

ORRICK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 12 TO MAY 18, 2025



MORNING TIME ON THE PORCH

5/12 - John 2:1-12 "Miracle Monday - Jesus' First Miracle: Wedding Wine to God's Glory." Read Isaiah 25; Amos 9; Proverbs 3:9-10; John 14:6 and II Corinthians 4:5-6.

5/13 - John 21:15-17 "Restoration of Peter." Read Jeremiah 29:13-14.

5/14 - I Corinthians 2:1-5 "Witnessing."

5/15 - None - FB technical issues.

5/16 - Proverbs 22:6 "Training Children." Read I Timothy 3:16 and Matthew 5:14-16.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Psalm 143:1-3

SPECIAL READING

Bob Griffin read the verses of a song about Peter, which dealt with his restoration. Thank you, Bob, for sharing this song and the powerful message it delivers.

SERMON SUMMARY

The Just Shall Live By Faith – Romans 1:16-17

Pastor Art returned to the pulpit with a sermon entitled "The Just Shall Live by Faith," based on Romans 1:16-17. He expressed his deep appreciation to the elders who filled the pulpit and lightened his load the past three weeks. Then he talked about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our church. Then he talked about some of the gimmicks that others are doing to attract people. The Bible is clear about what the church should be doing, specifically the importance of preaching in the church body. We don't need gimmicks to introduce people to Jesus, just God's Word! Jesus is the gospel. The truth will set you free (John 8:32). Read Hebrews 10:26.

Some people get distracted by tracking time spent with God. That's not a relationship but a more machine-like approach. Read Romans 10:9-10. It is important to get back to the basics: 1) give our hearts to Him; 2) studying God's Word; and 3) yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit. Read II Timothy 4:1-5. Unfortunately, the focus today in many churches is on acceptance but not the total truth. Love and acceptance is important. But Judgement is part of the Bible. Actions speak louder than words. Read John 3:16. The truth can be offensive because it is not politically correct.

Simply preach the truth and allow God to do the rest. Read Acts 2:14. The message is to anyone who will hear. First though, you need to prepare yourself to listen. Focus. Peter uses his knowledge of the

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. "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 May. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
3. Church camp registrations have started. See Drew & Katie Gill about getting paperwork completed. Church pays for the camps from the Sweetheart Dessert Auction fundraiser. Deadline is June 8!

CELEBRATION

Pastor Art recognized another graduating senior from the OCC church family. Kynlee Lopez was called to the pulpit to receive a graduation gift. She, too, started her education here

WELCOME

In the second worship service, we were privileged to see Barb Hull come forward to be a part of this church. After she reaffirmed her faith publicly, we welcome her into our church family. Please extend the right hand of fellowship to her.

scriptures in this first sermon by bringing the message from the Old Testament that points directly at Jesus. The preaching comes directly from the Word of God. Acts 2:37-38, he stresses repent and turn away from sin. We aren't perfect yet we serve a perfect savior. Praising God for a pastor that speaks the truth and is not afraid to preach a message directly from God's Word!

at the OCC preschool and graduated in the 2025 class at Richmond. Her plans are to attend cosmetology school in Warrensburg. Congratulations to another graduating senior!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sixteen men came together for "Breakfast, Bible & Bull" on Saturday, May 17 at JC Claypool's place. "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 May. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PRAYER FROM NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE (PSALM 145:4)

"Lord, You are the God Who Sees – You see every person in every season of life, and You call all ages and generations to join together as one body, the Church, with Christ Jesus at the head, worshipping and serving You for all of our days. We praise You, Lord, for the ways that National Day of Prayer demonstrated how You are moving among our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. You are drawing them to Yourself, and raising them up to boldly proclaim the Gospel and Your glory. We pray that the work that You are doing in the younger generations would continue unhindered, and we ask that You keep revealing ways for the generations to pray, worship, and serve You together in unity. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GLORY STORY

While many 14- and 15-year-olds would normally spend their lunch period chatting about upcoming tests, worrying about homework assignments, or catching up on text messages, 61 ninth graders in Ada, Oklahoma took time out of their lunch period to participate in the National Day of Prayer. They didn't just talk about prayer or listen to an adult teach on prayer – they ran right into the presence of God in prayer themselves!


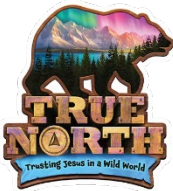



Ada Junior High ninth grader Levi Graves began the gathering by praying over the entire group of students assembled in the gymnasium, and then directed the students to break into smaller groups of 10 or less to pray on different topics of interest and need. These students lifted up their friends and peers, their school, churches in the community, and many other areas in prayer, pouring out to the God of hope and trusting that He would fill every need in each area.

This National Day of Prayer gathering was a new expression in a movement of God that these students have been experiencing in recent months. Last year as eighth graders, Levi Graves and two of his friends, Jake and Carson, felt the Lord leading them to start a weekly Bible Club during their lunch period. It quickly grew from averaging 30 students to 50 students each week! Levi and his friends don't have a gimmick or special incentive to get their peers to join them – the young men simply take turns giving a devotion and sharing the Gospel while they eat lunch together.

This year in 9th grade, the Tuesday Bible Club meetings have continued to grow in number and in power, averaging 60 to 70 students joining each week. Before the National Day of Prayer, the Bible Club saw six students respond to the Gospel and pray to receive Christ as their Savior!

Leading up to the 2025 National Day of Prayer, Levi and the Bible Club leaders encouraged their peers to join the special prayer gathering by word of

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| | <p>mouth and handed out flyers to remind everyone of the different meeting day. Their prayer gathering was a time to respond to God in their growing faith journeys, applying all they had learned in their devotions to glorify God and increase their hope in Him by pouring out the desires of their hearts: to see God bring salvations and transformation to their school and city. These students are already seeing God answer their prayers, just as the theme verse says, they are being, <i>"filled with all joy and peace in believing!"</i> We praise God for raising up young leaders and evangelists!</p> |
| <p>You're Invited to a</p>  | <p>BBQ FOR MISSIONS</p> <p>Mark your calendar now for a special dinner opportunity on Sunday, June 8 to support our Missions Team. Elder Martin Griffin will be grilling dinner for everyone. Freewill donation to offset the costs of the meal. There will also be a competition between all the different teams of the church as they prepare silent auction baskets. Join us for a great time of table fellowship and fun plus get a chance to support the ongoing Mission work of our church.</p> |
|   | <p>BACCALAUREATE</p> <p>Orrick Christian Church hosted a dinner for Orrick High School seniors just before Baccalaureate service. Nineteen out of the 35 graduating seniors attended. At Baccalaureate the welcome was given by Pastor Jacob of the Baptist Church. He read a call to worship from Psalm 148:1-8 and led with an opening prayer. Pastor Annette of the Assembly of God Church prayed a blessing over the seniors specifically citing Proverbs 3:5-6. Pastor Art delivered a message from John 2:1-11 to the class of 2025. Five of those present started their education by attending preschool at OCC. Pastor Art reminded the seniors that Orrick as a community, specifically the churches stand with you. He shared scripture from Proverbs 3:5-6 and Amos 9:13-15. Then he asked the seniors to imagine that they were part of the miracle at the wedding either as servants, water pots or guests. He emphasized the importance of integrity. The servants showed integrity. The pots served a specific purpose yet were used for something unusual. The wedding guests benefited from God's blessing. Additional scriptures to guide you in life are Romans 8:28, John 1:1 and Romans 12:1.</p> |
|  | <p>ASHES TO BEAUTY WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER WEEKEND</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> |

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">VETERANS SERVICE PROJECT</p> <p>Each year our church supports a veterans project. The collection period covers six weeks beginning with Armed Forces Day (May 17) and ending on the Fourth of July. This year we will once again be supporting the veterans of Valor Ranch. Here is what they have asked us to collect: towel sets and queen size sheet sets. Each veteran who stays at Valor Ranch will be assigned a color. That color will be reflected in the linens that are used by the veteran. When the veteran moves away from Valor Ranch, he/she will take the sheets and towels with them for setting up their new place. Also, we will collect any money you wish to donate. Right now they need funds to cover the expense of fencing the entire property. A fence company has offered to build the fences as their company wide service project but will not donate the actual fencing materials. So they need about \$1500 to cover fence supplies. Unfortunately, Valor Ranch has some hostile neighbors so a good strong fence is very important. If you want to make a monetary donation, please see Mike or Barbara Britt or Linda Marmoy.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">VBS – “TRUE NORTH”</p> <p>Maddy Bennett announced that VBS at OCC will be the week of June 23-27. There is a QR code on the church bulletin boards. Accessing the QR code allows you to volunteer to help with VBS or to sign up a child participant. Need more information, contact Maddy Bennett at (816) 590-7466.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH WEBSITE</p> <p>Have you checked out the church website lately? There's all kinds of information available at https://www.orrickchristianchurch.com/. You can find our church newsletter listed there under the OCC tab. You can order OCC Kingdom coffee. Save the date for our upcoming 2025 Tent Revival. Take a moment to check it out.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">SHINE OF KC</p> <p>SHINE of KC is a Christian youth drama program that puts on a production every semester. The Spring 2025 production is Disney Newsies Junior musical based on the 1899 newsboys of New York City and is the story of their strike. Production is Thursday, May 22nd and Friday, May 23rd at Harmony Vineyard Church (located at North Oak and I-29). Tickets are \$8 at the door and the doors open at 6:30 pm. Children 3 and under are free. Personally, I'm not real big on dramatic presentations but I have found that these productions are very moving. It is pretty powerful when a first grader stands on stage quoting scripture and elementary/middle school age children lead the opening prayer. Looking for something new to do - check it out!</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">ANSWERED PRAYER</p> <p>Linda Marmoy shared that her daughter-in-law, Tiffany, surgery went well. The family so appreciated the prayers on her behalf. Karla Waters shared that they are excited to travel to see Maddie Klippenstein graduate from the Naval Academy. She will be commissioned later after medical clearance due to a back surgery earlier this spring. Congratulations, to another graduate! Congratulations also to Ty Griffin as he received another promotion. Please continue to lift the individuals on our prayer list and send updates. Your prayers do make a difference!</p> |

COMING IN MAY & JUNE

May 25 - Tribute to the Fallen
May 30-June 1 - Ashes to Beauty
June 8 - Missions BBQ Fundraiser
June 9 - WOW
June 13-15 - Grid Iron Conference
June 22 - Baby Shower for Kristin Wilson
June 23-27 - VBS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tune in for "Morning Time on the Porch with Pastor Art" each weekday on facebook or youtube.
- Tuesday, May 20 - 7:00 pm - **Pray for Ray County** gathering in the rotunda of the courthouse in Richmond. Prayer meeting is open to all.
- Wednesday, May 21 - 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study with Tim O'Dell.
- Wednesday, May 21 - 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study with Deanne Townsend.
- Thursday, May 22 - 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 24 - 6:00 am - "Fellowship on the Farm" is hosted by Drew Gill at the Farm shop, 8804 Wollard Blvd, Richmond, MO. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, May 25 - Tribute to the Fallen
- Sunday, May 25 - 8:15 am - Traditional worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5).
- Sunday, May 25 - 9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages.
- Sunday, May 25 - 10:45 am - Contemporary worship service. Nursery available (birth to 5)

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