

# ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 28 TO MAY 4, 2025



## MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

4/28 - Luke 24:13-27 "What Road Are You On?" Read II Timothy 4:2, Romans 10:9 and I Corinthians 2:14.

4/29 - Luke 24:28-32 "Eyes Open to Know Christ." Read I Corinthians 2:6-16, Luke 9:16, Isaiah 64, Romans 12:2 and John 8:12.

4/30 - Luke 24:32-35 "Importance of Church." Read Matthew 18:20.

5/1 - Luke 24:36-43 "Peace From Jesus." Read John 14:27.

5/2 - Luke 24:44-49 "Unveiling the Scriptures." Read Acts 1:7 and I Corinthians 2:13-15.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Coming of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-13

Elder Tim O'Dell filled the pulpit for Pastor Art this week. He gave a sermon entitled "Coming of the Holy Spirit," based on Acts 2:1-13. First he reviewed the 40 days after the resurrection, which includes Peter's restoration in the ministry, various appearances and teachings including giving the great commission prior to his ascension. Post resurrection, day 50 is Pentecost, where we celebrate the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is also the church's birthday. Read Leviticus 23 to understand the various feasts the Lord instructed His people (Jews) to celebrate. The first being Passover, where God delivers His people from bondage in Egypt. We celebrate the Passover because Jesus delivers His people (us) from the bondage of sin. The second was the Festival of First Fruits, where the first fruits of harvest are offered to God. Jesus arose on Sunday and is the first fruit. The next festival is the Festival of weeks or Pentecost because it is 50 days after the First Fruit Festival. The purpose is to bring the first fruit of the second harvest to God. Jesus brings another fruit to His church by giving them the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures tell us that Christ's followers were fully in one accord and in one place (exact number unknown). Because Jesus had walked and talked with them for 40 days post resurrection, they were not afraid. They were together in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Weeks. They broke bread and drank wine in remembrance of Jesus just as he had

## 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, poparts, etc).
3. Social team meeting on Wednesday at 5:00 pm before Bible study.
4. Church board meeting is Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. If you have questions about the bylaw change to be voted on at this Sunday's congregational meeting, this is your

## CELEBRATIONS

Orrick High School Band went to state competition. Jeffrey Singleton received a gold rating for his performance. Congratulations, Jeffrey! Eve Tompkins received a graduation gift from the church as she will be graduating from Norborne High School next weekend. She plans to attend UCM and get a fine arts degree in illustration.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 40:9-10

commanded. John 20:19-23 reminds us that Jesus had already breathed the Holy Spirit on his disciples. This passage from Acts 2:2-4, is an eyewitness account. It is a powerful gift from God, a gift full of power through the Holy Spirit. The town of Jerusalem is packed because they have returned for the Festival of Weeks. The sound of a big gust of wind draws everyone's attention.





There are moments in your life when the Holy Spirit gets cranked up. God does a powerful thing in your life. Don't quench the Holy Spirit. Submit and allow the Holy Spirit to drive. Verses 9-11 tells us why they spoke in tongues. There were Jews from throughout the known world. Possibly Simon of Cyrene, who carried the cross for Jesus, was not hearing God's Word in his own language. The closest example that we can envision is the UN. When they are assembled and someone speaks, everyone hears the speaker's words in their own language due to interpreters. The Holy Spirit enabled the interpretations heard in this passage in Acts. No matter how you talk or speak, God uses the Holy Spirit in you to reach others.

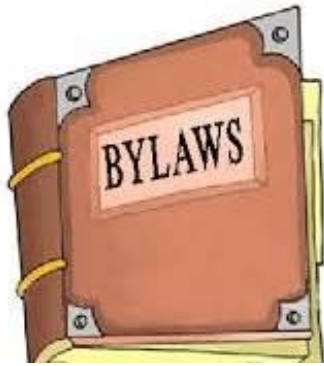
People were drawn to these disciples. Non-believers don't understand. We use our light to draw others in. Yet, verse 13 states that some won't respond. The third book of the Bible reveals that Pentecost has been celebrated through the centuries. How does this apply to us? We never know when God is going to call on us. We must prepare. The way to do that is to be in the Word of God for when the Holy Spirit gets cranked up in our life. Preparation happens several ways: small group study; Bible studies; youth groups; doctrinal study. The more of God's Word that you have in your heart, the more it comes out of your mouth through sharing your testimony. Develop a close and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ each and every day. After all, the church is the bride of Jesus. Praising God for Elder Tim O'Dell and his clear understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit in a Christ follower's life!

opportunity to ask questions. If you have another item you would like to discuss, contact Tim O'Dell to get your item placed on the meeting

agenda. Church board meetings are open to all but only elected board members can vote.

5. "Fellowship on the Farm" will be Saturday, May 10 at 6:00 am. This men's fellowship gathering is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
6. Church camp registrations have started. See Drew & Katie Gill about getting paperwork completed. Church pays for the camps from the Sweetheart Dessert Auction fundraiser.
7. Missions Team is asking that you check out post Mother's Day sales for gift items for the Kids' Christmas store (adult gifts). Collections bins in the foyer along with gift ideas suggestions.

	<div data-bbox="911 107 1190 138" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="591 147 1507 270" data-label="Text"> <p>Three men from OCC attended "Christ, Coffee &amp; Campfire" in Higginsville, MO this past Saturday. Second Saturday of May, "Fellowship on the Farm" will be hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO at 6:00 am. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p> </div>
	<div data-bbox="610 312 1507 378" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE FOR 2025 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="803 388 1320 1365" data-label="Text"> <p><i>"God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. You have caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; therefore, we hope in what we do not see. This world is not our home or reality, but the Lord is our Rock, our Truth, our certainty. God of hope, we pour out our praise and are filled with Your powerful presence. We pour out repentance of sin and are filled with forgiveness and righteousness. We pour out pain from the attacks of the enemy—anxiousness, fear, anger—and You fill us with courage, assurance, and love. We pour out our needs, the desires of our hearts, and are filled with Your Kingdom provision and purpose. We pour out our hearts for our nation, for the people and places, relationships and responsibilities the Lord has established: the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Arts, Entertainment, Media, and Government. May all who live, serve, and steward in these be filled with Your purpose, wisdom, strength, and truth. Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. In abounding hope, anchored by our hope in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!"</i></p> </div>
	<div data-bbox="951 1407 1149 1438" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>MOVIE NIGHT</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="591 1444 1445 1507" data-label="Text"> <p>Two men enjoyed the repeat movie of "The Time Traveler." Stay tuned for the next movie night brought to you by the OCC Social Team.</p> </div>
	<div data-bbox="790 1585 1313 1617" data-label="Section-Header"> <h3>PRAYING FOR ISRAEL NIGHT AND DAY</h3> </div> <div data-bbox="591 1623 1529 1900" data-label="Text"> <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. Thank you in advance for your prayerful intercession for Israel.</p> </div>



#### BYLAW CHANGE

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).

Voting will take place Sunday, May 11 by secret ballot from 8:00 am until noon. Voting is limited to those holding church membership.







#### MOTHER'S DAY

For Mother's Day, I want to share a poem that was written by a prayer partner in the Moms In Prayer ministry. It was written by Chris Bridge and is entitled "The Praying Mom."

I have a mother who prays for me  
 With a heart of love on bended knee.  
 She lifts my hopes and my fears  
 Knowing her words, God will hear.  
 I have a mother who kneels to pray  
 For all my needs every day.  
 She prays for wisdom and that I'll be blessed  
 Then smiles and knows, God does the rest.  
 I have a mother who folds her hands  
 And prays I'll follow God's commands.  
 It doesn't matter night or day  
 She loves me! And so she prays.  
 When times are tough  
 Or things get rough.  
 Over big things and small  
 She prays for them all.  
 She prays her thanks on sunny days  
 With a heart of joy and a song of praise.  
 For answered prayers from a day ago.  
 God is good, the blessings flow!  
 I have a mother who closes her eyes  
 And sometimes softly lets out a sigh.  
 Then with love, she prays I'll get caught  
 When a valuable lesson I need to be taught.  
 I have a mother who bows her head  
 When I'm running along or sleeping in bed.  
 She places her hand upon my head  
 And her most important prayer is said.  
 Oh God, let my children believe and grow  
 That You they will love  
 And Your will they would know.



	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THURSDAY, MAY 1</b></p> <p>Last Sunday, National Day of Prayer bookmarks were handed out. If you did not get one, there are still some available. The theme this year was "Pour out to the God of Hope and Be Filled," based on Romans 15:13. The bookmark highlights the seven areas of prayer for our country with appropriate scriptural intercession. Twelve members of OCC attended the 15th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the Elms Hotel &amp; Spa in Excelsior Springs. The keynote speaker was Pastor Jon C Nelson of Soma Community Church of Jefferson City, MO, who gave an impassioned plea for prayer based on Ephesians chapter 3. Several members met at the church for a prayer session to pray for our country, national elected and appointed leaders, state leaders, county and city officials. At noon, Pastor Art, Elder Phil Boude and Elder Perry Langdon participated in a prayer event held in the rotunda of the Ray County Courthouse in Richmond with 5 OCC members in attendance. That evening several more members of the church met to pray once again for our country and leadership at the national, state, county and local levels. It is not too late to watch the national broadcast of the National Day of Prayer from the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASHES TO BEAUTY WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER WEEKEND</b></p> <p>Ashes to Beauty weekend is designed for every women 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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN</b></p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:pray4occ@gmail.com">pray4occ@gmail.com</a>. 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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUND TABLE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>The following is the criteria for receiving funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a member and an active participant in the church life of the Orrick Christian Church.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPEN HOUSE INVITATION</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEVELOPING KIDS – GHANA UPDATE</b></p> <p>It has begun! Our first load of chippings has been delivered to the school site to begin construction. We have to do some road work first so that big trucks can access our road and not get stuck.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANSWERED PRAYER</b></p> <p>Lorna Kester continues to improve after her fall. She may be going to rehab later this week. Ella Phillips gave an update on Alex Wrisinger is improving following his treatment for burns. His skin grafts are doing well. He may be transferred to rehab soon. Praising God for his healing touch in Alex's life and body. Shannon Cope shared some great news that Magdna Allen has been cancer free for two years and can be removed from our prayer list. They are deeply appreciative of the prayer support that has been given. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!</p>

## COMING IN MAY

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, May 7 - 5:00 pm - Social team meeting in fellowship hall.
- Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend
- Thursday, May 8 - 4:00 am - **Praying Day & Night for Israel** prayer vigil begins
- Thursday, May 8 - 6:00 pm - Church Board meeting in the fellowship hall.
- Thursday, May 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, May 9 - 4:00 am - **Praying Day & Night for Israel** prayer vigil ends
- Saturday, May 10 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO the second Saturday of May (May 10). All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, May 11 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- Sunday, May 11 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, May 11 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, May 11 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Doctrine Bible Study Group at the church with Phil Boude (childcare provided)
- Sunday, May 11 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Youth groups meet

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