



ORTEGA
CHURCH

JUNE 2025
THE SPIRE



PENTECOST

The Waiting is Over

Ortega Church's "A Journey to Pentecost" Worship Series shared the path of Jesus' disciples as they and the church today pray and prepare for the promise of the Holy Spirit. The miracle of Pentecost is not just about signs and wonders – it is about God empowering Christ's Church for mission. The Spirit that came at Pentecost is the same Spirit that empowers Christ's followers and Christ's Church today, calling us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Join Ortega Church on Sunday, June 8 as we celebrate The Power of Pentecost.

Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day Worship – Ortega Church will honor Dads with a special Father's Day worship focus and a Lemonade Reception in the Courtyard sponsored by Ortega Methodist Women following worship.

Sunday, June 22 – Rev. Dan Casselberry will bring the message to our morning worship. Dan and his bride Cherrie led and served Ortega Church from 2004-2014. Since retirement, Dan continues to be found in the pulpit on Sunday morning with several local congregations, and we are excited to welcome Dan to Ortega Church once again!

MEGA SPORTS CAMP

Vacation Bible School - **JUNE 23-26**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Sign up at www.OrtegaSports.com

See Page 6 for More Information

(registration closes June 16)



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



PASTOR'S POST by Rev. Art McClellan

On Our Journey Toward Pentecost

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In Acts chapter 1, Jesus tells his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Following Jesus' ascension into heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem and to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. They all met together and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer as they wait for the Pentecost event. From the moment the Holy Spirit is poured over and into them, the expanding nature of the mission Jesus calls them begins:

Jerusalem – Their immediate community – where they are and where they are most comfortable, surrounded by people who speak the same language, and who share the same culture.

Judea – Still familiar territory but now the beginning of carrying the message more outwardly, including places and people where we may be less comfortable or even challenged in our faith.

Samaria – Representing the cultural and religious divide the disciples have to overcome. These are places and people whom Jesus's followers would rather not be, but are called to serve anyway.

The Ends of the Earth – This is the global call to reach all nations,

every tribe and tongue, taking these disciples well beyond their familiar surroundings, past their borders and comfort to places they could not even imagine.

The mission of Jesus' Great Commission is always ever-expanding. It starts where we are but doesn't stay there. It grows, it stretches, it moves to carry the *Good News* to every corner of the world. Here's a question for us: How big is your world?

A Note from Grace Hambrick

Dear Ortega Church –

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunities and experiences I had at Ortega Church. You guys have been instrumental in my career within the Global Methodist Church, as well as the plan God has for my family here in Jacksonville.

At the close of my maternity leave, I was asked to step in as the Interim Pastor at Calvary Methodist Church in the absence of my husband by the Florida Conference of the GMC. Following his return, I will be serving in Calvary's ministry in a part time status.

Thank you again for the support and guidance you have provided me during my time at Ortega Church. My family and I truly appreciate it. I wish the church continued growth and success.

Grace Hambrick

FINANCES

Year-To-Date
APRIL 30, 2025

Revenue and Expenses

Actual

Revenue:
\$268,735

Actual

Expenses:
\$293,117

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

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

The Restoration and Renewal of the Sanctuary Narthex

Special Gifts Campaign and Matching Gift Opportunity

The Leadership of Ortega Methodist Church has approved a limited funding campaign for the renovation of the Narthex entry to the Ortega Church Sanctuary. A matching gift incentive allows your gift to be doubled in value.

Please contact Liz Holmes in the church office at 904/389.5556, x118 for a Campaign Giving Brochure, or use the QR Code to the right access our Online Giving. Please ensure your online gift is designated "Narthex Renewal Campaign." Thank you!

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ORTEGA LIFE CENTER



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OLC SUMMER CAMPS

SAVE THE DATE



16-19 JUNE, 2025
BASKETBALL CAMP



23-26 JUNE, 2025
MEGA SPORTS CAMP



7-10 JULY, 2025
VOLLEYBALL CAMP



Visit Our Website
ortegasports.com



Wiffleball League

BEGINS JUNE 9

Registrations going on now.

Please check Ortegasports.com for
our summer pickleball and fitness
schedule as times are different due
to Summer Camp programming.

WWW.ORTEGASPORTS.COM

ADULT MINISTRIES

Connect | Grow | Serve

For more information on weekly class offerings and Life Groups contact the Church Office at
904-389-5556

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

Mens Bible Study (Room 4) Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Men Alive! Bible Study (Parlor)
Thursday mornings at 6:45am

Womens Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & Parlor)
Mondays at 1:00pm

Women's Prayer Group Thursdays at 10:30 AM
June 12 & 26; Meets every other Thursday at 10:30am in the Education Building.

Life Groups

Doing Life Together

Life Groups will
Resume in the Fall.

Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
Mondays at 1:00pm. Current Series - The Book of James

In Thrive, author and teacher Jen Cowart helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive whatever their circumstances. Leading readers through the book of James, a letter written about enduring hardships, she lifts up six characteristics of mature Christians. From endurance and humility to the controlling the words we speak, Jen helps participants find the divine and the practical in living faithfully.

Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Mondays at 1:00pm.
*Will return in the Fall on September 8.



www.rightnowmedia.org



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

Explore the studies we hope you will enjoy!

It Starts at Home with Gary Thomas

Who is shaping what your kids believe?

In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring, and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most?

Our children can grow up smart, athletic, popular, and polite but lack a vibrant relationship with Christ. The few hours they spend in church each week can be helpful, but it cannot nurture a faith in our kids that will withstand the trials that are on the horizon. Church alone cannot teach them, we must start at home. But many parents feel ill-equipped to develop the faith of their children.

In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents—couples, single parents, blended families, and grandparents—can build a legacy of faith for their children.

Each Bible study session includes interviews with everyday parents talking about their own doubts, fears, and desires. Gary Thomas, Matt Chandler, and Kurt and Olivia Bruner provide powerful teaching that will help you give your kids what they need to build a solid framework for lifelong faith.

Don't have a login?

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

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?



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Reserve your Special Sunday. The Cost is \$90.



Ortega Methodist Women

We will not be meeting during June, July, or August.
Don't forget our Little Church Pantry during the summer - bring your items to the Church Office.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SERVE

Phillip Bancroft

The next time you have the opportunity, embarrass the humble Phil Bancroft by sharing our appreciation as our June Spotlight Volunteer. Phil wears so many hats! As a member of the Leadership Team, Phil currently serves as Chair of the Trustees, as well as our near-daily liaison between the church and contractors for the Narthex Renewal project. Phil is also known as a pretty good maintenance man – taking on many fix-it projects and tackling maintenance issues all over our Church Campus.

Phil also serves as a volunteer youth leader, taking time on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings and other special events as he chaperones activities, provides travel, takes lead roles to help coordinate service days and youth mission projects.

Phil encourages and supports our Ortega Life Center outreach ministry. Recently, Phil encouraged the addition of the OLC vending machine, which he shares time each week to maintain inventory and stock the vending machine which is soon anticipated to bring proceeds to benefit the program ministry of the OLC.

Phil is certainly a valuable asset to our church, and we are most grateful for his upbeat attitude and faithful service! Did we mention...Phil is a volunteer?!



Recent Star Wars Night
and Youth Service Project

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Shannon Jennings
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Ortega Kids
ortegachurch.org/ortega-kids

Save the Date



JUNE 23-26, REGISTER NOW!

MEGA SPORTS CAMP!

Registration Closes June 16

SIGN UP AT WWW.ORTEGASPORTS.COM

At Mega Sports Camp we will play different sports and games each day with VBS (Vacation Bible School) elements such as Bible Story, Snack, Crafts and Opening and Closing Bible Story messages.

Sports camp runs Monday-Thursday from 9am until Noon for rising PreK - 5th grade.

Campers will be taught fundamental movements of a variety of sports - sports included (but not limited to) soccer, basketball, volleyball, wiffleball, pickleball, kickball, etc. All camp activities take place at the Ortega Life Center.

Campers will also have a huddle time where we share biblical principles and encourage them to pursue a life with Jesus.

It will be a MEGA Fun Time!



Sunday School Teachers Needed

If you would be interested in sharing your gifts by teaching just once a month, contact Shannon@ortegachurch.org or visit the QR Code below for June - August. to sign up.



(Scan or Click Online)

KID'S CHURCH: 10:30: Sanctuary with Family | **10:45:** Dismissal to Kid's Church in the Ed. 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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Melissa Millican
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Check out the Summer
Youth Calendar for more
upcoming events in July.

Sunday Mornings



10:00am - 11:30am

June 01
June 08
June 15
June 22
June 29

Summer Kickoff

June 1
5:30-7:30pm
Lazer Tag/Tacos
Fellowship Hall

June 4
Jumbo Shrimp Game

June 11
Escape Game
Town Center
Lunch

June 18
Game Night

Volunteer

June 23-26
For Mega
Sports Camp
(VBS)

June 25
Volunteer Lunch

July 14-18
Mark Your Calendars
for the Youth
Mission Trip

July 30 - Aug 3
Youth Week

MEMBER NEWS

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Garland Lee Rosborough, Baptized in worship on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Proud Parents are Addison and Paul Rosborough.



Sacrament of Infant Baptism

James Thomas Lynch, Baptized in worship on Sunday, May 11, 2025. Proud Parents are Kelly and Emmett Lynch.



JUNE 2025



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ORTEGA PLAYSCHOOL | Family Picnic and Family Chapel



OPS School Year Comes to a Close with Faith, Family and Feasts

The Ortega Playschool recently hosted their popular Family Picnic and Closing Chapel as the 2024-25 School Year comes to a close. Guest found shade under the tree-lined edges of the courtyard and pop-up canopies to enjoy a Chick Fil-A lunch with family and friends. The Closing Chapel shares the joyful sound of each class singing the songs they learned during the school year. *"This is the day that the Lord has made . . . let us rejoice!"*