



ORTEGA
CHURCH



OCTOBER 2024
THE SPIRE

Ortega Church Celebrates Missions and Outreach in October

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. - Romans 12:6-8

Join Ortega Church for Worship in the month of October as we celebrate the love of Christ in and through our missional outreach to the city and the world.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6:
World Communion Sunday
and Rise Against Hunger**

9:30 – 10:15
Rise Against Hunger
Session I
(Prepare 5,000 meals)

10:30 – 11:30
World Communion
Sunday Worship

11:30 – 12:15
Rise Against Hunger
Session II
(Prepare 5,000 meals)



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13:
Residing Hope
Children's Home**

In the Bible, the word hope is not a wish or desire, hope is the confident expectation of God's promises in the strength of God's faithfulness. **Rev. Brian Carr** shares the morning message of Residing Hope's unwavering commitment to serve children and families throughout Florida with compassion and faith.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20:
Iglesia Metodista
de Placetas, Cuba**

Our Missions Team is excited to update the Ortega Church family about the remarkable work of our Sister Church and our next **Mission Trip to Iglesia Metodista de Placetas, Cuba planned for early February 2025.** **NOTE:** For more info about the 2025 Mission Trip to Cuba, contact Cuba Coordinator John Newsom at rugbyfc@yahoo.com.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27:
Rick Arnold, Missionary
to Senegal, West Africa**

Rick Arnold has been a friend to and supported by the **Men Alive!** ministry at Ortega Church for many years. Rick brings the morning message sharing this creative outreach to West Africa in a mission that is "*Driven by Love to Reach Senegal for Christ.*"



SAVE THE DATE:

The Men Alive! Ministry will host a Fish Fry October 27 immediately following Sunday Morning Worship at 11:30am. Join us for great food and great fellowship!

Connecting to Our Community, Growing in Christ, Serving the World.
Ortega Church Mission Statement



Who Am I that You Should Love Me?

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? – Psalm 8:3-4

Our Staff:

Rev. Art McClellan
Pastor
ArtMcClellan@ortegachurch.org

Liz Holmes
Administrative/Financial
Coordinator
Liz@ortegachurch.org

Grace Hambrick
Director of Ministry
Grace@ortegachurch.org

Melissa Millican
Director of Recreational Ministry
& Ortega Youth
Melissa@ortegachurch.org

Shannon Jennings
Director of Children's Ministry
Shannon@ortegachurch.org

Nora Cash-Davie
Director of Communications
Nora@ortegachurch.org

Scott Coleman
Director of Contemporary Music
Scott@ortegachurch.org

Charlie Mann
Organist/Pianist
Charlie@ortegachurch.org

Casey Sharp
Ortega Playschool
Director of Education
ortegaplayschool@gmail.com

Abby Steedley
Ortega Playschool Director of
Finance & Communication
ortegaplayschool@gmail.com

Jonathan Jennings
Audio Visual
jonj@ortegachurch.org

Wyatt Cleland
Maintenance Coordinator

Alison Shriner
Hospitality/Housekeeping

We've been experiencing grey, cloud-covered, stormy skies for days, for weeks! I was beginning to wonder if we should have made the Ark placed on the church playground more seaworthy! There were, however, some moments over the last few weeks when I have gone out at night to find a crystal-clear, star-lit night sky. There the words of Psalm 8 washed over me, and I asked, I prayed, "Who am I, Lord, that You should care for me?"

We just wrapped up our September Worship Series where we used the acrostic "I WILL" to explore God's interest and our church's initiatives to Invite, Welcome, Incorporate, Learn and Love. The Lord God of the universe has acquiesced to be revealed to us in creation, in Scripture, and in Jesus Christ, through the presence and the power of God's own Holy Spirit.

When we take moments to think of all this – under a star-lit night's sky or any other time and place along our journey of faith, these are the heightened moments of awareness when the Spirit of God calls to the human spirit to move deeper, wider, higher to acknowledge the Lord God's interest beyond some distant benevolent Being who is satisfied when we manage to fit God into our otherwise busy and event-filled lives in some small way.

"Surrendering our lives" to God is the language of our Bible. Surrendering to God is at the heart of people who live more fully into God's amazing invitation and welcome to be incorporated into God's mighty and boundless acts of salvation along a journey of faith with its endless learning opportunities to live in and to live out the limitless love of God. And from there we are encouraged to take **the next step** of being found even more fully in the presence of God.

Theologian R.C. Sproul shares, "We are never suitably touched and impressed with a conviction of our insignificance, until we have contrasted ourselves with the majesty of God." Perhaps this is the place where we should always begin our next step on our journey of faith – allowing ourselves to be suitably touched and humbly impressed with the conviction of our own insignificance by the majesty of God. The Lord God of the universe – who so wants to impress upon your mind and your heart that God is relentlessly in love with you.

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. – Psalms 8:1

FINANCES

Year-To-Date Report
AUGUST 31, 2024

Revenue and Expenses

**Actual
Revenue:
\$611,573**

**Actual
Expenses:
\$574,774**

Thank you for your financial support of the ministries of Ortega Church!

Reflecting on Finances

Thank You for Giving! Each week in Worship we take the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate any number of certain ministries that literally would not take place in the life of our church or outreach into community except for the fact of our financial gifts. We don't do the work of the church without them.

The Revenues and Expenses Year-to-Date snapshot is based on anticipated annual giving from pledged gifts and consistent contributions, and correspondingly, the anticipated expenditures for the fiscal year January through December.

Each month our Leadership Team reviews the detailed financial reports of the church. For more detailed information regarding the church annual budget, please contact us at financeoffice@ortegachurch.org.

Call or email the Church Office with questions or concerns: 389-5556 x118 or financeoffice@ortegachurch.org.

ORTEGA LIFE CENTER



Melissa Millican
Director of Recreational
Ministry & Ortega Youth
Melissa@ortegachurch.org

JOIN A FITNESS CLASS

M W F

Morning Fit- 7:00am

M W F

Circuit Fitness - 8:00am

M W

Circuit Fitness (Silver) - 9:00am

TUES, SAT

Yoga- 6:00pm/9:00am

TUES

Chair Yoga- 9:00am

THURS

Gentle Restore Yoga- 6:00pm

[ORTEGASPORTS.COM](http://www.ortegasports.com)



**ADULT
Volleyball**
Coming in November!

www.ortegasports.com

www.ortegasports.com

ADULT MINISTRIES



Connect | Grow | Serve



Grace Hambrick
Director of Ministry
Grace@ortegachurch.org

Current Weekly Class Offerings:

Open Door Class (Room 4 - Education Building)
Sundays at 9:30am

Renovate Class (Parlor) Sundays at 9:30am

Bible Believers (Room 7 - Education Building)
Sundays at 9:30am

Rediscovery Class (Parlor) Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Men's Bible Study (Room 4) Wednesdays at 7:00pm,
(Parlor) Thursday mornings at 6:45am

Womens Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Mondays at 1:00pm;
(Parlor) Mondays at 1:00pm - began September 9.

Women's Prayer Group Thursdays at 10:30 AM
October 3, 17, 31; Meets every other Thursday at 10:30am
in the Education Building.

Life Groups



If you're interested in joining a Life Group
contact the church office at 389-5556.

Monday Evening Life Group

Held the 1st and 3rd Mondays - October 7, 21 (through April).
Led by Tom and Gretchen Lynch. Contact Gretchen for info
and location: t-lynch@comcast.net

Tuesday Evening Life Group

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00pm (October 1 & 15).
Led by Lee and Susan Norville, meeting in their home.

Parents on the Run Life Group

Meets from 5:30-7:30 the first Sunday of every month. Child Care
Provided at the Church; October 13 in the home of Karen and
Scott Coleman, November 10 in the home of Lydia and Tim
Snyder. December 8 in the home of Lauren and Jason Purdy.

www.rightnowmedia.org

Suggested for October



Check out our Ortega Church Channel
under the library section of Rightnow Media.

Explore the studies we hope you will enjoy!

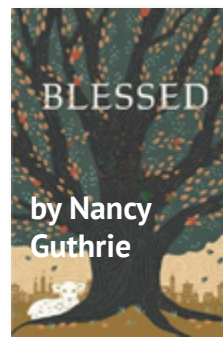
Jesus in the Secular World

In the *Jesus in the Secular World* small group study,
Ben Pierce combines vivid illustrations from years of
front-line ministry with practical Biblical principles
for how we can reach the secular world.

This 8-part series is designed to give you an in-depth
understanding of the secular mindset, inspire personal revival,
and equip you with practical next steps to engage the secular
world with the powerful Gospel message relevantly.

Don't have a login?

Contact the church office for this free
service and we will help you sign up.



Womens Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Mondays at 1:00pm - Began 9/9

In this book, Guthrie shows how
Revelation is less about when Jesus
will return and more about who we
are to be, what we are to do, and
what we can expect to endure as we
wait for Jesus to return to establish
his kingdom in the new creation.

Life is Hard
God is Good
Let's Dance



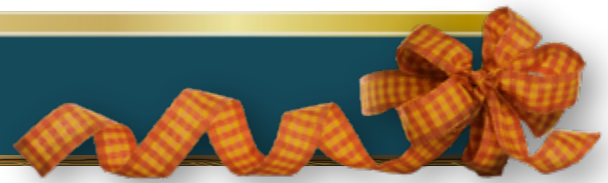
Brant Hansen

Womens Bible Study (Parlor)
Mondays at 1:00pm - Began 9/9

Small group-centered around Bible
study & Christian teachings.

"Life is Hard, God is Good, Let's Dance"
is a fun book about important Christian
teachings (5-6 week study). Come join
us. All are welcome!

ADULT MINISTRIES



PRAYERS & PRAISES



How Can We Pray For You?

We invite you to share prayer requests by calling the church office, 389-5556 x118, sending an email to prayer@ortegachurch.org, or completing the prayer request form at www.ortegachurch.org.

Would you like to join our Prayer Ministry Team?
Contact prayer@ortegachurch.org

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Reserve your Special Sunday.

The Cost is \$90.



Ortega Methodist Women

The Ortega Methodist Women's Board will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00am in the Parlor.

The Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, October 8 and go to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1924 North Laura Street. We will car pool from our church leaving promptly at 9:30am. You are asked to bring canned goods (pop top), dry goods, or paper goods for their church pantry. Margie Fox will be our hostess.

The Ruth-Elisabeth Circle will meet Monday, October 14 at 11:00am in the Parlor.

We will be working in the Pumpkin Patch in October. Please call Gail Atchley at 904-616-2223 to sign up.



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



CHO Social Fundraiser
October 10, 2024
6:30PM

Ortega Church's Missions Partner Community Health Outreach is hosting an evening Social with live music, dining, and auction items in their annual fundraiser to support CHO's Healing Hands Clinic, Lord's Pantry, and Baby Luv Center, each serving persons with limited incomes.



For more information and tickets to attend, scan the QR Code or contact CHO at www.chojax.org/social



Saturday
October 12
9:00am - 12noon

MCV

Save the Date :
Methodist Children's
Village WORKDAY

Projects include: general grounds clean up, leveling sand in play area, and assembling toys for the playground. To volunteer, or for more information, contact the Church Office at 904.389.5556

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Shannon Jennings
Director of
Children's Ministry
Shannon@ortegachurch.org

NURSERY

6 weeks - 4 years (Prek4)
10:15 - 11:45; Room 19

KID'S CHURCH

10:30: Worship in Sanctuary with Family
10:45: Dismissal to Kid's Church in the Education Building

PK 3 AND PK 4
NURSERY
(corner door to
left of flag pole)

K - 1ST
ROOM 2
(1st room on left
in Ed. Building)

2ND-3RD
ROOM 3
(2nd room on left
in Ed. Building)

4TH -5TH
ROOM 8
(1st room on right,
upstairs, Ed. Building)

K-5th Pick up in Education Building

What's Happening

FALL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

AT ORTEGA CHURCH

Bring a blanket and a few
of your favorite people,
and meet us in the Patch!

OCTOBER 25, 2024
6:00PM-8:00PM

Movie, Food Truck, Games



ORTEGA KIDS CHOIR

Held Every Wednesday
4:30pm-5:30pm
Room 3 in the
Education Building



SHANNON@ORTEGACHURCH.ORG

YOUTH MINISTRY



Melissa Millican
 Director of Recreational
 Ministry & Ortega Youth
Melissa@ortegachurch.org



OrtegaChurch.org



ortegayouth



Ignite Youth

SUNDAY MORNINGS

OCTOBER 6

**The Glaze &
 Youth Service**
 10AM
 Youth Room

OCTOBER 13

**The Glaze &
 Youth Service**
 10AM
 Youth Room

OCTOBER 20

**The Glaze &
 Youth Service**
 10AM
 Youth Room

OCTOBER 27

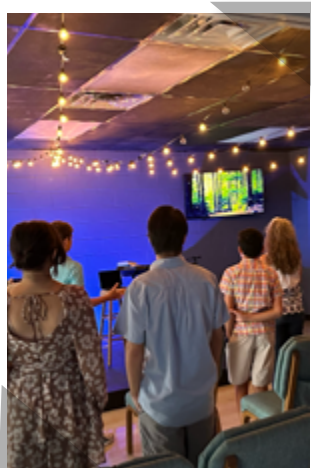
**The Glaze &
 Youth Service**
 10AM
 Youth Room

SUNDAY NIGHTS



OCTOBER 13

Enfuego
 5:30PM - 7:30PM
 Fellowship Hall



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

OCTOBER 2

The Mix
 6:45PM - 8:00PM
 Youth Room



OCTOBER 9

The Mix
 6:45PM - 8:00PM
 Youth Room

OCTOBER 16

The Mix
 6:45PM - 8:00PM
 Youth Room

OCTOBER 23

The Mix
 6:45PM - 8:00PM
 Youth Room

OCTOBER 30

The Mix
 6:45PM - 8:00PM
 Youth Room



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 19

Patch Unloading
 9:00AM - in the Patch
 All Youth Parents are
 expected to participate.

FALL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

AT ORTEGA CHURCH

Bring a blanket and a few
 of your favorite people,
 and meet us in the Patch!

OCTOBER 25, 2024

6:00PM-8:00PM

Movie, Food Truck, Games

MEMBER NEWS



**Each generation should tell their
 children about God's mighty acts.
 Psalm 145:4**

On Sunday, September 8 Ortega Church presented Bibles to our Second Grade Students. Present to receive were (L to R): Emma James Nichols, Anna Grace Thivierge, Eliza Dodd, Geroage Martin, IV, and Joby Jennings!

OCTOBER 2024



4807 Roosevelt Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Church Office: 904-389-5556
Playschool: 904-387-0749

Email: communications@ortegachurch.org
www.ortegachurch.org

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Jacksonville, FL
PERMIT NO.
1928

Ortega Pumpkin Patch

32 Years

THE 32ND ANNUAL *Ortega Pumpkin Patch* IS HERE!



This is our 32nd year of providing a pumpkin patch to our wonderful community! The Pumpkin Patch is also our biggest fundraiser, and the profits we make from the patch go entirely to the Ortega Youth Ministry. We look forward to seeing your families picking out pumpkins, and for our great volunteers to sign up at the link below!

To volunteer in the patch, sign up at www.tinyurl.com/OrtegaPatch2024 or scan the QR Code.



If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Jennings, shannon@ortegachurch.org.