

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 7 TO APRIL 13, 2025



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

4/7 - I Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Walking with God By Rejoicing, Thanking and Praying." Read Nehemiah 8:10b, John 14:6 and I Thessalonians 5:19.

4/8 - Matthew 16:24 "What It Means To Follow Jesus." Read John 10:27, I Corinthians 11:1, Revelation 14:4-5 and Luke 9:23.

4/9 - Luke 22:41-42 "Unanswered Prayer." Read Luke 11:2, Romans 8:28 and Philippians 4:6.

4/10 - John 12:1-8 "Heart Gifts." Read Psalm 118:24.

4/11 - John 12:20-22 "Let Them See Jesus." Read John 1:40-42, John 1:46 and John 6:8-9..

## SERMON SUMMARY

Mark 11:1-11 – Triumphal Entry of the Lamb

Pastor Art announced that we were kicking off Holy Week and described it as the Superbowl for Christians. This week his sermon was entitled "Triumphal Entry of the Lamb," based on Mark 11:1-11. Jesus was returning to Jerusalem for Passover. To better understand Passover read chapter 12 of Exodus. Read Zechariah 9:9, which prophesied our scripture passage for today. Pastor Art reminded us that the term Christian means Christ like. Read I Peter 5:16 and Romans 12:2.

How do we live our lives in the celebration of Palm Sunday - the triumphal entry? How do we give back to the King? Are we ritualistic in our church attendance or are we passionately worshipping our God? Are we physically in church but not really present (distracted by the world)? These are all questions we need to ponder this week.

It is emotional. True faith in Jesus is eternal. We will always celebrate the triumphal entry. Bethany had a special place in Jesus' life. It was the home of his good friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Read Matthew 21:1-11.

The acquisition of the donkey happens in verses 4-6. There are two important takeaways from this scripture passage. First, it requires a willingness to be involved. Second, it hinges on you showing up. It is important to realize that this scripture sets up an example for us to follow. Jesus had already set up what would happen. But it all hinged on the disciples doing what he

## 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. Easter invitational postcards are available. Please take some and invite others to join us as we celebrate Our Risen Lord!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 118:1-5






## WELCOME

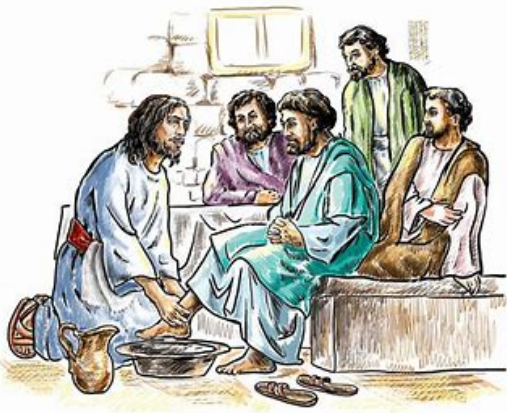
In the first worship service, we were privileged to witness Rick and Cheryl Marrant come forward to reaffirm their faith and to become a part of our church family. Please extend the right hand of fellowship to them. We were especially pleased to see them able to attend church this Sunday as Rick has spent some time in the hospital recently.

asked them to do. We miss opportunities every day. These disciples (who remain unnamed) were faithful to do what was asked of them. God equipped them just as He equips us. Every Christ follower needs to know the Word of God. The Bible guides us. For example, take chapter 5 of Ephesians. It provides specific instruction on what will create a healthy and stable marriage.

Why a donkey? Read II Kings 9:12. Jesus is the King of our lives. Read Matthew 23:37-39. Note that in verse 11, Jesus goes to the temple. Are you grieving the Holy Spirit in any area of your life? Jesus keeps His promises. What's He going to find in our church when He returns? Praising God for a pastor that leads by example and shows us the truth through God's Word!

4. Maundy Thursday 24 hour prayer vigil begins at 4:00 am on Thurs, April 17 and ends at 4:00 am on Friday, April 18. Sign up and take a prayer guide.
5. Good Friday Service will be in Kearney at the First Christian Church. Join us as we celebrate the unfolding of God's plan of salvation for each of us.
6. "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" will be hosted by JC Claypool at 4586 SE Crab Apple Road, Cowgill, MO 64636 on Saturday, April 19 @ 6:30 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
7. Social Team has set up a field trip to several museums in St Joseph on Friday, April 25. This is another excellent opportunity to invite someone to church in a non-church setting to witness the abundant life Jesus offers us. Field trip forms available from Cappi Lawrence.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p>More than 170 men attended the "Forging Godly Men" conference at VCU over the weekend. OCC was well represented in that number. Several individuals accepted Jesus as their savior at this event. The focus was on what it means to be a Christ following man. Since men were encouraged to bring their sons, a number did so and that was very inspiring. Next men's fellowship event will be "Bible, Breakfast &amp; Bull" hosted by JC Claypool at 4586 SE Crab Apple Road, Cowgill, MO 64636 on Saturday, April 19 @ 6:30 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE</b></p> <p><i>"Lord, You are generous and loving, You provide for us out of Your immeasurable riches and abundant mercy! Renew our minds to see ourselves as full of Your hope, love and joy, living in the truth of Your word rather than a misguided and warped perception that we are less than, or that we are always lacking. These are nothing more than lies! Remove them from us. We are grateful that You give us all that we need, that You make us complete, and that You never withhold from us when we put our full faith and trust in You. Your joy and peace propel us forward to keep running the race and keeping the faith, making disciples and fulfilling the good works that You have prepared for us. Thank You for never holding back, and for giving us the full measure of Your hope, joy, and peace! In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCC KINGDOM COFFEE</b></p> <p>If you ever check out the church website <a href="https://www.orrickchristianchurch.org">https://www.orrickchristianchurch.org</a>, 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;"><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b></p> <p>Thirteen attended the Friday movie night sponsored by the Social Team. A repeat of this movie will be held on Friday, May 2nd so that any men who missed out could watch "Time Changer." 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;"><b>EASTER AT OCC</b></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>



## MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Why are we holding a Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil? On Passover, after the feet washing and last supper, Jesus needed a time of prayer and asked three of his disciples to accompany him and pray while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In all four of the gospels, we see Jesus praying prior to his betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. There are many prayers of Jesus chronicled in the Bible, and there are many lessons we can learn from those prayers and the way He taught us to pray. But no other account of Jesus' prayer life is as detailed in scripture and as revealing or personal than when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In both Matthew 26:36-46 (NIV) and Mark 14:32-42 (NIV), we read similar accounts of this prayer. Jesus brings his disciples Peter, James, and John to the garden and asks them to stay and keep watch with him. We read that three times in a row Jesus leaves to pray, and his disciples aren't able to stay awake.

During these times, Jesus prays:

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will (Matthew 26:39b NIV)."

"My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done (Matthew 26:42b NIV)."

In Mark 14:36 (NIV), Jesus calls out "Abba, Father." In Aramaic, "Abba" is like saying something more like "daddy or papa." In saying this, Jesus is claiming his position as a son and raising his hands to his father for help. In Luke 22:39-46 (NIV), we see the same cry to God, but Luke focuses on two other details. In Luke 22:43-44 (NIV) he notes that:

"An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."

He needed strength. The toll of the stress and anxiety was weighing on Jesus to the point that He was sweating blood. This condition is called [hematidrosis](#), and it can be caused by extreme distress or fear. In Luke's account, we see even more how Jesus is feeling and the physical strain in this moment before He is betrayed, stands trial, and is nailed to the cross.

John's account of Jesus praying focuses on a prayer prior to entering the Garden of Gethsemane. We read about Jesus praying in John 17:1-26 (NIV) for different groups of people. First, He acknowledges the "hour has come" for the Son of God to be glorified by "finishing the work" He has come to do. Second, He prays for his disciples to be protected as they take the truth into the world. Finally, He prays for those who will believe in Him through the message delivered through his disciples. This prayer includes everyone who believes Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus prays for the unity of believers and that the world would know that God sent Jesus because of these believers.

In all four gospels, Jesus is praying in preparation for what is to come. And in Matthew 26:38 (NIV), He says that his "soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." Reading this almost feels like we're reading about a part of Jesus that we aren't supposed to know about. It's a different side to him, one that reveals Jesus' inner thoughts in the hours leading up to the events that would set in motion His journey to the cross.

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke show Jesus in despair but submitting to the will of God. John's gospel shows Jesus looking ahead to the lives of his disciples after his sacrifice and how their message about Him will impact the world.

So - we are holding a prayer vigil to follow Jesus' example of praying before the events of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. A sign up sheet was circulated in the worship services along with a scriptural prayer guide. If you did not get a prayer guide, see attachment to this newsletter.

	<p><b>SOCIAL TEAM FIELD TRIP TO ST JOSEPH, MO</b></p> <p>If you had planned to go on the earlier field trip to St Joseph (cancelled due to inclement weather and cold shuttle bus), here's your opportunity. Social Team has set up a field trip to several museums in St Joseph on Friday, April 25. This is another excellent opportunity to invite someone to church in a non-church setting to witness the abundant life Jesus offers us. Field trip forms available from Cappi Lawrence.</p>
 <p><b>DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA</b></p>	<p><b>DEVELOPING KIDS GHANA (DKG)</b></p> <p>Students took their end of semester exams this week. The library was full of students who finished early. We are fostering a love of reading in a culture that does not value reading. When it was time to return to class one little girl came and asked me if she could send her book home to finish reading. We don't normally let the young ones do that, because the books would not come back, but I could not deny this girl the chance to read the Bible story book she was holding. May God bless the reading of His word in her life.</p>
	<p><b>TEE IT UP FOR VETS GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITING VALOR RANCH</b></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><b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THURSDAY, MAY 1</b></p> <p>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. More in next week's newsletter.</p>
	<p><b>ANSWERED PRAYER</b></p> <p>Praising God that Emma Wilson is doing much better after her back surgery and can be removed from the prayer list. Also, Maci Jeffries is back home in Ray County after an extended stay at a rehabilitation hospital following her surgery. Praising God for her continued recovery! 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 17 – Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil  
Apr 18 – Good Friday Service  
Apr 20 – Easter Sunday  
Apr 25 – St. Joseph Field Trip  
May 1 – National Day of Prayer  
May 2 – Valor Ranch Golf Tournament  
May 8 – Praying Night & Day for Israel  
May 8-10 – Men's Encounter  
May 14 - Baccalaureate

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook or youtube.
- Tuesday, Apr 15 - 6:00 pm - Outreach to Cedars in Liberty. Contact Phil Boude if interested in helping to teach a Bible study at this center.
- Tuesday, Apr 15 - 7:00 pm - **"Pray for Ray County"** meeting in the courthouse rotunda in Richmond. This prayer event is open to anyone.
- Wednesday, Apr 16- 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Apr 16 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Apr 17 - 4:00 am - Maundy Thursday 24 hour prayer vigil begins.
- Thursday, Apr 17 - 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 18 - 4:00 am - Maundy Thursday 24 hour prayer vigil ends.
- Friday, Apr 18 - 7:00 pm - Good Friday service in partnership with First Christian Church, 2151 S Jefferson St, Kearney, MO 64060.
- Saturday, April 19 - 6:30 am - "Bible, Breakfast & Bull" hosted by JC Claypool at 4586 SE Crab Apple Road, Cowgill, MO 64636. All men are encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Apr 20 - EASTER SUNDAY
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 6:30 am - Sunrise Easter Service at Southpoint Cemetery (just off T Hwy).
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 7:15 am - Community Breakfast at Orrick Methodist Church, 201 W Elm St, Orrick, MO.
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).

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