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Sunday Service: 10:30 AM
Bible Study: Wednesday at 12:00
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If Jesus Christ came today;

Would you be ready? Even with the best of intentions, time has a penchant for getting away; how we procrastinate! How quickly our youth fades and we begin to look like those we thought of as old. How quickly those who are of middle age are now the age of our children. Just last Sunday someone commented on the fact that there isn't much time from one Sunday to the next, which thing is true.

The reason it has come to mind that time flies is because we have started a Bible study on prophecy, which has to do with time; the telling forth of future history. One of the prophetic writings is from Isaiah 52:13-15; "Behold, My servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; so shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider."

All the Jewish religious leaders of Jesus' time knew the Scriptures. They spent hours each day studying and writing about the Scriptures and thought they had the answers to everything. They were certain they knew who the Messiah was

and when He would show up. However, when they asked Jesus for a sign to prove who He was, He said, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah” (Matthew 16:2-4).

Another good chapter to read concerning the coming Messiah is Isaiah 53, which clearly speaks of Jesus Christ.

What Jesus was telling those people, and us as well, is we are able to discern many things that have to do with the natural world and secular events but you have missed something that is far more important: Messiah is here and you do not recognize Him!

There are many signs around the world that *could* be an indication that Jesus Christ is coming again. It does not mean that He is coming right away, but are you ready if He should show up **right now?**

Jesus Christ will be coming back to get those who love Him enough to obey His commandments, and the first commandment is to receive Him as Savior and Lord. It is too late to prepare if He comes when you are not ready. Furthermore, Jesus Christ does not have to come in person for you to use up all of your days on earth. If we are young or old or somewhere in between, our lives can be over in one heartbeat. Read your Bible and see if your heartbeat is in tune with God’s pulse; it will give you rhythm for your future.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim.

TRUSTEE MEETING – 2-5-17

In attendance: Ralph Olney, John Curtis, Dale Rowley, Tony Callari, Tom Ingraham, Gary House, Sandy Strassenburgh, Marilynn Kundrata

Meeting opened at 1:00pm

John Curtis was nominated as Head Trustee. Sandy made a motion to accept, Tony seconded, approved.

Financial Report: the Endowment Fund has earned nearly \$2,800 this past month, all budget lines are on target. Sandy made a motion to accept the report, Tony seconded.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Emergency lighting and “fire extinguisher” signage needs to be installed before the Fire Marshall returns in March. Churchville Electric needs to inspect the generator, and maybe they would also install the lights. Tom will get the lights and signs.

Sandy will look into advertising for the church.

It was suggested that a combination of pies and kuchen be served at dinners.

Tony made a motion to accept the minutes, Gary seconded.

Jim Richardson will need scaffolding to get the balloon string off the fan in the sanctuary.

Sandy needs “ServSafe” certification for serving dinners.

Pam and Gary Ketchum were sent a thank you note for their \$200 donation.

Meeting was closed at 1:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

In and Around the Community

Please keep the Jenks family in your prayers. John Jenks (69) passed away on February 8th after battling various illnesses. There will be a graveside service held at Hillside Cemetery in Holley on May 31st at 11:00 AM with military honors. Mr. Jenks was a longtime neighbor of the Cook family and a great-uncle to Abby and MacKenzie Jenks.

We're thrilled to hear that Natalie, Andrew Cook's finance, received her certificate as a practical nurse. Congratulations!

Ralph and Bev Olney attended a conference for Biotech (a company close to finding a cure for cancer). Ralph had the opportunity to share his experience both the medicine and the spiritual. At the reception following, many listeners were intrigued more by the spiritual aspects than the medical. It's truly a blessing that Ralph and Bev are able to use their experience to share the wonders of God's love.

We are lucky to have several extremely talented teens that shared not only their musical gifts, but also their hard work and dedication at various events, such as All-County and the Kendall Dessert Cabaret. Terrific job to Lauren Miller, Kylie Davenport, MacKenzie Jenks, and Katarina Wlosinski!

Congratulations to Alycia Davenport for having the opportunity to attend a summer internship at Stanford Law School!

Please remember Kendall High School principal and Kendall native Carol D'Agostino in your thoughts and prayers. Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time. She had surgery on February 14th to remove the cancer and is now home recovering.

Marilynn Kundrata announced that her granddaughter, Lily, will be attending a mission trip with a middle school group. A huge thank you goes out to all who send donations to help fund this wonderful trip. (A letter written by Lily is included in this newsletter.)

Kendall High School junior, Peyton Walters, is also in need of our prayers. Sixteen-year-old Peyton was playing in a hockey game when he endured a serious head injury. Upon scans and tests, it was discovered that Peyton has a congenital left frontal arteriovenous malformation (AVM) in his brain. An AVM can lead to stroke, brain damage and even death. The Walters family is currently in Boston to look into possible treatment options.

Pastor Jim and Alice's niece, Susan, had a cancerous melanoma removed. We're happy to hear they were able to eradicate the cancer!

Congratulations to Dan Cater for receiving a promotion at work!

Previous Kendall resident Betty Erdman has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is currently in Hospice care. Please remember Better and her family in your prayers.

Kayla and Kelsey Mosher's grandmother has been diagnosed with liver and colon cancer. Please keep the girls and family in your prayers.

John and Cindy Curtis' grandson, Austin, had his tonsils and adenoids removed in mid-February. Austin had a rough recovery period, but is gradually regaining his strength and appetite.

Please keep Abby and MacKenzie Jenks' grandfather in your prayers. He has stage 4 lung cancer.

Please keep Pastor Jim and his family in your prayers. His brother Larry Richardson passed away on February 23rd.

An enormous happy birthday goes out to Edith Lehr who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 20th! We're thrilled to hear you're doing well.

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

March Birthdays:

12th Robert Kandrata
15th Maxine Wahl
18th James Henry
27th Belinda Henry
28th Marilynn Kandrata
Ethan Richardson
31st Jessica Kandrata



March Anniversaries:

3rd Dennis & Carol Duerr
22nd Lank & Audrey Dobbins

Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for March is:
9 oz. Plastic Cups

ATTENTION!



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/ortonaptisthurchermom>).

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) 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.

Kendall Food Cupboard

The Kendall Food Cupboard is collected money for the Easter Baskets. They would also like 5 hams from our church. Any donations can be given to Julia Ingraham.



Church Membership

We are in the process of updating our church membership records (birthdays, marriages, children, deaths, etc.). If you would like to check your current information or make and updates, please see Marilynn Kandrata.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School program is expanding to include a pre-school age class! If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please see Brad Miller or Dan Cater.



Hospice Flower Sale

It is time for the annual Hospice flower sale! If you would like to purchase flowers, please see Kathy Scroger.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kendall High School Musical

This year, Kendall High School will be performing "Once Upon a Mattress". The performances will be Friday, March 10th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 11th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.



Beef-on-Weck Dinner

Our annual Beef on Weck dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 25th**. Each dinner will be served with German potato salad, applesauce, and a chocolate chip cookie. We will be serving take-outs only from 4:00-6:00 PM. Tickets are \$9.00. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. For tickets, see Dave or Sandy Strassenburgh (585-659-2527) by March 20th.

Care Net Banquet

The annual Care Net Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 6th.



CURE Picnic

The CURE Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 17th this year. Mark your calendar!

Ice Cream for the Soul

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen."

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart." Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already."

Dear Family and Friends,

I am excited that God has given me the opportunity to go on a mission trip with a team from CrossLife Church Middle School Ministry. I'll be going with my Youth Pastor, Pastor Chris, and other middle school students and adults to Winston Salem, N. Carolina from March 18, 2017- March 25, 2017. We'll be serving the community and helping Redemption Hill Church, a brand new Church plant, make a positive impact on the community. We'll also be sharing our faith through evangelism and inviting as many people to church as we can. We are praying the Lord will do above and beyond what we can think or imagine in the lives of those we meet in Winston Salem!



We are responsible for developing a support team that will consist of encouragers, prayer supporters, and financial contributors who will help us meet the needs through prayer and/ or financial support. We desire that you would prayerfully consider being a part of our team. The total cost of the trip for me will be \$820, and the funds are due by March 7. You can be a part of our team by praying for us before and during the trip or contributing financially to help raise the funds needed. If you feel lead to contribute, all contributions will go directly toward helping and supporting God's work in Winston Salem. Please make all checks payable to CrossLife Church. You can mail the checks directly to us at the student ministry office so that all contributions can be credited to our account at the church.

I would greatly appreciate, above all else, that you would remember me and the Middle School team in your prayers. Please pray for our training in how to share our faith with others, our financial support so we can pay for our expenses and ministry supplies, and our safety and protection as we travel and share the gospel throughout the city. Our main objective on this trip will be to spread the good news of God's love for us and the sacrifice He so freely gave, through his son, Jesus. We hope that hundreds of people will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Please pray that God will open doors! We serve an awesome God, and we are trusting in His faithfulness. Thank you for being such an important part of what God is going to do and may God bless you and your family.

Serving Him,

Lily Kundrata

----- Tear and include in return envelope

Mission Trip Support For (Middle School Winston-Salem Mission Trip)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting the team for their upcoming mission trip. Your prayer and financial support is a vital part of making this ministry possible. Please note that all of the contributions will be used for the participant you designate except in two instances: 1) The designated participant withdraws from the trip. 2) The designated participant receives more than their needed amount. In case of either exception, your contribution will support the overall expenses of this mission team.

++If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donna Moore at CrossLife Church -- (407) 365-3484

I would like to help **Lily Kundrata** participate in the upcoming mission trip to North Carolina in the following way:

____ I will pray for you and your family and the Winston-Salem mission team as you raise support, prepare for the trip and while you are in Winston-Salem.

____ I will financially support Lily Kundrata and the MS team with a gift of \$_____ By: Cash _____ Check _____ Online Contribution _____

Online Contributions can be made at: www.crosslifechurch.com/kids-students/middle-school

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please make all checks payable to: CrossLife Church of Oviedo. Write the mission trip name (Middle School Winston-Salem Mission Trip) on the Memo line - but not the name of team member you are supporting. All contribution are tax deductible. Return this form and the donation to the participant directly or mail to:

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Life Solutions of Hamlin, Inc. Food Pantry



Potato/Buttermilk Pancake Dinner
Tuesday February 28, 2017
Serving 5:00 PM till 6:30 PM
St. John Lutheran Church
1107 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin



Your free will contribution goes to benefit the neediest in our community.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	2	3	4
5 Communion Sunday	6	7	8 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	9	10 Kendall HS Musical @ 7PM	11 Kendall HS Musical @ 2PM & 7PM
12 Daylight Savings Begins	13	14	15 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 Trustee Meeting @ 7:30	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	23	24	25 Beef-on-Weck Dinner @ 4-7
26	27	28	29 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	30	31	

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