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LOOKING BACK TO SEE FORWARD

“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers’ eggs and weave the spider’s web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they have not known, and there is no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace” (Isaiah 59:1-8).

The above Scripture was written sometime during the eighth century before the birth of Jesus Christ. It is God’s evaluation of

Israel at that time. It is also a good assessment of the overall culture in the USA. Of course, not everyone is like that but when a certain percentage falls under God's scrutiny, it is a societal thing rather than an individual problem.

I am certain that many people will disagree with what I am setting forth as truth, and they are just as certainly free to do so as I am free to write this essay.

When we look at all the controversy and expressions of ill-will toward the two top presidential candidates, and between them, many people have wondered how they got there in the first place.

On the other hand, we have people who protest injustice by rioting in the streets; people shedding blood of those who are innocent to even the score because someone else was killed; calling for justice by burning cars and buildings and looting businesses that had nothing to do with their claims of injustice; political law makers and heads of corporations caught up in scandalous corruption, so it isn't poverty that causes crime; and a justice system that is dysfunctional from the highest to the lowest courts; the moral climate is utterly depraved; and where does one stop?

So again the question is, how did these people get there? They got there by the people's demands because they are a cross-section of American society. They are more noticeable than the rest of society only because they are in the public eye. If for some reason they suddenly lost the power to vie for the presidency they would fade back into society and disappear.

The antidote for all this poison is for the people to turn to the God who created mankind for His own good pleasure. We need

a great awakening in our nation. The great awakening and revival must come from within our churches, not society.

“When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place” (2 Chronicles 7:13-15).

See, the Scriptures do not say anything about politicians or the general public, but it says, “My people.” “My people” means those of us who have decided to worship God in Spirit and in truth and obey His commandments from a loving and grateful heart. God is not hard to get along with; He is the One that makes the first move toward salvation and healing: “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword”; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 1:18-20).

Go to the polls and vote. And when you pray, pray for the moral fabric of this nation because that is where it is the weakest.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim



In and Around the Community

We were pleased to welcome Reverend Ernie Whalley and his wife Mary to our church on September 25th. As mentioned in the September newsletter, Reverend Ernie and MBC Rev. Kenneth Lee participated in a “minister exchange” several years ago. Rev. Ernie was kind enough to speak and present our church with a book about the Queen of England and her Lord.

Amanda, Jason, Frank, and Ehlaw, who were baptised in September, received their baptismal certificates and Bibles.

Congratulations to Lank and Audrey Dobbins for becoming great-grandparents for the 11th time! Adeline Marie was born Friday, September 23rd to Ryan and Alicia Polasek (and to grandparents Ann and Pat Polasek.

Please keep youth group member Kylie Davenport in your prayers. Kylie had passed out a couple times at the end of September. She was in the hospital for tests, which uncovered that she has been suffering from anxiety attacks and stress.

Dan Cater’s father, Kevin Foley underwent surgery to have a biopsy under his eye. The surgery required bone to be removed in order to reach the spot for biopsy. He was in much pain from the procedure. Some cancer cells were found, and it is more serious than previously thought. He will be beginning chemotherapy to battle the lymphoma.

Tammy Cook’s father, Walter Dodson, is doing very well after having a 6-way bypass heart surgery. He recently has his first outing, and drove to have dinner with them at their house. We thrilled to hear it!

Please keep Pastor Jim and Alice’s nephew, Dwayne Preset, in your prayers. He’s battling prostate cancer.

We’re happy to hear of the blessings for the Bartel family! Alexis Bartel has been seizure-free for a year, which has allowed her to start her first job, and Amber Bartel is doing very well in her new school placement.

The Cook family participated in the annual Care Net Walk for Life. Care Net was able to raise around \$7,300! How great!

Congratulations to Lizzie Pearson and John Cook for starting a new jobs!

The choir has dedicated a new music stand in honor of Eliza Ketchum, who was a past accompanist and died way too young.

Remember the Bliss family and friends in your prayers. Jim Bliss passed away on October 5th at the age of 82. His funeral service was held at our church on October 11th.

The youth group is continuing to expand! This comes with many joys, and also some growing pains.

Please keep Julia Ingraham in your prayers. She was walking down stairs into her basement and tripped and fell. She broke her right arm and will need surgery to correct. We hope you heal quickly!

Leelee Mewsbeck, who runs Village Optometry in Brockport, has been put in a medically induced coma. Please send prayers her way.

Pastor Jim’s brother-in-law, Joe Dennis, passed away in early October. He was married to Pastor’s sister Helen. Remember them in your prayers.

We’re saddened to hear that the Cook family’s rooster was killed by a dog. However, it’s nice to know that the dog’s owner came to compensate for the loss and gave his sincere apologies.

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped with this year's Harvest Supper, especially to Sandy Strassenburgh, Alice Richardson, and Kathy Scroger. There were 159 take-outs and 101 dine-ins, which total 260 dinners sold. This led to a \$1,224 profit. Thanks again for all your help!

Kathy Scroger has DVDs of Eleanor Reynold's 100th birthday celebration available for anyone who would like a copy.

Please pray for Tammy Cook's Aunt Wendy, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer for the third time.

Amanda Johncox has to undergo a 3-hour glucose test to check for gestational diabetes since her sugar levels are elevated. We hope all goes well!

Jason Johncox's father has another spot on his liver. They're unsure if it's cancerous yet.

It was wonderful to see Brad Miller's parents visiting from Pennsylvania and Joan Purvee's daughter visiting from Colorado.

Chap and Jan Fabry are hosting their annual Barn Dance on Saturday, October 29th. We can't wait to hear how it goes!

The revised church constitution has been voted in! Special thanks go out to Ralph Olney, the Constitution Committee, and everyone to helped.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kendall Food Cupboard

It's time again for the Fall Food Challenge for the Kendall Food Cupboard. If everyone could bring just one item, imagine the multiples we'll receive! Please bring the following items:

October 30th	Macaroni & Spaghetti Sauce
November 6th	Tuna Fish & Mac 'n Cheese
November 13th	Turkeys (any size) & Soup
November 20th	Peanut Butter & Jelly/Jam
November 27th	Ravioli & Brownie Mix
December 4th	Cereal & Mayonnaise



Fruit Sale

The Kendall FFA & Junior High students are selling fruit to help fund school trips. If you would like to purchase fruit, please see any 7th or 8th grade student or contact Kaitlyn Curtis at kcurtis@kendallschools.org or 659-2706 ext. 2203. The sale ends November 7th.

Children's Clothing Closet

There will be a free Children's Clothing Closet held on Tuesday, November 8th from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, November 19th from 9:00AM-12:00PM at Concordia Lutheran Church. Children's clothing for infants through age 18 will be available.



Kendall Community Band

The Kendall Community Band will be having a band concert on November 22nd at the Kendall Jr/Sr high school at 7pm for benefit of the Kendall Community Food Cupboard.

Kendall Tree Lighting

On Wednesday, December 7th, the Lions Club will be hosting a tree lighting celebration at the Kendall Gazebo at 7:00 PM. The Kendall Community Band and the Lawn Chair Ladies will be performing at the Kendall Fire Hall starting at 7:30 PM.



Life Ladies

The Life Ladies will meet at Cindy Curtis' house right after church on December 11th for their annual Christmas party. Please bring a snack to share!

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 Carol Duerr) and **lay readers** (see Pastor Jim).



Recorded Messages

The church services are recorded every Sunday and are now can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud (<https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthurchermons>).

Church Supplies

The church is in constant need of **paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, any size Ziplock bags, and trash bags (13-gal and 30-gal)**. If we all could contribute a little it would take the burden off those who are constantly purchasing these things for the church. These items go fast, and we all use them so if you're able, please contribute. If you'd like to contribute money for these items please see Bev Olney or Dan Cater. Thank you!



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. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please send your email address to the address above. Furthermore, if you have any information that you would like passed through the prayer chain or if you would like to be added to the prayer chain list, please contact the church email.

Can you help with bulk mailing, answer the phone or enter data?

Hospice of Orleans needs volunteers to help support our administrative operations. Call 585-589 – 0809 for more information or stop by the Hospice office at 14080 Rd. 31 West in Albion.

Hospice



November Birthdays:

- 2rd Haley Sullivan
- 13th Alexis Bartel
Beverly Olney
- 14th John Cook
- 27th Brad Miller
- 28th Andrew Cook
- 30th Tom Ingraham



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
November is:
Garbage Bags



November Anniversaries:

- 11th John & Cindy Curtis



November Greeters:

- 6th Skip & Kathy Scroger
- 13th Kayla & Lizzie Pearson
- 20th Todd Rath
- 27th Jason & Amanda Johncox

DESIRE

The desire of all ages; Messiah on the earth,
The desire of the soul; come to give new birth.
The keeper of my soul, the desire of my heart;
A great desire for Him, and never more to part.
Oft I have a desire, for that which should not be;
But He's my overwhelming desire and overpowers me.
Jesus Christ the only One; brings good gifts to men,
And His presence will remain, should all the giving end.
Much more wondrous than written above,
That gives my life a start;
The face that God has chosen me;
As the desire of HIS heart.

Pastor Jim

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." - 2 Corinthians 9:10

"I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have among other Gentiles." - Romans 1:13

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9

A fantasy is a possibility with all the negative consequences removed. The experience of a reality never reaches the magnitude of the fantasy that preceded the experience.

When rational people have dreams when sleeping, they do not pursue that dream as a reality for life. It is recognized as a dream and nothing more.

When people try to base their lives on fantasies, which are dreams while awake, it is because they are unwilling to face the facts of life as they have been presented to them.

Living life according to how it has been presented is living in reality even though we may wish things were different. To live with too strong of a desire, or wish, for better circumstances is to live life with an underlying dread of the future. If this is not acknowledged in word it will be acknowledged in deed.

The natural man lives in a world of fact mixed with fantasy, and because they do not know the truth they often mix the facts and fantasies together as they live life and plan for the future. This is found to be true in religion, politics, economics, earth science, chemical science, medical science and practice, and in social science whether local or global. The reason for this is because the natural man is trained or educated by other natural men and is therefore limited to what mankind can know, which at best is partial and at worst is false.

On the other hand, a Christian begins with a full recognition that since God has created all things nothing is a mystery to God. Therefore, if one begins with God, with the attitude of honoring God through discovery of His marvelous creation, man will not come to the end of himself because he did not start with himself. When mankind allows the Holy Spirit to be in charge, there will be no end of great discoveries. Pastor Jim

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"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." - Matthew 9:37-38

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion Sunday <i>(Tuna fish & mac and cheese)</i>	7	8 Election Day Children's Clothing Closet	9 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13 <i>(Turkeys & Soup)</i>	14	15	16 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	17	18	19 Children's Clothing Closet
20 <i>(Peanut butter & Jelly/Jam)</i>	21	22 Kendall Community Band Concert @ 7:00	23 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 Advent Begins <i>(Ravioli & Brownie mix)</i>	28	29	30 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30			

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The *wisdom* from ABOVE
is first PURE, then peaceable, *gentle,*
reasonable, full of mercy and GOOD FRUITS,
unwavering, WITHOUT hypocrisy.

James 3:17