. Praying Night & Day for Israel 24 hour prayer vigil begins this Thursday at 4:00 am. Contact Barbara Britt at [pray4occ@gmail.com](mailto:pray4occ@gmail.com) to participate.
3. Social Team meets this Thursday at 5:00 pm at the church prior to church board meeting.
4. Church board meets at 6:00 pm

Read Psalm 97:1-4

the cries of the martyrs under the altar. These are the ones killed after the rapture when they accept the gospel truth. During the four horsemen of the apocalypse, we know that the believers are martyred because the AntiChrist is ruling the earth. With the breaking of the sixth seal, there is a great earthquake and the people try to hide in the caves and mountains crying out for nature to protect them. The parenthetical statement that we studied several weeks ago is one of three such statements in the book of Revelation. The remnant of Israel is sealed by God (144,000 Messianic Jews). We do not know the exact time frame but it lays on top of everything that is occurring. We find a great multitude, all martyrs, in the throne room of God but the number of completion has not arrived. It is cyclical. Everything comes back together. This scripture passage draws us back to the tabernacle.

The Lamb prepares to open the 7th seal. There is a time of silence. Previous seals were announced loudly by the living creatures. With the 5th seal we heard the martyrs crying out to God. With the 6th seal, there was a great earthquake and people were crying out to creation. But with the 7th seal, there is no announcement. Only silence. In the Jewish temple or tabernacle, there were musical instruments and singing going on the whole time the burnt offering was being prepared. When you walked into the Holy Place, you were surrounded by quiet. The priest would do incense, so that the incense and prayers mingled together to ascend to God. It was a reflection of heaven. In this passage, during the silence, 7 angels were waiting at the throne of God. They were aware of their tasks and assignments. They were to receive 7 trumpets. There was another angel, a priestly angel, carrying a gold censur, which held the incense. The picture we have of heaven is representative of the tabernacle that God told Moses to build. The Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant, where God dwelled. God was doing on earth what happens in heaven. Upon Christ's death that veil that separated the Holy of Holies from the other parts of the temple, was torn in half. We were no longer separated from God because Christ was our intercessor. Our prayers go directly to God. The angel filled the censer full of fire then cast it upon the earth. We know that in the release of the sixth seal that the sky was scrolled back. It can be opened by God at any time. When the angel casts the fire upon the earth, everyone can see it coming. The seven angels prepare themselves to sound the trumpet. We know that trumpets made announcements for important celebrations. Read Numbers 10:10. In the book of Joshua, we know the story of Jericho, where they marched around the city for 6 days and on the 7th day they blew trumpets and the walls fell. Read I Thessalonians 4:16.

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Thursday. Meeting is open to all.

5. "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
6. Prayerwalk around Richmond schools this Saturday at 8:30 am. Meet in the high school parking lot.
7. Forty Days of Prayer in preparation for our tent revival is coming up soon. If you have not signed up for the reminder app, please do so to ensure your participation in this event. Unsure how to sign up, check with one of the elders.
8. Mission Team encourages you to support the Bridge of Hope Baby Bottle Fundraiser all through the month of August. Pick up baby bottles to collect your change.

As we read and learn about the wrath of God, it is important to know that God is calling you every day. He is offering you the gift of salvation. Read I Thessalonians 5:8-10. Don't put it off. Come to the altar and pray. The time is now to answer the call. Praising God for Elder Tim O'Dell and his inspired message of the true gift of salvation and God's love.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCC MENS' FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p>The next fellowship opportunity will be "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LADIES NIGHT OUT</b></p> <p>Social Team cordially invites all the women of the church to a Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 16 at 6:00 pm. Our fellowship time will be in the church. Please bring a snack to share as we fellowship and watch a movie. Questions - contact Cappi Lawrence, Social Team leader (816) 826-8115.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYING FOR ISRAEL NIGHT AND DAY</b></p> <p>Our next 24 hr prayer vigil is scheduled for Thursday, August 8 beginning at 4:00 am and ending Friday morning at 4:00 am. Sign up sheet will be circulated during worship service on Sunday, August 4. 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, contact Barbara Britt at <a href="mailto:pray4occ@gmail.com">pray4occ@gmail.com</a> and she will send you one by email. Thank you in advance for your prayerful intercession for Israel.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACK TO SCHOOL BASH</b></p> <p>Our church has received a request to supply volunteers for the Back to School Bash that is sponsored by ICare Village of Hope and 13's Promise Foundation. This event takes place Sunday, August 18 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Volunteers from the church will carpool from the church following the second service. The event takes place at 3400 Woodland Ave, Kansas City, MO. Besides handing out backpacks, there will be a lot of fun activities including food trucks, face painting, bounce houses, live bands, and a few Chiefs' players hanging out including #13. If you would like to volunteer, please let Drew Gill or Deanne Townsend know.</p>

PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE AS WE PREPARE TO PRAYER WALK LOCAL SCHOOLS



*"Lord, please prompt us continually to pray for campuses from preschool through college. May everyone who learns and labors in education be filled with the knowledge of You Lord, Your Word, wisdom, will and ways so that all would walk, worship, and work in a manner worthy of the Lord. Moment by moment may they increase in the knowledge of God, be fruitful in every good work You have prepared and please You. May joy and gratitude abound as they are strengthened by You. Keep them steadfast as You watch over them and let no distraction or darkness come near as they live in the light of Your love and Word. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen!"*

DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA – TCK'S



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Are you familiar with what the letters TCK stand for?? In our world, it means Third Culture Kids. Have you ever considered that the children of missionaries actually live and operate in three cultures? Their home country or passport country is one of the three, the culture where they live and serve as missionaries is a second one and the way they exist as a foreigner in a country is the third culture, it is the blending of the first two cultures.

A couple of weeks ago, I was talking to Abby about our plans to go "home" and she immediately said, "Where is home?" It was not a question, it was a lament, coming from her heart. Samuel, Nathaniel and Abby have spent more of their growing up years in Ghana, then in the US, so in many ways Ghana feels like home. We have a house in Ghana, but when we come to the US, we either stay with grandparents or friends, we move around a lot, but there is not really a place that they identify as "home".

Culture is also so different from Ghana to the US. They are used to life moving at a certain pace, they are used to a cash based society, and we are all used to living in a village setting. The kids have a lot of freedom to roam around our village area, they can go to small stores to buy dry goods, they can go to the carpenter shop or the church or to get their hair done. The kids have learned to be resourceful and frugal. We don't live like kings, we try to blend in with our neighbors, so there are a lot of things they go without. We are careful not to waste water, water is precious in our area. We eat a very simple diet, there is no fast food in our city, we can't even buy cheese here! Simple pleasures like ice cream or soda are a real treat for us. When we are in Ghana, we miss people and places in the US and when we are in the US we miss the people and places of Ghana. The kids love talking about their home in Ghana, so don't feel shy about asking them questions. They love so much about our life here and they would love to share it with you. They will also be trying to figure out American culture when we get back, things change so quickly in the US and we have been out of that loop for two years. The kids are really looking forward to coming "home", but mostly they are looking forward to connecting with all the people they love, which probably includes You.

Last week DKG hosted a graduation party for our sponsored students who have completed their programs. We had 7 graduates this year and we are so proud of all their hard work to complete their diplomas/degrees. One of our students sent a heartfelt message, when he was not able to attend our recent graduation party. I want to

pass along his message, because it is not just a word of thanks to me or DKG, it is also to you our supporters who have given so generously. *"I just wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for everything you've done for me and my family throughout my educational journey. From the first day of my second semester in school to my last day from the College of Education, you've been my constant support, encouragement, and guiding light. Your unwavering dedication, sacrifices, and love have made me the person I am today. I'm forever grateful for the late nights, early mornings and countless hours you invested in helping me succeed. Thank you for believing in me, even when I doubted myself. Thank you for being my rock, my mentor and my best friend. With deepest appreciation, Nelson Kombat"*



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**BRIDGE OF HOPE FUNDRAISER**

During the month of August, OCC is supporting the Bridge of Hope Fundraiser. It is their Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser. Mission Team is asking you to pick up one of the baby bottles in the foyer and fill it with change during the month of August. Bring it back on September 1 or September 8. Bridge of Hope is based in Richmond and they are a resource center that advocates for families. Questions - contact Deanne Townsend (816) 260-2403.



**PRAYER**

Pastor Art has spent time in both his devotions and Sunday messages emphasizing the importance of prayer in the life of a Christ follower. August presents a number of opportunities to engage in corporate prayer. On Thursday, August 8, we have our 24 hr prayer vigil for Israel. Following that is an opportunity to prayer walk around the Richmond Schools on Saturday, August 10. This is the second year that we have prayer walked in Richmond. Then our annual prayer walk around the Orrick Schools is on Saturday, August 17. Each of these prayer events sponsored by OCC has a printed prayer guide to assist you in your prayer time. Please consider joining us for any or all of these prayer times. You will be uplifted and encouraged through your participation.



**ANSWERED PRAYER**

It is such an answer to prayer to see Bob Griffin feeling better and able to lead the singing in first service. Praising God for his healing and Bob's willingness to share his musical talents. We are also praising God for the good report that Lorna Kester got from her MRI that she continues to get clear scans. God is working a miracle in her body. She so appreciates the prayer support of her church family. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list. Your prayers do make a difference!

## COMING UP IN AUGUST

Aug 10 -Prayer walk Richmond Schools

Aug 16 - Ladies Night Out

Aug 16-18 - Men's Encounter

Aug 17 - Prayer walk Orrick Schools

Aug 18 – Back to School Bash

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- No "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" due to Vacation\Wednesday, Aug 7 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Aug 7 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible study meeting at the church.
- Thursday, Aug 8 - 4:00 am - **Praying Night & Day for Israel** 24 hour prayer vigil begins
- Thursday, Aug 8 - 5:00 pm - Social Team meeting at the church.
- Thursday, Aug 8 - 6:00 pm - Church board meeting in the fellowship hall. Meeting is open to all but only elected directors can vote. If you would like to put an item on the agenda to discuss, please contact Tim O'Dell.
- Thursday, Aug 8 - 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, Aug 9 - 4:00 am - **Praying Night & Day for Israel** 24 hour prayer vigil ends
- Saturday, August 10 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Saturday, August 10 - 8:30 am - Prayerwalk Richmond Schools. Meet in the parking lot in front of high school. Prayerwalk guide provided.
- Sunday, August 11 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, August 11 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
- Sunday, August 11 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, August 11 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - OCC 101 (an entry level Bible study for any interested party led by Pastor Art). Childcare available at the church.
- Sunday, August 11 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Children & youth group

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