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PSALM 100

A Psalm Of Thanksgiving

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

Know that the LORD, He is God;

It is He who made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His mercy is everlasting,

And His truth endures to all generations.

Since the beginning of history God has made Himself known to humanity. By the order of creation we see that God is in control of what He created, and from beginning to end He has a plan. Throughout the Book of Psalms there is much praise to God for all He has done to deliver His people from hardship and oppression. Actually, too much to address in a paper of this scope.

However, in Psalm 100, the writer is praising God just because He is God and that He has revealed Himself to mankind. We are God's because He created us to be His people. He created us to offer praise and thanksgiving to Him, because He is God and He deserves our highest adoration and our deepest devotion *regardless of any and all earthly circumstances!* And that is what Psalm 100 is all about.

There are many people who call themselves Christians who do not offer God praise and thanksgiving because they either take God's goodness for granted or they think their circumstances do not merit praise. Perhaps their *circumstances* do not merit praise but *God merits praise through those circumstances!*

Not only is the above true but God takes notice of those who speak well of Him: In Malachi 3:16-18 the Bible says, Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

“They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.”

Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

I thank God for all those who serve Him with a joy-filled heart and meditate on His name; you are His jewels and my brothers and sisters in Christ; Amen!

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim

9-13-17 TRUSTEE MEETING

In attendance: Ralph Olney, John Curtis, Tom Ingraham, Gary House, Sandy Strassenburgh, Tony Callari, Marilyn Kundra

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Sandy made a motion to pass, Gary seconded, passed.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Year to date the Endowment Fund has earned \$14,000 or 14%. Ralph will confer with Steve Guadino as to whether we should transfer more money from the account. This money could be used for upgrades to the bathroom and McQueen Hall. The Stewardship letter went out in the September newsletter. Pastor Jim will do a sermon on tithing to generate more financial support. Ralph has been working on the budget. Building insurance, gas, electric, postage and Workman's Comp/Disability are expected to increase next year. We saved money by changing telephone service and cutting a few line items. Ralph predicts a 1.9% increase in the budget over last year. Gary made a motion to accept, Sandy seconded, accepted.

It would cost several thousand dollars to replace the flooring the McQueen Hall. Chap Fabry will contact the manufacturer and see if there is any way to remove the yellowing on the floor. Dan has tried several different kinds of cleaner with no success.

Tom purchased a sump pump and he and Tony installed it.

Due to miscommunication Andrew Cook was not paid for August 20th. He played at the Community Service and it was agreed that he should be paid.

The small refrigerator is leaking. Sandy will price new ones at Lowes.

The large coffee pot needs to be replaced. Gary said they have one they would donate.

The Harvest Dinner will be October 28th. Kathy Scroger will sell tickets and Nancy Walker is in charge of the Bake Sale. Sandy will purchase all food and supplies.

The Banker family had a wedding at the Fabry's Carriage House. They made a contribution, which Chap donated to the church.

Ralph and Bev will redecorate the front bathroom. They will strip the wallpaper and paint the ceiling and walls and replace the mirror and light.

There was damage to the sign near the back entrance. The glass has been replaced with Plexiglas and it has been repainted.

Next meeting will be October 11th at 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8:25 pm.



In and Around the Community

Please remember to keep Ayanna Herrold in your prayers as she continues to make progress with her traumatic brain injury suffered from a car accident. She's beginning to have some sensations. She has been moved to Unity and has even made a trip outdoors!

A huge thank you goes out to Brad Miller, Todd Rath, and Dan Cater for providing the Sunday messages while Pastor Jim was on vacation. It's a true blessing to have so many willing to step up to the pulpit.



Our Rally Day celebration included a cake in honor of Cindy and John Curtis. Their new home is under construction in Conesus Lake, and it should be finished by late October. With the completion of their home comes a heartfelt goodbye to the couple who have been a major asset to our church community.

Brad Miller's aunt, Cheryl (59), was in intensive care for diabetes. She is doing better.

Chap Fabry was hospitalized in late August for a few days due to a bleeding ulcer. He has since recovered, and we're happy to see him and Jan back in church!



Eleanor Reynolds, long time member of MBC, age 101, is now living with her daughter & son-in-law, Ruth & Bill Cliff in New Market, Tenn. We love you Eleanor! May God continue to bless you!

As mentioned last month, Cora Fox, friend of the Cook family, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had the tumor removed, and doctors are now able to analyze the tumor to develop a treatment plan. Keep her in your prayers!

Congratulations to Jason Miller for getting his driver's permit!

We're thrilled to hear that Bob and Marilyn Kundra's son, Michael, and his family will be moving back to New York! Their home in Florida survived the hurricane, so they'll be able to list it and hopefully find a home here quickly.

Please keep the family of Patricia "Pat" Passarell in your prayers. She passed away at the age of 78 on September 7th.

We're excited to have Angela Cater rejoin the choir and to welcome Natalie Cook to the choir. It's wonderful to have so many voices.

We're pleased to hear that Andrew Cook's internship at a food cupboard is going well!

Alycia and Kylie Davenport's father will be heading to Texas for a few months to help with construction in the areas hit by hurricane Harvey. Please keep him and the family in your prayers as they deal with this time apart.

Carol Duerr's mother, Elaine Mitchell, celebrated her 90th birthday in September with family and friends. Even a friend from 3rd grade was able to attend from Syracuse!

Dan Cater's sister and her family travelled to Wales in September for ministry work. We pray for a safe journey.

Natalie Cook's mother, Betsy, recently had another procedure to hopefully reduce the pain she has been feeling. Please keep her in your thoughts.

After weeks of suffering from a stomach bug, Grace Cater is feeling much better! Thank you for your prayers.

A special thanks goes to Ralph and Bev Olney for making a donation to Strong in the name of Morton Baptist Church.

Our annual CURE picnic was a huge success! We served 151 lunches, and the guests had a wonderful time!

Please keep the Harrier family in your prayers. Randy and Rebecca Harrier were killed in a car accident in September leaving behind three children. Their son, Andrew (18), graduated from Kendall High School while their daughters, Kari (14) and Amber (10) are students at Kendall. This is a devastating event for all who knew the family.

Ralph Olney had a bone marrow biopsy in late September. Let us pray for good results!

Suzanne Dailey (Olney) was a contestant on Wheel of Fortune! Her episode was taped on September 27th.

Longtime Kendall resident, Bob Nelson, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you to John and Cindy Curtis for donating a gas grill!

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

Care Net

The annual Care Net Walk for Life will be held Saturday, October 21st at the Mount Albion Cemetery on Route 31. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the walk begins at 10:00 AM. For more information, go to www.carenetorleans.net.



Barn Dance

Our annual barn dance will be on Saturday, October 21st from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Chap & Jan Fabry's Carriage House. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Harvest Supper and Baked Food Sale

Our annual Harvest Supper will be held **Saturday, October 28th from 4:00 to 7:00**. Tickets for dine-in and take-out are available. Adults are \$9, seniors and children (6-12) are \$8, and children under 5 are free. For tickets, please call 585-659-8089.



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/ortonaptisthurchermons>).

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 Carolyn House) and **lay readers** (see Pastor Jim).



Sunday School

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

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.

Kendall Food Cupboard

The Kendall Food Cupboard is asking for a \$5 donation for their fall challenge. Please give your donations to Julia Ingraham.



Church Pledges

Pledge cards will be coming in October. If you have any questions, please see a Trustee.



October Birthdays:

- 1st Emily Henry
- 2nd LuAnn Henry
Amy Richardson
- 8th Sheila Laabs (Strasenburgh)
- 17th Bob Henry
- 19th Brian Wakefield
Marissa Wakefield
- 25th Lauren Miller
- 26th Suzanne Dailey (Olney)
Joan Purvee
- 31st Lee Richardson



October Anniversaries:

- 18th Dan & Angela Cater
- 19th Jerry & Maxine Wahl
- 25th Gary & Carolyn House



October Greeters:

- 1st Ann Bartel
- 8th Nancy Walker
- 15th Ann Bartel & Sue Rayburn
- 22nd Skip & Kathy Scroger
- 30th Frank Hoffman & Ehlaw

Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for October is:
Plastic silverware



THE OUTWORKING OF THE BEATITUDES AT MORTON BAPTIST CHURCH, FROM MATTHEW CHAPTER FIVE

- 1) When Jesus saw the people in disarray, He went to Troutburg, and after He sat down, the Mortonites came to Him.
- 2) Then He began to speak, and taught us, saying:
- 3) Blessed are the poor in spirit; you have recognized your spiritual poverty.
- 4) Blessed are you that mourn; your hearts have been touched by other people's grief.
- 5) Blessed are the meek; you understand the value of people.
- 6) Blessed are you that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; you have been using yourselves up for other people.
- 7) Blessed are the merciful; you share what God has given you.
- 8) Blessed are the pure in heart; you have no ulterior motives.
- 9) Blessed are the peacemakers; you are a very rare breed.
- 10) Blessed are you who are persecuted for righteousness sake; Jesus Christ has become real to you.
- 11) Blessed are you , when people revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for the sake of Jesus Christ; your life has made Jesus Christ real to other people.
- 12) Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for you have just learned how to worship God, like the prophets and apostles of old.
- 13) In so doing you are a disciple of Christ; the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Pastor Jim

Sow the Seed - See the Harvest

The story is told of two boys who were walking through a field and found some corn seeds scattered across the ground. They each took one of the seeds home and planted it.

When the first boy didn't see a tiny sprout after the second day, he dug up the seed to see if it had sprouted. Each day he dug up the seed and replanted it, but the corn would not grow. The seed had germinated; yet the boy had not allowed it to maintain contact with the soil, take root, and obtain nutrients. So, it died.

The second boy planted his seed and left it alone. He imagined a tall stalk of corn where he had planted the seed. He waited patiently as rains came and sunshine bathed the ground with warmth. In ten days, a small sprout had broken through the ground, its curled leaves reaching toward the sky.

Achieving any desire, whether large or small, begins with a seed sown in the mind. That seed is the vision of its fulfillment. It also requires the commitment to allow the vision to grow--the faith in God to do His part through storm, rain, and sunshine.

Commitment in daily life allows life's storms to strengthen resolve. Resolve allows us to nurture a new dream, improve an existing dream, or even begin over if necessary. Faith allows acceptance of any circumstance as God's blessing for ultimate growth.

A seed sown must be nourished with faith and belief. When you hold a picture of the final creation in your mind, you hold and maintain faith. You honor God's desire to create something wonderful, and you honor His choice of your hands to help do the job.

How often do we plant the seed of a beautiful dream in the fertile soil of our minds, and then dig it up? What could you achieve if you allowed your seed to grow, continuing to focus your spiritual eyes on the harvest?

If it were not possible for you to achieve a dream, God would not have placed it in your heart and mind. Sow your seed, allow it to grow, and see an abundant harvest.

Parables of Christ – Back to the Bible Quiz

1. What was to happen to the tares/weeds that grew up among the wheat?
 - a. Ground up with the wheat
 - b. Cast into the sea
 - c. Burned up
 - d. Abandoned with the wheat field
 - e. None of the above
2. What did the man find hidden in a field, so that he sold all he had to buy that field?
 - a. A pearl
 - b. A gold chest
 - c. Treasure
 - d. Bag of coins
 - e. None of the above
3. How much did the landowner pay each man for working in his vineyard for one day?
 - a. One denarius
 - b. Five minas
 - c. Two mites
 - d. One piece of silver
 - e. None of the above
4. How many of the virgins did not have enough oil for their lamps?
 - a. Four
 - b. Five
 - c. Six
 - d. Ten
 - e. None of the above
5. The man who received five talents from his master earned how many more?
 - a. Two
 - b. Five
 - c. Ten
 - d. Fifteen
 - e. None of the above
6. What seed is described as smaller than all others, but becomes greater?
 - a. Fig
 - b. Gourd
 - c. Elm
 - d. Mustard
 - e. None of the above
7. Which of the following did the father NOT give to the prodigal son upon his return?
 - a. Robe
 - b. Ring
 - c. Necklace
 - d. Sandals
 - e. None of the above
8. Which of the following is NOT a parable of Christ?
 - a. Two sons
 - b. Wicked vine-dressers
 - c. Wedding feast
 - d. Torn fishing net
 - e. None of the above
9. What did the merchant sell to buy the one pearl of great price?
 - a. 10 inferior pearls
 - b. All that he had
 - c. The Bible doesn't say
 - d. A parcel of land
 - e. None of the above

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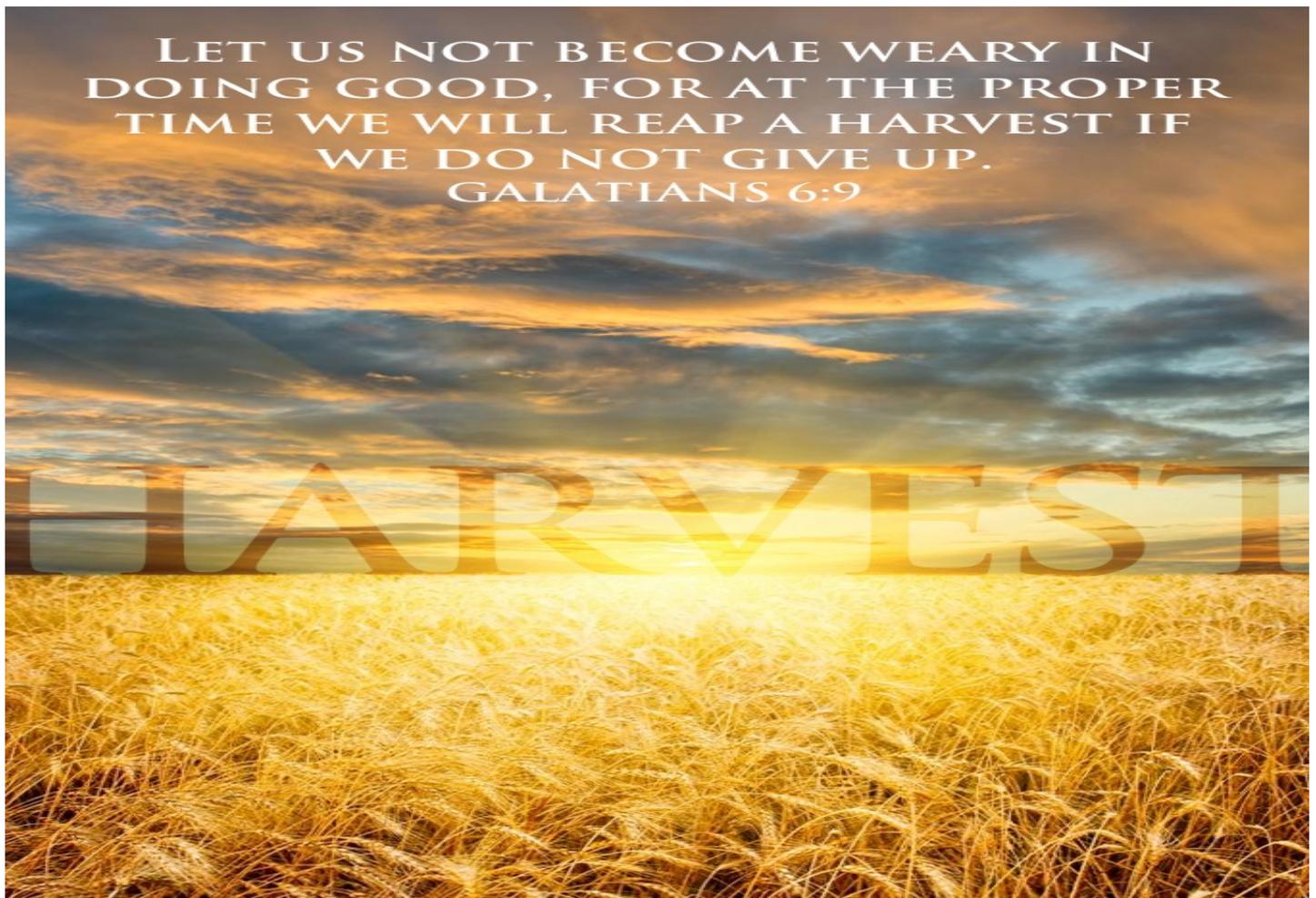
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"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
- Galatians 6:7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 Trustee Meeting @ 7:30	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	19	20	21 Care Net Walk for Life @9:00 Barn Dance @ 6:30-9:00
22	23	24	25 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	26	27	28 Harvest Supper @4:00-7:00
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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