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“WILL YOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN, THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU” (PSALM 85:6)?

What is revival? Revival is breathing life back into something that is nearly dead; if someone is drowning, or in respiratory arrest or someone is in cardiac arrest, and they get the proper, immediate attention, they may revive and lead a normal life from then on. If attention is not given soon enough they will certainly die an early death.

We have certainly heard enough good and bad press about our nation's leadership, but since we are going to address revival we are not going to begin with government as the government has nothing to do with the spiritual development of Christians.

Should we begin with the churches? And what is the church? Where we are, this place is called Morton Baptist Church. But in fact the people are the church. If the church burned to the ground and all the people came

together on Sunday and worshipped God in the parking lot, that would be Morton Baptist Church. It is not the physical plant; that is, the building. You can rebuild but you cannot revive the building.

The church is an ecclesiastical organism. We are the living, breathing, worshipping body of Jesus Christ here on earth. This is where revival begins. However... do not expect revival to begin with someone else in the congregation. I need revival; as you read this essay, say out loud, "I need revival." We, as individual believers in Jesus Christ need revival. How can we tell?

Psalm 51:12-13 says, "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You."

If anyone has lost the joy of the salvation God has provided they need revival.

If anyone is not teaching other people God's ways, they need revival.

As we reflect on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and the very high cost of our salvation, we should have the attitude of the prophet Habakkuk; "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation"

“The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills” (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’”

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:31-39).

Understanding and living in the light of the Scriptures will put us in alignment for spiritual revival if we seek God with our whole heart that we may rejoice in Him.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

4-12-17 TRUSTEE MEETING

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

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:30 pm.

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

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Year to date, the Endowment fund has earned \$5,057. All accounts are on budget. April is a 5-paycheck month, which will negatively affect the checking account balance. Sandy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tony seconded, approved.

Churchville Electric did maintenance on the generator and installed emergency lighting; the bill was \$540.

Ralph returned the kitchen faucet and Dan installed the new faucet.

Jim Richardson was contacted regarding the repair of the steeple. His quote was for \$1,625 plus the cost of a lift. Tony contacted a company that can provide the lift. Jim will not be able to do the work until June, but that will not be an issue, as the steeple is not leaking.

There was flooding in the basement. Tom replaced one sump pump and purchased a spare. It was agreed to replace all the sump pumps. Diane & Wendell Grimm cleaned the basement after the flood. It was agreed to purchase a gift card in appreciation of their hard work.

Sandy contacted Westside about advertising. For \$500 a year they will put in a weekly ad for the church and will publicize events such as the Chicken BBQ, Rummage Sale, VBS, Harvest Dinner and Beef on Weck. It was agreed to try it for a year.

The next meeting will be May 10th at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:55 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicken BBQ

The annual Chicken BBQ and Baked Food Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20th. We will be serving dine-in and take-outs from 4:00-7:00. Sign-up sheets are located in MacQueen Hall for those who would like to help. Kathy Scroger has tickets available to sell.



ATTENTION!

Church Directory

We're moving forward with our church directory! Traci Purvee (Joan's daughter-in-law) has agreed to take pictures for us at no cost. We've selected two photo dates: Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, May 7th directly following the services in MacQueen Hall. Anyone wishing to have their photos included in the directory should plan to be there on one of those two dates. If you would prefer to not have your picture taken, you can opt out. It is not mandatory that you have your picture taken in order to be included in the directory. The cost to purchase a directory will be \$10.00. Anyone wishing to purchase separate photo packages may do so directly through Traci. She will have order forms with her the day of the photo shoots.



In addition to photos, we'd like to include contact information for church members. Please send me anything you want to be included such as home addresses, email addresses, home phone numbers and cell phone numbers. You can send this information to me either by email jtcook5@rochester.rr.com, home phone 659-9996 or call or text my cell phone 690-3552.

Once I've compiled the information, I'll be asking each member to confirm their specific contact details before we go to print. Hopefully this will alleviate any errors. Please see me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Tammy Cook

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

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.



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/ortonbaptisthurchermons>).



In and Around the Community

The Care Net banquet in April was an inspirational night. The speaker, Ryan Bomberger, was excellent and provided an uplifting message of how all life is precious (he was conceived by rape and was adopted). He is now a musician and artist.

Kate Ingraham turned 40 last month! Happy birthday, Kate! We were thrilled to celebrate with you!

Alexis Bartel has been seizure-free for 2 years! She purchased her first vehicle and is scheduled to take her road test.

Please keep, Jim Mowry of Tennessee, friend of Skip Scroger, in your prayers. He has been hospitalized for blood poisoning.

Amanda Johncox's friend, Mary Prevost's son John has terminal brain cancer and is now in Hospice care. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Alycia Davenport asks for prayers for her friend Jessica Miller who recently gave birth to a baby boy as a teenager. Keep them both in your thoughts.

Ralph Olney provided an inspirational message in late April about his journey and trials with leukemia. His miraculous story of how his faith in God helped him and his family remain strong and brave throughout the battle. Ralph's story is the power of prayer at work!

Marilynn Kundrata's granddaughter, Lily, had a wonderful time during her mission trip. She sent a thank you letter to the church for our donations.

The choir sang a new anthem this past month, Blessings. The music was purchased with memorial money from Ed Purvee. The song was a perfect tribute to Ralph and Bev Olney.

The tulips around the church are in full bloom in honor of Ann White's mother.

Please keep John Cook's friends Brad and Sandy Perkins in your prayers. Sandy suffered from a stroke and is learning to speak again.

Please remember Joan Purvee's daughter Bev in your prayers. She continues to have issues with her racing heart.

Amanda and Jason Johncox's friend, John Prevost, lost his battle with cancer in late April. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Congratulations to eighth graders Lauren Miller, Kylie Davenport, MacKenzie Jenks, and Brianna Wakefield for being inducted into the Junior National Honor Society!

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.

Dear Morton Baptist Church,

Hello, we're Julian and Bonnie George, a Gospel Music Ministry from Hendersonville, TN. We used to live in upstate NY and travel there every summer to visit family and sing in churches.

If your church would like to invite us in to share our Gospel Music please let us know. Our web site can tell you more about us, or if you'd prefer we could mail you information and a sample song cd.

We're scheduling for mid-July through the end of August. Our web site has a current schedule, but feel free to email or call if you have any questions about possible dates.

A love offering is appreciated and we have a sound system.

Thank you and God bless,

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Mr. Smith

By: Betty Kellebrew

This morning a man came into the office where I work to transact some business with us. He was a slight fellow and had a little trouble pushing in our heavy front door; but other than that, he seemed pretty chipper.

Mr. Smith (his actual name) was cheerful and businesslike and extremely likeable. We chatted for a few minutes and he mentioned that people had been telling him to retire for a long time, but he thought the Lord would tell him when it was time. I learned that he is already retired from a factory position but buys and renovates little houses. The fact that he had already retired from a factory was not surprising because he looked to be around seventy years old—but when I asked his age, he told me he was 89.

This old gentleman mentioned to me that he had suffered from a heart attack followed by surgery and then by a stroke only last year—and on the day his heart became more painful than he could endure, he drove himself to the hospital. Apparently, at the hospital he mentioned that he had his car in the parking lot and would be going home when they were done with him. The nurses told him they wanted to talk it over with his doctor first.

By the time he went to surgery, his heart was in such bad shape that he remembers little of the next couple of weeks, but he says that his heart was so bad it wasn't really even a heart anymore. He says that during his surgery every artery was either replaced or stented and that his heart was repaired with numerous patches.

After the fact, his heart doctor told him that he had “died on the table” and that he and the other doctor in the operating room had tried everything to bring him back. When the heart surgeon gave up, he pulled the sheet over this old man's head and went out to tell the nurses—but when he came back into the room, Mr. Smith had grasped the sheet in a fist and pulled it off of his face. The old man chuckled as he told me that the doctor told him he had said, “Don't ever do that to me again,” but he says the doctor is a character and he thought that was just a tall tale.

However, the fact remains that the Lord spared this old fellow for some reason, which of course is known only to Him; but if he always cheers people up and gives them faith and hope as he did for me today, that may be the purpose the Lord had in mind. To me Mr. Smith was the blessing of the day.

When I told him he made my day brighter, he replied, “Everyone needs some “up” now and then.” He says he's had a good life because there were always such good people around him throughout his lifetime. He particularly mentioned his mother and his wife, saying he couldn't say which one was the best woman.

To someone like me who fully understands how important the people in your life are to your happiness, I was impressed when he articulated the sentiment. In fact, I'd like to say that all in all, I'm very grateful to God for sending Mr. Smith to the office today. He was carrying a dose of good cheer that I really needed.

THE CUP OF SALVATION

Psalm 116:9-13; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. I believed, therefore have I spoken. I was greatly afflicted.; I said in my haste, "All men are liars." What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

"All men are liars," I said in my haste.
"If I were the LORD, I'd lay their land waste."
"They fight and they kill, and still speak of peace;
If I were their God, I'd tear up their lease."
"All men are liars; they prove it each day,
By what they do, and by what they say."
"Don't be too harsh," came the retort;
"I am your God, and have your report."
"It's not how you think, nor how you behave;
Without My Son, you'd still be a slave."
"Your attitude proves you're like other men;
It isn't an 'if', but only a 'when'."
"So give them a break, like I've given you;
Think of their soul; their spirit renew"
So I walk through this life, with a little

more care;
Aware of His presence, I've something to share.
God's Cup of salvation was given to me;
I must drink deeply before I can see.
The Cup is still full, after drinking my part;
There's more than enough for some other heart.
The Spirit of Truth reminds me each day;
Of Jesus my Savior; The Life and the Way.
"There's always hope," the Savior has said;
"If they're still lying, at least they're not dead."
What can I offer to a God that's so great?
I'll worship His Son both early and late.
His Cup of salvation I've taken to heart;
Thus I give others another fresh start.

Pastor Jim



May Birthdays:

2nd Paul Bartel
Sandy Strassenburgh
9th Julia Ingraham
14th Lisa Sill
24th Lisa Rowley
25th Todd Rath
27th John Curtis
31st Ann White



May Anniversaries:

2nd Brad & Barb Miller
5th Mike & Trisha Bannack
16th Jim & Amy Richardson



May Greeters:

7th Todd Young & Gary House
14th Pam Dutton
21st Nancy Walker
28th Fred Conrard & Todd Rath



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
May is:
9 oz. plastic juice cups

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"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." - Isaiah 43:2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Church Directory Photos	8	9	10 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 Bible Study @ 12 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day Chicken BBQ @ 4-7
21	22	23	24 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	27		

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Galatians 6:9 "And let us not
grow weary of doing good, for
in due season we will reap, if
we do not give up."