

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 14 TO APRIL 20, 2025



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

4/14 - Matthew 21:12-16  
"Cleansing the Temple."  
Read Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah  
7:11 and Malachi 3:1-3.

4/15 - Mark 11:27-33 "Am I  
Reflecting Jesus Because He  
has Authority in My  
Life?" Read Proverbs 3:5-6,  
Mark 11:12, 20, Matthew 21  
and Luke 23:34.

4/16 - Matthew 26:14-16 and  
John 13:18-30  
"Betrayal." Read John 6:7,  
John 13:2 and John 13:1.

4/17- John 13:1-17, 33-35 "A  
Mandate to Serve One  
Another." Read I Peter 1:13-  
16.

4/18 - Hebrews 12:1-2,  
Colossians 3:2-5 and  
Romans 5:6-10 "Good Friday  
- Wrath and Grace and Mercy  
Met at the Cross." Read  
Isaiah 53, John 18:36, John  
19:11 and Hebrews 10:25.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Matthew 28 – He is Risen!

Pastor Art stated that every Easter sermon is the same story. You can't add to what God has already done. The tomb is empty! (Read Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20). Each gospel writer tells it from a different view but it is the same story. Matthew 28 is the only gospel account that points out that the stone was not rolled away until after the women got there. The crucial point is that it was empty. The greatest gift God ever gave was His only begotten son. Salvation only comes through Jesus Christ.

The choreography of Jesus rising is as follows. Verse 1 the women came for a purpose. Verse 2 the earthquake and appearance of a mighty angel. Matthew makes it clear that the tomb was sealed and that there were witnesses when the stone was rolled away. That difference (the empty tomb) will change the world forever. In verse 5, we hear the command not to be afraid that Jesus is coming back. God is asking for you to open your heart. We are called to be witnesses as soon as we accept Jesus in our heart. In verse 7, they were told to go quickly. Not preaching but telling the gospel truth. Only God saves people. We can't do it. In verse 9, Jesus met them and said "Rejoice!" Let the joy of the Lord be present in each person. Worship is impossible until we open our hearts. Praising God for a pastor, who enthusiastically worships a risen savior indeed!

## 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, pop-tarts, etc).
3. "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the fourth Saturday of April (Apr 26). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
4. Missions Team is asking that you check out post Easter sales for gift items for the Kids' Christmas store and for the Operation

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 34:1-3

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mr & Mrs Terry Ealey are the proud great grandparents to a new baby girl. Her name is Mya Marie Ann Plier. Both mother and baby are doing fine and staying with the Ealeys. Be sure to offer your congratulations and be prepared to see lovely baby pictures!

## SPECIAL MUSIC

The OCC Choir performed at both Easter worship services. They sang "Easter Hallelujah!" Thank you for this wonderful inspiring presentation. It was much appreciated.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Gaige and Patricia Phillips, recently discharged from the Army, were able to join us in Easter Sunday worship. They are the grandson and granddaughter-in-law of Bob & Ella Phillips. We thanked them for their service and are happy that they are back in the states ready to start a new phase of their lives.

## EASTER AT OCC

On Maundy Thursday, we held a 24 hour prayer vigil with 67 participants. Our Maundy Thursday prayer guide centered on scriptures focusing on forgiveness, hope and commitment. Good Friday worship service was held at Kearney First Christian Church. The theme for the evening was "By His Wounds, We are Healed." There was a good turnout from both churches for this joint service. The worship team at Kearney Christian led us in praise worship with keyboard, drums and guitar. Pastor Mitchell welcomed everyone and opened us in prayer. Old Friends Trio sang two special songs - "Wonderful Merciful Savior" and "The Greatest of all Miracles." Dan Paige did two scriptural readings: Mark 15:1-15 and Mark 15:16-39. Pastor Art shared a message from Isaiah 53. This prophecy, which reads like a first hand account, was written 700 years before the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Of all the prophecies about Jesus, Isaiah is the only one who calls Him "a man of sorrows." He captures in great detail the reason why Christ died on the cross for us. God inspired Isaiah to write every word of this passage. Verse 3 of Isaiah 53, tells us that Jesus was acquainted with grief. Read John 7:5 and John chapter 11. Jesus never faltered or failed despite being rejected, despised by others and treated cruelly. All of us have faced rejection but never to the magnitude that Jesus did. Those times that we walk outside of what we are called to do - that's rejection of Christ. Good Friday is a reminder that not only did Jesus esteem us but he knew our grief and sorrow as well as our pain. Jesus also knows exactly what it means and feels like to be tempted. He knew we needed a savior. Jesus was made sin for us. He was our substitute. Read II Corinthians 5:21 and I Peter 3:18. Isaiah 53:1-5 is all about Christ. Verse 6 is about us as sheep. Read Psalm 23:1-3. Sheep are not very smart. Like them we turn our own way filled with selfishness. It is all about me! This day sets us apart from all other religions. Good Friday is good for us because Jesus died for our salvation. That's why we do communion to remember. Good Friday is good because we celebrate an empty tomb on Sunday morning. We celebrate the resurrection!

Shoebox for children 2-12. Collections bins in the foyer along with gift ideas suggestions.

5. 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>Twenty men showed up for "Bible, Breakfast &amp; Bull" hosted by JC Claypool. "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the fourth Saturday of April (Apr 26). 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>"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you will, not might, abound in hope...by the power of the Holy Spirit... may you experience today an overflowing, excessive, abundance of confidence, joyful, expectation with absolute conviction that our God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above what we've asked or imagined. May you have hope in such abundance, that it would overflow out and through you to your family, friends, church, co-workers, and community...as you pour out to the God of hope and are filled! In the precious name of Jesus, we pray"</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b></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;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>BYLAW CHANGE</b></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;"><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>



#### 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.



#### 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

Penny Webster reported that Bob Baker is doing very well after his brain surgery and can be removed from the prayer list. Praising God for his healing touch in this situation. Praise the Lord, Rick Holman's brother in law Jerry Markley had a successful 5 - bypass heart surgery this past Thursday. He'll recover in ICU for a few days. Thank you for lifting him in your prayers! Barbara Blubaugh gave several prayer updates. Her friend Cathy Smith is doing well and can be removed from the prayer list. Barbara Blubaugh had a procedure done last Thursday and is doing very well. She thanked everyone for their prayers. Her nephew Tim Shelton did not have to stay in the hospital following his fall at home. He had no swelling in the brain or broken bones from the fall. He is resting at home. Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!

## COMING IN APRIL AND MAY

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 11 - Congregational Meeting  
May 14 - Baccalaureate  
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 23- 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, Apr 23 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, Apr 24 - 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 25 - 9:00 am - Church shuttle departing from church parking lot for field trip to St Joseph.
- Saturday, Apr 26 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am on the fourth Saturday of April (Apr 26). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, Apr 27 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, Apr 27 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, Apr 27 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, Apr 27 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet at the church

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