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Morton Baptist Church

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Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

Adam and Eve had been living in a perfect environment, and then they disobeyed God. When they heard God coming they tried to hide from Him. Sin causes shame so people do not want to face God; they try to hide.

We are descendants of the first man, Adam, and so we have inherited his sin nature; if you think not then do not sin.

Anyway, God is still calling, "Adam, where are you!" Let me show you what I mean.

We live in the United States of America, which started out as a democratic republic. This was designed to be governed by the people for the people. We were to have freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom from oppression from government officials, freedom to travel, freedom of religion, the right to keep and bear firearms, the right to own property, free enterprise, and protection from invasion of enemy nations.

Since the founding of our nation we have had some hard times but overall, things have been very good for most people; to wit, we have housing with hot and cold running water, heat that is thermostatically controlled, refrigerators and freezers, riding

lawnmowers, snow removal equipment, good highways, good personal transportation, fresh fruit, vegetables and meat all year, plus all the frozen, canned and dried products in the supermarkets, an unimaginable array of clothing for any climate conditions; so many people have boats, we take long vacations on cruise ships, we can fly to just about anyplace in the world, and there are places of worship for anyone's choice. All of this and much, much more right here in the good old U. S. A!

God has blessed this nation like none other; we live very well indeed; except for the spiritual life of the nation. As you read the Bible and pray for enlightenment to the Scriptures you can still hear God calling, "Adam, (and Eve), where are you? I came to meet with you in church on Sunday, and you were somewhere else. I have given you a Bible in your native language and it is mostly ignored; unless tragedy strikes. Adam, can you hear Me? I love you more than you can possibly understand. Please, just a couple of hours a week? Adam; Adam, where are you?"

You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.
For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.
The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
Who knows the power of your anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.
So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:8-12).

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

TRUSTEE MEETING 10-11-17

In attendance: John Curtis, Tom Ingraham, Gary House, Sandy Strassenburgh, Tony Callari, Pastor Jim Richardson, Marilyn Kundrata

The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. A new refrigerator has been purchased. Gary and Carolyn House donated a coffee pot. Ralph and Bev Olney painted and updated the front bathroom. Chap Fabry contacted the flooring company and it was determined that the discoloration of the floor was due to the sealant on the parking lot. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes, Sandy seconded, approved.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. \$5,000 has been transferred to the Capital Fund. No other changes in investments are recommended. Gas and electric are slightly above budget; all other line items are on budget. Sandy made a motion to approve the report, Gary seconded, approved.

The Harvest Dinner will be held October 28th. Sandy put 3 ads in the Westside News and 2 in the Brockport Pennysaver. Sandy will purchase supplies.

Tom ordered pledge envelopes for 2018.

The proposed budget was reviewed. Property expenses such as insurance, building supplies, postage, electric and gas have increased as well as workman's comp, disability insurance and publicity. Proposed cuts include VBS, telephone and coffee hour. No salary increases were recommended. The proposed increase in budget would be \$1,376 or 1.9%. Tony made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Gary seconded.

The next meeting will be November 8th at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:50.

FREEDOM IN COMMUNITY

Freedom isn't won, without mortal strife,
We have been set free, because of
someone's life.
The sacrifice of life, is what made us free;
Someone shed their blood, to purchase
liberty.
Often we have fought, and taken our stand,
Counting not the cost, for our noble land.
How much greater freedom, our God has
won,

He has set us free, by sending us His Son.
When Jesus shed His blood, it was for you
and me;
If He had not died, we would not be free.
His blessings we receive, as we meet today,
The blessings that we miss, when we are
away.

Pastor Jim



November Birthdays:

2nd 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:
Paper Towels



November Anniversaries:

11th John & Cindy Curtis



November Greeters:

5th Tom & Julia Ingraham
12th Brad & Barb Miller
19th Nancy Walker
26th Todd Young

UPCOMING EVENTS



Fruit Sale

The Kendall 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.

Life Ladies

The Life Ladies will meet after church on November 19th to pack bags with Ann White for Sha's Factory. Please bring a dish to pass!





Shoebox Challenge

The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Challenge will run during the month of November. To participate in the challenge, first find a shoebox. Decide if you'd like to buy for a girl or boy and which age range (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14). Fill the box with a medium to large "wow" item (soccer ball, stuffed animal, etc.) and other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. You may also include a personal note and/or photo. Bring your filled shoebox to church by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you!

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 Directory

Please send digital photos to Tammy Cook of church events (chicken BBQ, CURE Picnic, Veteran's luncheon, etc.) to be included in the new church directory.

Church Pledges

To the congregation: It would be appreciated if you would take the time to fill out a pledge card for 2018. Either cut and fill out the one below or you will find a pledge card in your mailbox at church. Please put it in Tom Ingraham's mailbox or mail it to him (95 Hidden Creek Lane, Hamlin, NY, 14464) by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you!



MY PLEDGE TO MORTON BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 2_____

To carry on God's work, to make my Church available to others as it has been to me, to help maintain my Church's strength by keeping it financially strong. I promise, God helping me, to give its support during the coming year, as follows:

\$_____ for CURRENT EXPENSES

\$_____ TOTAL () weekly () monthly

Name: _____

Address: _____

In and Around the Community

Natalie Cook's mother, Betsy, had brain surgery in late September. The surgery went perfectly, however Betsy experienced some numbness in her face, which made it difficult to eat or talk.

Luann Henry's step-father, Wilbur (81), was in the hospital to repair a burst intestine. He is now home recovering.

Tom and Julia Ingraham's neighbor, Merton "Mac" McNeil (80), lost his battle with lung cancer on October 17th. Please keep the family and friends in your prayers.

<http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/734/Merton-McNeil/obituary.html#tribute-start>

A huge thank you to Ralph and Bev Olney for redoing the bathroom in the front of the church. It was a much-needed update, and it looks great!

Marilynn Kundrata's son, Mike, and his family have sold their home in Florida and are all back in New York. We're thrilled to have them back!

Luann Henry's friend, Terry, who has brittle bone disease, recently broke her arm. While at rehab in Albion, her hip popped out and back in. She's in a great deal of pain. Please keep her in your prayers.

Natalie Cook's cousin Max (22) passed away unexpectedly in late September. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Please remember Abbie Church in your prayers. Abbie, Brian Olney's wife Kerri's mother, was hit by a car while riding her bike on October 8th. She was airlifted to Strong Memorial Hospital and has since been moved to the head and trauma unit at Unity Hospital. She is stable and all internal bleeding has stopped. She still has severe swelling in the cranial area, which is causing issues. In addition, she is in a full back brace and will need the brace for at least another two months. Abbie is receiving physical and occupational therapy to regain both her speech and motor skills. Rehab will take many months and progress is slow. She is expected to get

better with time, but it is not clear yet if she will be back to 100%. As a retired ER nurse, Abbie understands what has happened to her and the extensive rehab she faces. The family appreciates your continued thoughts and prayers.

Please keep Michelle Piedmont and her family in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has been hospitalized. Michelle's two sons attend Kendall Jr/Sr High School.

Pam Dutton's sister, Carolyn, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. The cancer has spread and is now in her heart, kidneys, and liver. Please keep her, Pam, and the family in your prayers.

The annual Barn Dance at Chap and Jan Fabry's carriage house was a wonderful time! There were around 150 people participating in the dancing and fun. Thank you to Chap and Jan for hosting a terrific event!

Please keep the family of Nicholas Del Vecchio in your prayers. Nicholas passed away suddenly on October 18th at the age of 29. <http://fowlerfuneralhomeinc.com/tribute/details/736/Nicholas-Del-Vecchio/obituary.html#tribute-start>

The annual Care Net Walk for Life was another success! They were able to raise around \$7,800!

Julia Ingraham's cousin Mike lost his home in San Rosa, California due to the wildfires. Please keep him and all who lost the homes in your prayers.

Molly Richardson went to visit her sister Katie who is currently studying abroad in Singapore. We pray for a safe trip!

Congratulations to Luann Henry whose spiritual, romantic manuscript has been accepted by publishers!

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.

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"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." - Psalm 107:1

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion Sunday | 6 | 7 Election Day | 8 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 Trustee Meeting @ 7:30 | 9 | 10 | 11 Veteran's Day |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Life Ladies after church | 20 | 21 | 22 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 | 23 Thanksgiving Day | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 | 30 | | |

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Thanksgiving
 blessings  *Gatherings*
GRATEFUL *Family*
Give Thanks
Prayers  *Blessed* 

*Let us come before Him
with Thanksgiving*

Psalms 95:2