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If God called upon you to save millions of people's lives from terrorist attacks and the ravages of war; the disease, poverty, destruction of dwellings and infrastructure, and the years of grief that follow, would you do so?

If God gave you the resources and the knowledge to accomplish such a task in one year, and you knew it would work because God was in it, would you do it?

God would also give you the wisdom to know that there would be detractors; they would oppose your efforts whenever they could. There are those who would offer verbal abuse, and there are those who would spend their time and money to actively fight against your best efforts to save them.

Also, there is one more thing that must be considered: at the year's end, you would die. That is correct; you would not survive. Your life work would be accomplished and you would be gone, to many people's dismay and to many people's delight.

Then He (Jesus) took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, came here to save untold millions from a travesty far worse than any man made or natural disaster; He came to save them from hell. Throughout His life here on earth Jesus Christ came to proclaim salvation by grace and grace alone. Throughout His short life on earth it was proven by His sinless life, by the testimony of mankind, by the testimony of the prophets, by the testimony of God the Father, and by His resurrection that He was and is the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind.

From the time He was born until this very day in which we live, people offer verbal abuse to Him and His disciples, they spend their time and money doing everything they can to try and discredit what God has accomplished through Him. Even many churches that used to testify to His saving grace preach that you can be absolved from your sins by some other means and that the sins enumerated in Scripture are for a different time and place, if they applied at all.

However, the Bible has the final word, where Jesus said, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned *already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*” (John 3:18).

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:58).

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

What is written above is about Easter, which is Sunday, March 27, 2016. It is about bowing our hearts to God’s will in humble worship and adoration. There are no other means of salvation. Every other form of celebration is paganism and a denial of Christ. Pastor Jim

THE INCARNATION

When describing the incarnation, one must be careful to not become heretical; we are not the same as Christ.

Jesus Christ was a man, complete in every way and yet had the power, characteristics, purity and majesty of deity; He was still God.

Jesus Christ had the Holy Spirit without measure; the Holy Spirit had a physical man to work in and through that was sinless, so there was nothing to hinder His work.

We are men and women who are complete in Christ but with the impurities of a sinful nature as an admixture; even though we have the same Holy Spirit within us, the dirty lens of life diffuses His light so the image of God in us is distorted.

The incarnation demonstrated that God and man could coexist, and for that reason we know that the Holy Spirit can and does dwell within mankind; if they are born again.

Those who have stood before God or His heavenly messengers and beheld His majesty fell at His feet as if they had died. The incarnation revealed God in a form that would not overwhelm us as we beheld His power at work. The problem with that is, most of the time Christians discuss theological issues as if God were not aware of the discussion and that He were not present.

What would Christians be like; that is, how would they live and what would their attitude toward God be if God made Himself immediately present in our conscious being as He did in Job 38:1-40:14?

What would their attitude be like toward other people, even those who did not profess Christ as Savior, or those who are in public office and make and promote unethical and immoral decisions?

Easter is coming soon; pray for understanding.

Pastor Jim





March Birthdays:

- 12th Robert Kundrata
- 13th Wilma Conradt
- 15th Maxine Wahl
- 18th James Henry
- 27th Belinda Henry
- 28th Marilynn Kundrata
Ethan Richardson
- 31st Jessica Kundrata



March Anniversaries:

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

Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
March is:
Paper Towels



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

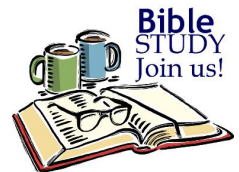
Church Email Address



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.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays at 12:30 until May. Please take note of the time change from 12:00 to 12:30.



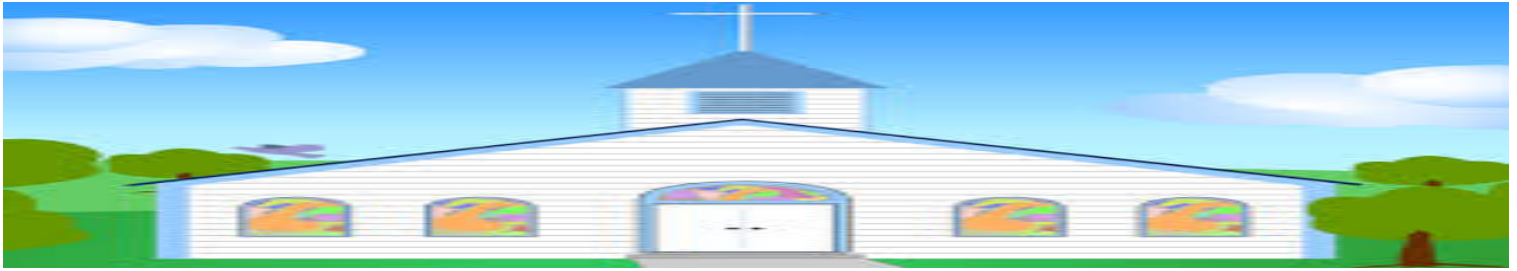
**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Easter Sunday

The choir is preparing a cantata for the Easter service. It will be full of beautiful music with singing, piano, trumpet, and flute. The Easter story will be told through both song and scripture. Please join us March 27th!



In and Around the Community

We are thrilled to hear that Ralph Olney had a bone biopsy in late January, which showed that he's still cancer free! That's wonderful news!

Alexis Bartel had another seizure last month and has been diagnosed with epilepsy. Her new medications have been helping and making her feel better. We're glad to hear you're feeling better!

The youth group went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania for Winter Jam at the end of January. Brad Miller and Lizzie Pearson drove the group in two vehicles to allow thirteen kids to go. We're pleased to hear that they had a fantastic time! On the Sunday after they returned, several kids spoke to the congregation about their experience. There were around 22,000 people there. The speaker, Tony Noland, shared his background story and how God has made a positive change in his life. All who went expressed how uplifting it was and what a powerful feeling was created.

Rosemary Mintz is grateful that she and her home were able to survive the hurricanes in Florida. Winds were as strong as 80 mph! We're glad to hear you're safe!

On February 26th-27th, Robert Cook's youth group in Bergen participated in a 30-hour fast to raise awareness and honor of childhood hunger.

Chevelle Hick's mother, Shirley White passed away on February 13th. The funeral service was held at our church on Saturday, February 20th. It was a wonderful service attended by many of the people Shirley had touched during her lifetime. There wasn't an empty spot to be found. Wal-Mart, where Shirley worked, donated a large amount of food for the refreshments following the memorial service. It was truly a blessing to see the great number of people who loved and cared for Shirley. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

The child that Lizzie Pearson was sponsoring from Korea was adopted! She has now begun sponsoring a new child through Holt International.

Jason Johncox's father is battling cancer. His mother has just found two spots between her lungs. Please keep them in your prayers.

Continue to pray for the Bartolucci family. Pastor Tony has gone home, and Giana remains in the Golisano Children's Hospital. A bottle drive was held in the family's honor by one of the families who helped pull Pastor Tony and Giana from the wreckage the night of their accident. They were able to raise over \$900! We continue to pray for their continuing recovery.



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

At the Foot of the Cross

At the foot of the cross, I lay it all down
Everything in my life, that's hidden deep inside
I give it away, for my Savior to heal
These fears that I have, that I've buried for
years
At the feet of Jesus, my heart pours out tears
As I kneel and pray, my thoughts become clear
And I finally see what's so very dear.

At the foot of the cross, I cry out in pain
Anguishing thoughts pour out like rain
But, amidst these tears, I find a peace so calm
As Jesus scurries in, the darkness fades away
My heart is freed, my mind once again sane
And the past torments I've had are forever
washed away
My life burns brighter, like the dawning of a new day.

At the foot of the cross, I'm loved and not lost
Where the Holy drops of blood, have paid off sin's costs
And the Savior was taken, now risen once more
Through the grace of God, the veil was torn
And the world was cast a new rope of hope
Dangling freely from Heaven, climbable by faith alone
To an eternal place, where sin and death are dead.

At the foot of the cross, life can be found
On your knees draped in blood, on Calvary's sacred ground.



The Bible tells us that Jesus came to do three things. He came to forgive your past, give you a purpose for living, and a home in heaven. – Rick Warren

God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, “I Love You.” – Billy Graham

Earth’s saddest day and gladdest day were only three days apart! – Susan Coolidge

“And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here. – St. Augustine

Love always involves responsibility, and love always involves sacrifice. And we do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and take up His cross. – William Barclay

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"Easter is a time when you realize you are truly loved."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday	7	8	9 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Begins	14	15	16 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday First Day of Spring	21	22	23 Bible Study @ 12:30 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		

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