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## Morton Baptist Church

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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

I'm Reverend Walter T. Steenson, (but please call me Pastor Walter), and I'm here with you as the interim pastor. I'm here for the season between the retirement of Pastor Richardson and the time when the church calls the next settled pastor. During this time we will experience some emotions as a church: there will be some sadness at no longer having a pastor who has been a part of your lives for many years. There will be some questions about what is next for the church and hope for the future. My role in this is to help the church move forward. We'll take time to explore our history, assess our community and ourselves and seek God's vision for the future.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, Andover Newton Theological School and the Army Command and Staff General Officer Course. I've served churches in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Hilton Baptist Church from where I retired as Pastor Emeritus in 2014. Since retiring I've served as interim pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Batavia, NY and my wife, Lori, and I spent part of the last two years as visiting retired clergy, and widowed spouses in the northeast for our denomination's Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. For over twenty years I served as an Army chaplain in both the Army Reserve and National Guard and was deployed from 2004-2005 as Installation Chaplain for Army Support Group-Qatar. We live in Hilton and are members of First Baptist Church of Brockport. I'm no stranger to Kendall as I play trombone in the Kendal Community Band and my wife and I occasionally substitute teach at Kendall Jr/Sr High School. We're empty nesters: our son, Chris, is an Air Force pilot and our daughter, Robin, is a senior clerk at the Parma Public Library. I enjoy golf, working with veterans groups, music, reading history, walking for fitness and going to the gym. Lori is a voracious reader, enjoys gardening and is active in the music ministry at our church. She enjoys spending time with her mom who lives nearby and who recently celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I'm delighted that you have asked me to be your interim pastor and am looking forward to getting to know folks personally. I'm most excited about what God has next for all of us in this new relationship.

In touch and in prayer,

Pastor Walter

## Trustee Meeting 6-20-18

In attendance: Ralph Olney, Gary House, Sandy Strassenburgh, Frank Hoffman, Tony Callari, Tom Ingraham, Marilynn Kundrata

Meeting was opened with prayer at 6:30 pm.

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

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The endowment fund is down due to market fluctuations. The checking account balance is healthy. The Golden Rule has a balance of \$513.89 after the Chicken BBQ bake sale proceeds were deposited. The cost of painting of MacQueen Hall was \$2,000. Expenses are on budget for the year. Frank made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Sandy seconded.

Memorial fund - \$1,200 was transferred from the Memorial Fund to help pay for painting MacQueen Hall, \$500 for Pastor Jim Richardson's retirement party, \$125 for coffee pot and a donation was made to Kendall Concordia Lutheran church in memory of Mary Ellen Seaman. We have a new vendor for the memorial board nameplates. They will be a slightly different size.

Advertising – an ad was placed in the Pennysaver announcing Pastor Jim Richardson's retirement and thanking him for his many years of service. Sandy will also place an ad announcing Rev. Walter Steenson's interim placement.

Rev. Walter Steenson's first sermon will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a "meet and greet" after church for Rev. Steenson and the congregation.

The Strassenburgh's donated a shed to be used for BBQ supplies. Tom will look at it this week and determine the best way to transport it to the church.

Ralph discussed the energy audit with Lime Energy and the benefits of replacing light fixtures in the church. It was determined that the majority of our electric use is for dehumidifiers and sump pumps and not lighting. We would not see the dramatic savings implied by updating light fixtures.

Pastor Jim's office needs to be cleaned and made ready for Rev. Steenson's use.

Ralph has talked with other churches that have recently hired new ministers. They suggested we have a church website. We would need to have internet service at the church. Ralph will look into contracting with Spectrum since we already have phone service through them, approximately \$45 per month. He also spoke with Mark Cordone about setting up a website for us at a cost of \$110 plus \$10 per month. Kaitlyn Curtis has offered to update the website once it is established.

The Pulpit Committee will put together a survey for the congregation to determine the expectations they have for a new minister and the direction the church should take in the future. This will be done in September.

Rev. Steenson would like to meet with the congregation periodically to discuss expectations and progress of the pulpit committee search.

The meeting was closed at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be after church on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band

The Hilton-Parma Gazebo Band will have free concerts throughout July starting at 7:00 PM. Concerts on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> will be at Centennial Park in Hilton. The July 11<sup>th</sup> concert will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hilton. Lastly, the July 30<sup>th</sup> concert will be at the Courtyard at Hilton East. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy some great music!



### Kendall Fireman's Carnival

The Kendall Carnival will be held July 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a several events each day. For more information, go to [www.kendallfire.com](http://www.kendallfire.com)

### Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church

St. John Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Vacation Bible School on July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. Each day begins at 9:00 AM (8:45 AM on Monday) and ends at 12:00 PM. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus". For more information, please call (585) 964-2550.



### Rummage Sale

The Annual Rummage Sale will be Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall started July 1<sup>st</sup>. Help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Please see Carol Duerr with anything questions.

### Kendall Community Worship Service

The Kendall Community Worship Service will be on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. The service will be held at the Kendall Gazebo.



## ATTENTION!



### Bible Study

There will **not** be bible study the first week of July. Bible study will now be every Tuesday at noon beginning Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday School

The calendar for the elementary Sunday school program teachers is posted in MacQueen Hall! 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/ortonaptisthurchermoms>).

### **July Birthdays:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Sullivan  
Gary House  
7<sup>th</sup> Katie Kundrata  
9<sup>th</sup> RoseMary Mintz  
12<sup>th</sup> Amber Bartel  
Chevelle Hicks  
15<sup>th</sup> Carolyn House  
17<sup>th</sup> Jim Rayburn  
21<sup>st</sup> Sue Rayburn  
25<sup>th</sup> Eileen Young

### **July Anniversaries:**

26<sup>th</sup> Chap & Jan Fabry  
30<sup>th</sup> Skip & Kathy Scroger

### **Kitchen Item:**

The kitchen item for July is: 9 oz. juice cups



### **Church Humor**

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal. For several weeks after we had finished the nightly prayers, Kelli would say, "And all the girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer to bless our food," said his mother. "I don't need to," said the boy. "Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."

### **Clever Church Signs**

"There are some questions that can't be answered by Google."

"Honk if you love Jesus, text while driving if you want to meet him."

"Read the bible. It's user friendly plus we offer tech support here on Sundays."

"The best vitamin for a Christian is B1."

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out."

"Church parking only. Trespassers will be baptized."

"Whoever is praying for snow, please stop."

"What is missing from CH CH? UR."

"Aspire to inspire before you expire."





### *In and Around the Community*

We're happy to hear that Natalie Cook's grandfather, Joe, had success with his cancer treatments! He showed results much sooner than expected.



It was wonderful to have four generations of Dobbins' men in the congregation!

Ralph Olney celebrated his fourth year since his second stem cell transplant, in which he only had a 17% chance of survival. God's work never ceases to amaze! He began his 70<sup>th</sup> round of chemotherapy in June.



Congratulations to Dan Cater who was baptized on June 3<sup>rd</sup>! He was presented with his baptismal certificate and bible on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep the Richardson family in your prayers. Sandra Richardson (Pastor Jim and Alice's niece) passed away at the age of 71. <https://christophermitchell.com/tribute/details/2878/Sandra-Richardson/obituary.html>

Lou Ann Henry had to have a planned, extensive surgery at Rochester General Hospital in early June. We're glad to hear she's doing well!

Carolyn House would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards following her heart surgery. She says feels as though she's back from the dead!

Robert Cook began a paid internship at Cornell University to study physics in early June. We wish you the best Robert!

Over 12 years ago, Pastor Jim presided over Dale and Lisa Rowley's daughter's wedding. It was a blessing that her children were able to be at Pastor Jim's last service.

Please keep Dale Rowley's uncle, Len, in your prayers. He's in Hospice in Pittsburgh and was told he only has a few days left to live.

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim provided his last Sunday message at Morton Baptist Church. He has done over 1,000 services including Sunday services, funerals, services at the Landing, etc. It was truly a blessing to have both Pastor Jim and Alice in our church family. The reception following the service was a wonderful tribute to their over 17 years with us.

Thank you to Brad Miller and Dan Cater for providing the message after Pastor Jim's retirement. We will welcome Reverend Walter T. Steenson, interim pastor, on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>!



*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 & Alice, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.*

## Bible Stories Told by Children

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 25 statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.

3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.

5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.

12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

13. David was a Hebrew King who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.

17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.

19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

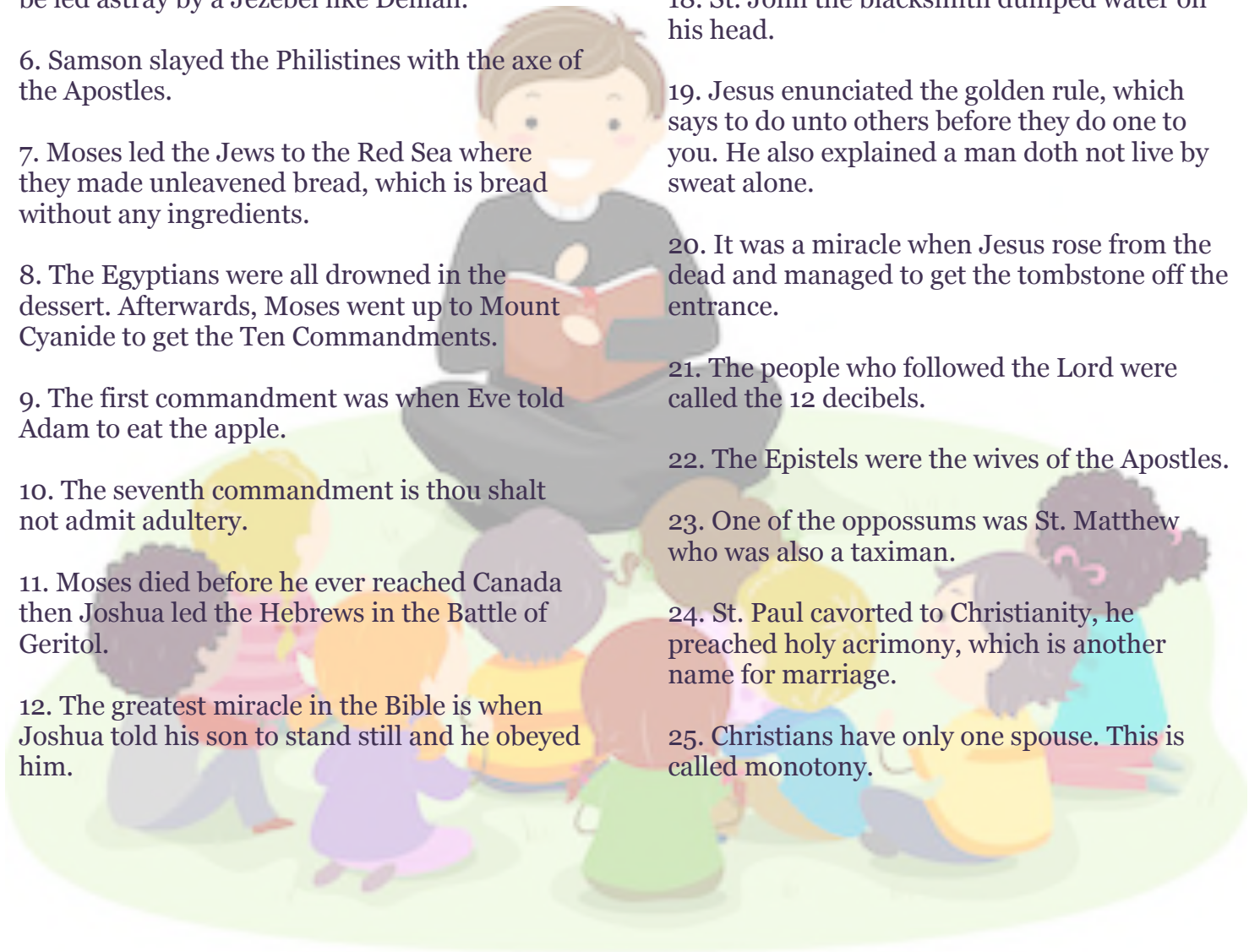
21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

22. The Epistels were the wives of the Apostles.

23. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.



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"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name."- Psalm 91:14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 Kendall Fireman's Carnival	6 Kendall Fireman's Carnival	7 Kendall Fireman's Carnival
8	9 VBS	10 VBS Bible Study @ 12:00	11 VBS	12 VBS	13 VBS	14
15	16	17 Bible Study @ 12:00	18	19	20	21
22 Trustee Meeting after church	23	24 Bible Study @ 12:00	25 Newsletter items due	26	27	28
29	30	31 Bible Study @ 12:00	.			

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