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Morton Baptist Church

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Bible Study: Tuesday at 12:00
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Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Last month, Rev. David Higgs and his wife, Barbara, worshipped with us here. It was a delight to meet them and for them to see old friends. Rev. Higgs talks about his time here and about the wood paneling that graces the front of the sanctuary. When he arrived the front of the church was bare and rather plain, so funds were raised to purchase the new paneling and to do that one of the first harvest suppers was held. That is one example of the ways our church responded to needs and opportunities over the years. While looking at the paneling the other day, I noticed a memorial name plaque on the hymn number sign. This is a memorial to a young military officer who lost his life in World War II. There are many memorial name plaques in our church. These remind us not only of loved ones who have died, but the generosity of those who gave a memorial gift. Loved ones remembered are also significant as we see the memorial wall in MacQueen Hall. More than just names, these were those who were a part of us. Some may be a distant name from long ago or more recent church members and friends; however, all were those whose lives impacted the church and community. What mattered was that they lived their faith, used their gifts and made a difference in the legacy of Morton Baptist Church.

History is important because it has shaped us. We have a substantial history as we proudly declare on our Sunday bulletin, "For the Glory of God and the Advancement of His Kingdom Founded/Established 1832". There is a lot more that has gone on before us that still impacts our ways. Any look at a church's history will have surprises and insights; we will find some positive times and some that were difficult and challenging. We need all of that to get a complete picture and understanding of who we are. As a former history teacher, I believe history is so much more than names and dates. Those can easily be looked up. What matters in history is seeing what motivated people, what impacted a church or community, what challenges were met or what blessings and significant times meant to those involved. Our history is a touchstone to see where our foundation lay and a true perspective from where we look forward.

With history in mind, and as part of my intentional pastoral work, we are going to explore our history together on Sunday, September 30th after the worship service. Everyone is invited to be a part of this time. The plan is to have a working lunch and then to spend time together to explore our history. We will then put together the information we have gathered and make it part of the information the pastoral search committee will need. This is the first of our three Fifth Sunday Meetings. We'll have another one on December 30th to look at community and congregation demographics and a third on March 31st to look toward the future and God's vision for Morton Baptist Church.

Please plan to join us for this important first Fifth Sunday Meeting on Sunday, September 30th.

Pastor Walter

Refocus

A woman went to the Pastor after the Sunday service and said, "I won't be attending church anymore."

He responded, "May I ask why?"

She replied, "I see people on their cell phones during the service. Some are gossiping, and some just aren't living right. They are all hypocrites."

The pastor got silent, and he said, "Okay, but can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"

"What's that?", she asked.

He answered, "Take a glass of water and walk around the church two times without letting any water fall out of the glass."

She said, "Yes, I can do that!" She came back and announced that she'd succeeded.

The pastor then asked her three questions: "Did you see anyone on his or her phone? Did you see anyone gossiping? Was anyone living wrong?"

She answered, "I didn't see anything. I was so focused on this glass so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to church, you should be focused on God, so that YOU don't fall. That's why Jesus said, 'Follow me!' He did not say, 'Follow Christians.' Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God."

Patriot Day Bible Verses

In you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. Psalm 25:2-6

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. Psalm 119:114

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

I will remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:20-23

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30

David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see day..." Acts 2:25-27

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>).

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.



Rummage Sale



Carol Duerr is stepping down from heading the rummage sale. We need the congregation's opinion as to whether we will continue with the rummage sale in the future or if we should go in another direction for a fundraiser. Please pass all of your suggestions on to Barb Miller.

Church Website

Ralph Olney, Andrew Cook, Marilynn Kundra, and Kaitlyn Curtis met to discuss and plan our new church website. So far, we have purchased a domain and are working towards creating the website to best represent MBC's history, goals, beliefs, events, groups, etc. We're hoping to have the website up and running by the end of this year. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or insights, please contact Andrew, Marilynn, or Kaitlyn.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kendall Schools Open House

On Tuesday, September 4th, there will be Open Houses at both the Elementary School (ES) and Junior/Senior High School (JSHS). The ES Open House will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and the JSHS Open House will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students can drop off their school supplies and meet their teachers. Families can also enjoy a chicken BBQ dinner by the Kendall Sports Boosters. There will also be a clothing exchange in the ES Cafeteria during the ES Open House.



CURE Picnic

Our annual CURE Picnic will be held **Saturday, September 22nd** from 12:00-4:00. Lunch will be from 12:00-1:00 at the church, and activities will be from 1:00-4:00 at the Morton Fireman's Field. Activities include wagon rides to an apple orchard and pumpkin patch, petting zoo, crafts, games, and more! Sign up sheets for food and volunteers are posted in McQueen Hall.

Kendall Scarecrow Festival

The annual Kendall Scarecrow Festival will be held **Saturday, September 29th** from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM rain or shine. This year's theme is "Your Choice". Events include live music at the gazebo, a bounce house, pumpkin decorating, pony rides, face painting, crafts, and more! For further information and entry form, visit the town of Kendall webpage: www.townofkendall.com.





Fifth Sunday Meeting

After church on Sunday, September 30th, we will be meeting to discuss and explore our church history. This will be the first of three meetings Pastor Walter will host while we discover and put together information to help guide our search for a new pastor. A light lunch will be provided.

Country Mouse Nursery School

Open house will be on **Friday, September 7th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at Morton Baptist Church. All are welcome to come visit and check us out! Classes begin on Tuesday, September 11th at 9:30 - 11:45 AM. This year, there is an option of attending one, two, or three days (Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday mornings) for three- and four-year-olds. On Wednesday mornings, a "mom" and me is available for two-year-olds and an adult companion for an hour or two. MBC Country Mouse Nursery School has an experienced and certified teacher, and maintains one of the most reasonable tuitions in the area. For additional information, please call Diane Grimm at 585-964-2861, 585-733-6585, or 585-659-8548 or email dianemgrimm@gmail.com.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Two - Three day program for three & four year olds:

Tuesday/Thursday mornings
9:30 - 11:45 A.M.

*Optional additional third day of
Wednesdays

One day program for two - threes :

"Mom and Me!"

*Specific day to be determine by
needs of families involved

9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

*Adult is required to stay with child

MBC Country Mouse follows the Kendall
School schedule for vacation days. Classes
begin in September and finish in early June.

Class size is limited to 20 children, but usually
average about 10 - 12. In addition to the
teacher, each class has one to two adult/parent
helpers.

TUITION

After an initial registration fee,
(\$218) for the three day program,
(\$145 for two day program),
tuitions are due in three equal installments
(\$218) for the three day program,
(\$145 for the two day program) on the
15th of September, November, January, and March.
\$872 Three day program Total
\$580 Two day program Total

One day "Mom" and Me program
is a pay as you come for \$5.00 per visit.

CURRICULUM

Daily schedules are designed to
encourage learning, independence,
socialization, creativity, and
self esteem.

The curriculum for our daily
programs is designed to be a positive
first learning experience. Emphasis is
placed on social development as your
child learns to work and play with a
group of his/her peers. Students are
given the opportunity to experience a
variety of creative activities (painting,
cutting, clay play), singing, story, and
show n' share circle times, large muscle
activities, sand table and free play.

In addition, our program strives
to helps your child with pre- kindergarten
readiness skills. Activities are provided
to allow growth in fine motor skills,
listening skills, language development,
and pre-reading skills. The love of reading
is encouraged by daily story times, and by
our take home a library book program.
Creative art activities, cooking, singing,
group games are frequently planned.
Social development continues to be
fostered as opportunities are given to
work and play with others.



STAFF

MBC Country Mouse Nursery School
is staffed by one teacher, Diane Grimm,
and one to two adult parent aides.

Diane Grimm has taught at Country Mouse
for over 25 years. She is a graduate of
SUNY Geneseo, and completed her
graduate work at SUNY Brockport.
She is certified to teach nursery school
through sixth grade, and has specialized
in Early Childhood Education.

EVENTS



Local field trips and special visitors are
periodically arranged during the year to
further broaden their experiences and
learning.

Holiday parties, an end of the year picnic,
and graduation and move up ceremonies
are scheduled for both the three and four
day programs.

LOCATION



MBC COUNTRY MOUSE is located
in the Morton Baptist Church at
1152 County Line Road, Morton, NY
(North of Rt. 18 between Hamlin & Kendall)
Our phone number is 585-659-8548

TO REGISTER OR ARRANGE FOR A VISIT:

Call: MBC Country Mouse Nursery School
@ 585-659-8548 Or Diane Grimm
585-964-2861 or 585-733-6585
or dianemgrimm@gmail.com



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
September is:
Paper Towels



September Greeters & Ushers

Frank Hoffman & EhLaw Chaw

September Birthdays:

5th Ava Ingraham
Jason Miller
6th Robert Cook
7th Victoria Knaak
14th Matthew Cook
Carol Duerr
18th Jan Fabry
19th Fred Conradt



19th Dennis Duerr
20th Linda Farrow
23rd Jim Richardson
24th Cindy Curtis
Kathy Scroger
25th Sally Shiffer
27th Ralph Olney

“Children in the Bible” Bible Quiz

1. What young man was sold into slavery by his brothers?

- a. Jacob
- b. Joseph
- c. Joshua
- d. Jonathan

2. Out of fear of the birth of the Messiah, Herod had all male children age ___ and under killed.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

3. Whose mother would bring him a new robe every year when he worked in the temple?

- a. Samuel
- b. Jonah
- c. Aaron
- d. Joseph

4. What infant was raised by the Pharaoh's daughter?

- a. Abraham
- b. Aaron
- c. Moses
- d. Israel

5. What did the young Shunammite child do when Elisha brought him back to life?

- a. Coughed seven times
- b. Sneezed seven times
- c. Jumped up and down seven times
- d. Blinkered seven times

6. What was young David doing when Samuel called for him and anointed him King?

- a. Gathering stones
- b. Hunting
- c. Tending sheep
- d. Preparing for battle

7. Jesus said, “whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will ___?”

- a. Enter by the skin of their teeth
- b. By no means enter it
- c. Enter in as an adult
- d. Find it very difficult to enter.

8. A gentile woman from Canaan begged Jesus to heal her daughter, who ___?

- a. Had leprosy
- b. Was lame and couldn't walk
- c. Was severely demon-possessed
- d. Had died

Answers: 1.b, 2.b, 3.a, 4.c, 5.b, 6.c, 7.b, 8.c



In and Around the Community

Eleanor Reynolds celebrated her 92nd birthday on August 1st. The congregation honored her special day by singing happy birthday and her favorite hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

Congratulations to Dale and Lisa Rowley on their newest granddaughter, Josephine. Dale and Lisa were able to help out the family in Texas for a month.

Fred Conradt expressed his thanks for those who called, brought food and snacks, and sent cards after his knee surgery. We're glad you're doing better Fred!

A co-worker of Angela Cater's was killed in a car accident in July. Please keep all who knew them in your prayers.

Brad Miller's uncle (his mother's twin) had open-heart surgery in late July. We're thrilled to hear everything went well, and he's resting at home.

Joan Purvee has a new great-granddaughter! Eliana was born on August 9th.

Our annual Rummage Sale was a success! We made \$702 in profit and the remaining items were donated to Salvation Army.

Congratulations to Liz Pearson for accepting a position at Kendall Elementary School as an evening cleaner!

Congratulations to Sue and Jim Rayburn's son, Chris, for getting married on August 18th! We wish Chris and his wife Christina the very best!

Katie Kundrata and her husband, Ben, had their American wedding at Hamlin Beach on August 4th. It was a beautiful ceremony full of love, family, and friends. Katie and Ben returned to Malaysia after the celebrations. We wish you both the very best and hope to see you again soon!

Please remember Rosemary Mintz in your prayers. She was hospitalized with an infection in her lungs. She's home recovering now.

The community worship service at the Kendall Gazebo on August 19th was truly a nice time of fellowship with the community churches.

Please keep Andrew Cook's former youth pastor in your prayers. He's straying theologically and needs guidance.

We're happy to hear that Jack Moore's former wife, Leslie, is recovering after a double lung transplant.

Please keep Pastor Walter's brother, Jeff, and his wife Patty in your prayers. Patty's father doesn't have much longer.

We received a thank you card from the Kendall Food Cupboard for our basket donation.

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.

**"For I know the PLANS
I have for you"
declares the LORD
"plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE."
Jeremiah 29:11**

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"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." -
Psalm 37:4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday	3 Labor Day	4 Bible Study @ 12:00	5 First Day of School Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	6	7	8
9	10	11 Patriot Day Bible Study @ 12:00	12 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	13	14	15
16	17	18 Bible Study @ 12:00	19 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 PM	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn CURE Picnic @ MBC 12:00-4:00
23 30 Luncheon & Meeting after church	24	25 Bible Study @ 12:00	26 Newsletter items due Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00	27	28 Kendall JSHS Homecoming Parade and Carnival	29 Kendall Scarecrow Festival 10:00- 3:00

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