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JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS

“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, and see the place where the Lord lay” (Matthew 28:6).

And to think the promise of Resurrection Sunday all started way back in Genesis 3:14-15: So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

God has a plan and His plan has been working down through the ages to bring salvation to all who would enter into that plan. God has included much prophecy in that plan to give us hope as prophecy has been fulfilled.

God established Passover for the children of Israel when He brought them out of Egypt, described in Exodus chapter twelve. In Matthew 26:17-30 Jesus celebrates Passover with His disciples and institutes the Lord's Supper, *on Good Friday!*

In Hosea 11:1 the Bible says, “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

That prophecy was a double prophecy; looking back and looking forward. In looking forward was when Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to Egypt so Herod would not kill Him along with all the baby boys two years old and under. After Herod died an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to come back home; thus, God called His Son out of Egypt.

But looking back, God called Israel out of Egypt at the Passover, and *Israel is God's son* from whom Messiah came from. In Biblical writings, a son or father did not always mean a direct relative but from generations ago, as is the case here.

When Jesus Christ was crucified He cried out from the cross, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Jesus said that so you would never have to. God's plan of salvation was designed to include you; Jesus Christ took your place on the cross. Moreover, when He was buried He took your sin to the grave, and when He came forth from the grave, He came back in all holiness and purity *without your sin!*

In John 11:25-26 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

This is the single most important question anyone will ever answer because where they will spend their eternity depends on the answer they give.

I serve a risen Savior; I know He lives because I talked with Him this morning.

Serving Christ and the Community; Pastor Jim

3-7-18 TRUSTEE MEETING

In attendance: Ralph Olney, Tom Ingraham, Gary House, Sandy Strassenburgh, Tony Callari, Frank Hoffman, Pastor Jim Richardson, Marilynn Kundraata

Meeting was opened with prayer at 6:30 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Tony made a motion to accept as written, Sandy seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Due to the fluctuating market, investments were down for the month, but still up for the year. Ralph met with S. Gaudino, and no changes were recommended. The market will continue to correct itself with unpredictable results. Plowing has been less than last year. The checking account is in good shape; giving has increased. Sandy made a motion to approve, Tony seconded.

Ralph will call National Grid for an energy audit.

Gary spoke to Maxine Weed about the use of MacQueen Hall and rental fees for scrapbooking.

The Fire Marshall came for an inspection; there were no concerns.

Tom will call Churchville Electric for generator maintenance and ask them to fix the emergency light that isn't working.

Gary will ask Dan Cater to change the batteries in the smoke detectors this week.

Pam Dutton requested that the church directories be given to the shut-ins. All agreed that is a good idea. Gary will contact Tammy Cook about reimbursement for the directories that have been paid for.

MacQueen Hall needs to be painted. Marilynn will ask the Life Ladies for their input. The wallpaper will need to be stripped before painting.

Ralph contacted Jim Richardson about installing new locks on the doors. A discussion followed regarding locks, crash doors, and security cameras. Ralph will contact Church Mutual and a friend in security to get their input as to our best options to provide for the safety of the congregation.

There is a divot in the parking lot that needs repair. It was agreed to wait for warmer weather. The ramp also has cracks that will need attention.

The Beef on Weck fundraiser will be March 24th. Sandy will get supplies. Tom and Julia have agreed to help. It will be from 4:00-6:00 pm, take-outs only.

Sandy requested that we continue advertising in the Westside News. It was agreed that the advertising is worthwhile. The advertising will be renewed in May for \$500 per year.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:15 pm.

The next meeting will be April 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

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/ortonbaptisthurchermans>).



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.

Church Directory

Tammy Cook still has copies of the directories available for \$10.00.



Missing Kitchen Items

While cleaning the kitchen, it was noticed that the new food processor is missing along with the church tool kit. If you or you know of someone who borrowed these items, please make sure they're returned. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Easter Sunday

The choir is preparing a cantata for the Easter service. It will be full of beautiful music with singing, piano, and trumpet. The Easter story will be told through both song and scripture. Please join us April 1st!

Town of Kendall Blood Drive

A blood drive will take place at the Kendall Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 3rd from 1:00-6:00 PM. For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome!



Kendall Community Environmental Clean-Up Day

In conjunction with the Town of Kendall Highway Dept. and with the participation of members of the KCS Leos, Scouts, Church and Community Organizations, the Kendall Lions Club will be picking up the road ways in the Kendall community on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00-12:00 starting at the Kendall Highway Dept. building on Crandall Ave.

Care Net Annual Banquet

The Care Net Center of Greater Orleans is holding its annual fundraising banquet, "Greater Love," on Thursday, April 26th from 7:00-9:00 pm (seating at 6:45) at Hickory Ridge Golf and Country Club. The keynote speaker will be comedian Derrick Tennant. Please see Pastor Jim for tickets.



Keynote Speaker: Comedian Derrick Tennant

Derrick Tennant made the most of a tragedy in his life by creating an opportunity for a career. As a promising athlete Derrick suffered an injury that left him in a coma.

After brain surgery, years of rehab and life in a wheelchair; he ultimately got on his feet again.

Despite the very limited use of his left side, Derrick loves life and "looks on the RIGHT side" of things. He communicates the importance of shifting obstacles in life,



April Birthdays:

2 nd	Jennifer Clay Anderson
9 th	Penny Gibson
10 th	Kate Ingraham
12 th	Kylie Davenport
17 th	Robbie Henry
19 th	Brianna Wakefield
24 th	Christian Villalobos
29 th	Pam Dutton



April Anniversaries:

10 th	Dave & Sandy Strassenburgh
30 th	Dale & Lisa Rowley



April Greeters:

1 st	John & Tammy Cook
8 th	Frank Hoffman & EhLaw
15 th	Dale Rowley & Todd Young
22 nd	Nancy Walker
29 th	Greeter needed



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for April is:
9 oz. cups



In and Around the Community

A special thank you goes out to Todd Rath for providing the message when Pastor Jim wasn't feeling well. It's so wonderful to have such a helpful and talented congregation!

Audrey Dobbins broke her wrist at the end of February. We're happy to hear you're healing quickly!

Please remember to pray for the Johncox family as they continue to adjust to the loss of Amanda's brother, Steven.

Please keep the Henry family in your prayers. Belinda's mother, Barb, has been in and out of the hospital dealing with dementia and Parkinson's disease. In addition, Jim was taken and admitted to Unity Hospital with chest pains in mid-March.

The baby bottle fundraiser for the Care Net Center of Greater New Orleans raised \$600! Thank you to all who donated.

Congratulations continued to Charity Villalobos for starting at Rochester General Hospital as a nurse! We're so glad to hear that everything is falling into place.

Ralph and Bev Olney were involved in an accident with semi-truck while driving through Washington, D.C. It was truly a miracle that they weren't hurt and that the other vehicles didn't hit them. Luckily, their daughter Suzanne's husband was working nearby and was able to pick them up and take them home with him. God is at work!

Congratulations to Lank and Audrey Dobbins' for celebrating their 66th year of marriage! They have been attending our church since 1936! We're so glad to have you both in our church family.

Keep Amber Bartel in your prayers. She is having a hard time hearing and is severely deaf in one ear.

Julia Ingraham had a knee replacement surgery in early March. She did well after the procedure and is regaining mobility. We're glad to hear you're doing well!

Sue Rayburn's mother's pastor passed away unexpectedly at the age of 62. Please pray for the family and congregation.

We were thrilled to have Chevelle Hicks home for a visit in early March! She was home to welcome her new 2-week-old granddaughter. Congratulations!

Several members of the Youth Group were in the Kendall High School musical, Shrek. They did a wonderful job bringing the story to life and showing how talented they are!

Joan Purvee's grandson's girlfriend, Rachel, is recovering nicely from her recent surgery. She will have to go back every three months for a checkup. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers!

Please keep Natalie Cook's family in your prayers. Her grandfather has days to weeks left to live after battling with brain cancer. His children are all able to be with him in Florida.

Alice Richardson's brother, David, is hoping to come home from the hospital at the end of March if all goes well. Please remember him and his wife Marilyn in your prayers.

Pastor Jim provided an update on the Shoe Box ministry through Samaritan's Purse. They delivered 11 million boxes to 114 countries and territories. That's remarkable work!

Natalie Cook's Aunt Wendy had a stay in the ICU with a bad cold and needed a breathing tube. She is now home recovering.

Please keep the Mayes family in your prayers. Helen Mayes (99) passed away on March 17th after a long illness.

Congrats to Jason Miller for be accepted into the National Honor Society! We're proud of you, Jason!

Please keep Pastor Jim's family in your prayers. His cousin's son passed away at the age of 58.

Marilynn and Jessica Kandrata travelled to Malaysia at the end of March to join Katie Kandrata for her wedding day! We send our love and warm wishes, and pray for safe travels home.

Our annual Beef on Weck dinner brought in a \$600 profit! We served 102 dinners and the 50/50 raffle brought in \$136. The winner (who wished to remain anonymous) chose to donate his \$68 to the Youth Group. Others attending the dinner also chose to donate to the Youth Group. A huge thank you goes out to Sandy Strassenburgh for all of her hard work organizing this event.

Please keep Mick and Anne White in your prayers. Their daughter, Sharon Pombert, passed away on March 23rd at the age of 53 at her home surrounded by family.

Bob Henry is getting a pacemaker put in at the end of March. We hope everything goes smoothly!

Please remember Pam Dutton and her sister in your prayers as they prepare for the end of her sister's time here on earth.

We're glad the Cook family was able to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit with Andrew!



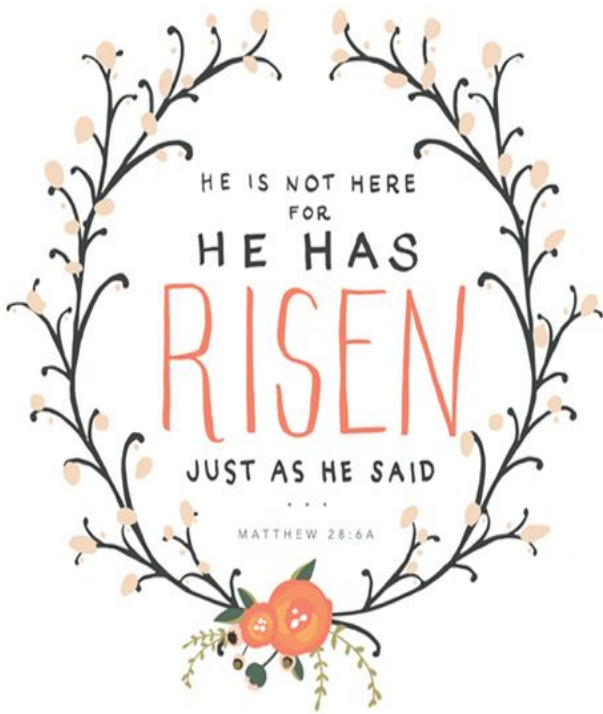
We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Fred Conratt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Kevin & Joyce Foley, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph & Bev Olney, Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Pastor Jim, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.



Mary Callari lighting the candles for Sunday service with Pastor Jim looking on.



The choir singing with our youngest member Grace Cater!



LEARNING TO TRUST

John 11:25-26; Jesus said unto her,
 "I am the resurrection, and the life;
 he that believeth in Me, though he
 were dead, yet shall he live.
 And whosoever liveth and believeth
 in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"
 Believing in Jesus, as He has said;
 But will I witness raising the dead?
 Trusting in Jesus, and that is all;
 But can I trust Him, as other men fall?
 What of our children who've gone their own way;
 Will You turn their night back into day?
 Will You strengthen me to shepherd Your flock,
 And give me the key, their hearts to unlock?
 Trusting in Jesus, through night and day;
 Will He answer me, when I stay up to pray?
 The issues of life are too much to bear;
 Has He given me more than my share?
 The world is filled with struggle and strife;
 Why was I chosen for its Spiritual life?
 I've many more questions I cannot make rhyme,
 So I'll finish this work some other time;
 But I'm trusting in Jesus, as I turn off the light,
 As the Spirit watches over me, throughout the night.

Pastor Jim

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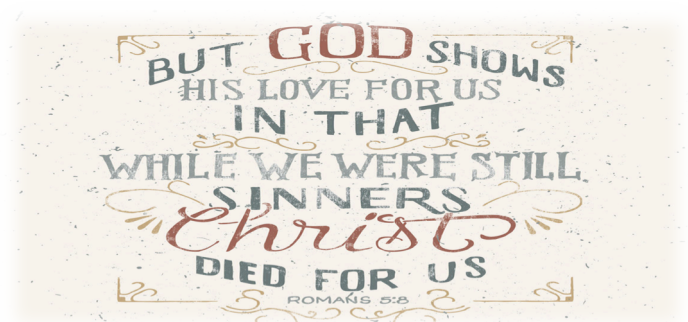
The desire of all ages; Messiah on the earth,
 The desire of the soul; come to give new birth.
 The keeper of my soul, the desire of my heart;
 A great desire for Him, and never more to part.
 Oft I have a desire, for that which should not be;
 But He's my overwhelming desire and overpowers me.
 Jesus Christ the only One; brings good gifts to men,
 And His presence will remain, should all the giving end.
 Much more wondrous than written above,
 That gives my life a start;
 The face that God has chosen me;
 As the desire of HIS heart.

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IF JESUS CAME TODAY

If Jesus came today, what would I leave
 behind?
 If people searched my desk, what do you
 think they'd find?
 They'd find a lot of sermons; some are
 incomplete;
 Even though I'm the writer, most I wouldn't
 repeat;
 For the casual reader, most would make no
 sense,
 But I've lived through that Scripture,
 And preached in the present tense.
 If Jesus came today,
 I'd leave both sin and grace;
 I would no longer be here,
 I would see Him face to Face.

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"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! - Luke 24:5-6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday	2	3 Town of Kendall Blood Drive from 1:00-6:00 pm	4 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	5	6	7
8 Communion Sunday	9	10	11 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	12 Trustee Meeting @ 6:30	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	19	20	21 Kendall Community Clean- Up Day from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	26 Care Net Annual Banquet 7:00-9:00 pm	27 Arbor Day	28
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