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SOMEONE PAID THE PRICE

Of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence, five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes, from Rhode Island to Charleston, sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy, or burned. Two lost their sons in the army. One had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six died in the war, from its hardships or from its bullets. These were not poor men, or wild-eyed pirates. They were men of means, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in their personal lives. Not hungry men, but prosperous men, wealthy landowners, substantially secure in their prosperity, and respected in their communities. DeMoss, Nancy Leigh, Ed. THE REBIRTH OF AMERICA. USA: Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation, 1986.

“Posterity; you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”

John Quincy Adams

With privilege comes responsibility. Many people signed the Declaration of Independence and gave their lives for it just because of their signature; it was considered treason.

I do not know how many more gave their lives in the war to make this country independent from all others but it was astronomical. And since that time it has taken hundreds of thousands more men and women fighting to retain our freedom and to share that freedom with other people from oppressive regimes. Yes, a great nation; a great republic. And it still is.

However, too many people want the privilege without the responsibility. Too many people want all the perks in modern society without taking responsibility for earning all these “rights” as they are called. There is much more that could be said about the degeneracy of America but I will not belabor that point.

The point I wish to make is, our freedom as a nation is good but it is only a secondary freedom. Our primary freedom comes from the God who created the universe and all it contains. And, like our national freedom, our spiritual freedom cost Someone everything at their disposal. It cost Jesus Christ, the Son of God, His very life. He gave His life so we could be free from the penalty of sin; we were slaves to sin and could not set ourselves free. He became our sin so we could become His righteousness.

In John 8:31-32 Jesus said, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The above statement is God’s Emancipation Proclamation written and signed with the Blood of the Lamb of God. All who believe in Jesus’ atonement for their sin come under that Proclamation and it is free! Not one man, woman or child had to fight for that freedom.

However, there is a responsibility that comes with that great privilege and too many Christians forget that fact. Our

responsibility is to read the Bible, pray, and join in corporate worship with other believers so we become more like Jesus Christ.

In John 15:7-8 Jesus said, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-25).

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this” (John 11:25-26)?

Jesus Christ paid the price so you could believe.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

July Birthdays:

2nd Derek Sullivan
Gary House
7th Katie Kundrata
9th RoseMary Mintz
12th Amber Bartel
Chevelle Hicks
15th Carolyn House
17th Jim Rayburn
21st Sue Rayburn
25th Eileen Young

Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for July is:
9 oz. juice cups



July Anniversaries:

26th Chap & Jan Fabry
30th Skip & Kathy Scroger



July Greeters:

2nd Gary & Carolyn House
9th Gary & Carolyn House
16th Gary & Carolyn House
23rd Gary & Carolyn House
30th Gary & Carolyn House

6-14-17 TRUSTEE MEETING

In attendance: Ralph Olney, John Curtis, Tom Ingraham, Gary House, Sandy Strassenburgh, Pastor Jim Richardson, Marilyn Kundra

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, a motion was made by Sandy to approve, Gary seconded, approved.

Ralph presented the Treasurer's Report. The Endowment fund is up, all line items are on or below budget. The Chicken BBQ raised over \$1,500. (Thanks for all your hard work Sandy!) No investment changes are recommended, although Ralph suggested transferring \$4,000 from investment income to the Capital Fund, to protect our investment from market fluctuation and in anticipation of steeple repairs and back door replacement which will cost approximately \$3,000. Gary made a motion to approve the transfer, Sandy seconded.

Ralph researched phone options and found that if we changed to a business phone we could save \$480 per year. Sandy made a motion to approve the change, Gary seconded.

Gary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Sandy seconded, approved.

The Rummage Sale will be held June 23rd and 24th. John Curtis will install the air conditioners.

Partyka's asked if they could use the wagon. It was suggested that we let them keep it with the stipulation that we can use it for the CURE picnic. Gary made a motion to approve, Sandy seconded.

The CURE picnic will be September 23rd.

Two cherry trees in the yard will need to be replaced.

The Curtis' donated a gas grill for the church's use.

Tops donated a \$25 gift card. It was decided to give it to Brad Miller for the use of the youth group.

Sandy expanded advertising to include the Suburban News. She put in an ad for the rummage sale in both the Hamlin Herald and Suburban News.

Next meeting will be July 12, 2017 at 7pm

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 pm.



In and Around the Community

Chap and Jan Fabry announced that they hosted a fourth wedding at their carriage house. What a beautiful location for a wedding!

The Cook's friend, Sandy Prevost, had surgery in early June to remove cancerous cells from her arm.

Penny Gibson's brother, Harry, recently suffered a heart attack. Please keep him in your prayers.

Luann Henry's 81-year-old mother recently had a knee replacement. We pray for a speedy recovery!

Marilynn Kundrata's brother-in-law underwent surgery in early June due to prostate cancer.

Please remember the Jenks family in your prayers. Abbi and MacKenzie Jenks lost their grandfather, Oliver Jenks (79), to cancer on June 3rd. A memorial service was held on June 10th with full military honors. The funeral service for his brother, John Jenks, who passed away earlier this year, was held the previous week.

Congratulations to newly wed Andrew and Natalie Cook! Their Godly wedding was a beautiful tribute to their love for each other. They had a wonderful honeymoon trip to the Adirondacks and NYC. We're happy to have you both back!

Thank you to everyone who donated items and their time to our annual Rummage Sale. Our profit was \$670!

Brad Miller and the Youth Group expressed their thanks to the congregation and members who have gone above and beyond to help. The Youth Group has an exciting summer of events planned. They will be going on a canoeing trip in late July in Bath, NY at the Christian Camping Service. They're also hoping to plan a trip to Darien Lakes Theme Park.

Congratulations to all of our high school students who passed their Regents exams! Hard work truly pays off.

Please keep the family of Gino Valle and Brightly Farms in your prayers. Gino, 19, was killed in a tragic farming accident on June 15th.

John and Tammy Cook celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Congrats!

A friend of Ann Bartel, Scott's grandson, Leo, was born two months prematurely. However, he's doing very well! In addition, please keep Ann's friend Janine in your prayers. She has two children under four and is pregnant with her third.

Congratulations to Dale and Lisa Rowley who both finished their last week of work in June! We hope you enjoy your retirement!

We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Fred Conradt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Kevin & Joyce Foley, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph & Bev Olney, Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Pastor Jim, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band

The Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band will be playing every Wednesday in July at 7:00 PM at the Gazebo in Hilton. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some great music!





Kendall Fireman's Carnival

The Kendall Carnival will be held July 6th-8th. There will be a several events each day. For more information, go to www.kendallfire.com

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be at Kendall Concordia Lutheran Church this summer. It will be the week of July 10th-14th from 8:45-12:15.



Kendall Community Worship Service

The Kendall Community Worship Service will be on Sunday, August 20th at 10:30. The service will be held at the Kendall Gazebo.

ATTENTION!

Volunteer's Needed!

We continue to need people to sign up to make coffee and cookies for **coffee hour** after church. Sign-up sheets are in McQueen Hall. We also need volunteers to be **greeters** (see Lizzie Pearson or Pam Dutton) and **lay readers** (see Pastor Jim).



Church Email Address

The church email address (mortonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com) is now being utilized as the source for the electronic monthly newsletter, prayer chain, and emergency closing information.

Sunday School

The calendar for the elementary Sunday school program teachers is posted in MacQueen Hall! If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see Brad Miller or Dan Cater.



Recorded Messages

The church services are recorded every Sunday and now can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud

<https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthurchermons>).



Kitchen

The medium-sized coffee pot has been missing for some time from the kitchen. If anyone has borrowed or knows of someone who has borrowed the coffee

pot, the information would be greatly appreciated. Thanks! (In addition, thank you to Fred Conradt for donating a coffee pot to use in its place.)

Love animals?

Hospice of Orleans needs volunteers to help care for pets whose owners have advanced illness. Help is needed to provide assistance with pet care and pet exercise two hours a week.

Call 585-589-0809 for more information or stop by the Hospice office at 14080 Rd. 31 West in Albion.

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"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." - Galatians 5:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday	3	4 Independence Day	5 Bible Study @ 12:00	6 Kendall Fireman's Carnival	7 Kendall Fireman's Carnival	8 Kendall Fireman's Carnival
9 VBS	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 VBS Bible Study @ 12 Trustee Meeting @ 7:00	13 VBS	14 VBS	15
16	17	18	19 Bible Study @ 12:00	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Bible Study @ 12:00	27	28	29
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