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Morton Baptist Church

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Bible Study: Wednesday at 12:00

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Back to Church

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

As a pastor, I always get excited about fall. Having spent years in school, and being married to a teacher, fall does bring a certain energy and purpose. When I see the back to school ads, in my mind I say, "Back to church". Not that I don't miss the sunshine and a more relaxed schedule; but things start happening in church in the fall.

I've noticed that the church gears up and gets back to business in the fall: the choir is back, Sunday school has begun, and special events have happened or are already planned. Then, on some winter Sunday, we get together to have our annual meeting, elect officers and board members, and accept a budget.

Of course, there is another year to which I pay attention as a preacher and that is the church or lectionary year that begins on the first Sunday of Advent and goes through to the following year right up to the Sunday before the next Advent. This cycle of scripture reading repeats every year for three years and we're currently in year C which means we often hear readings from Luke's gospel. There are usually four choices each week, an Old Testament passage, a Psalm or other responsive, an Epistle, and a Gospel. As Baptists, we're not bound to this as some other groups are, but I've always found it helpful for both preaching and my own spiritual discipline whether I choose one of those texts or am led by the Spirit to another. Then again, even when we get to Advent, our church is already moving along. The Harvest Supper, CURE Picnic and Thanksgiving have already happened, and the choir is well into practicing the Christmas cantata.

There is a lot to be said for the fall, we have warm days and cool nights, so we can turn off the air conditioner. We might need to put on a jacket or sweater, but boots and gloves are not yet necessary. Football season begins and baseball's pennant race heats up toward the World Series and the leaves turn their beautiful color. Usually somewhere someone has a fire going, and we smell the wood smoke or sit around the fire ourselves.

There is a lot to be said for fall within the church. We will see more people in the pews and enjoy the choir on Sunday morning. Old friends return, and we renew those relationships. When we're all together the Spirit works in wonderful ways. As any preacher will tell you, the more people in the pews, the more they are encouraged.

My hope is that you share my delight and excitement about the fall. Let's look forward to what God has in store for us in the months ahead.

Pastor Walter

Trustee Meeting 8-21-2019

In attendance: Gary House, Ralph Olney, Tom Ingraham, Tony Callari, Frank Hoffman, Marilyn Kundra

The meeting was opened with prayer at 6:00 PM.

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

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. \$5,000 was transferred into the Capital Fund from the Endowment Fund. State and Federal taxes have been filed. Ralph discussed the draft proposal for salary and benefits for a new pastor with ABC Executive Minister Sandra. Ralph submitted paperwork and donation for the Kendall War Memorial Brick. Most line items are on budget. The expense for the color copier is up, although we are no longer purchasing preprinted bulletins, so we are saving money there. John Curtis and Dale Rowley will be taken off the banking accounts, Marilyn Kundra will be added. Frank made a motion to approve, Tony seconded.

Mary Campbell requested that her pay for filling in as pianist for Andrew Cook be donated back to the church. The money will be donated to the Youth Group.

Dan Cater requested a new vacuum cleaner be purchased. We also need new castors for the chair rack and a submersible pump and hose to drain the baptistry. Gary will discuss these purchases with Dan.

Diane Grimm indicated that this may be her last year at Country Mouse. Ralph will contact her and discuss options of continuing a nursery school or other uses for this space.

The light overlooking the parking lot is not working, another light will be installed.

There is a green stain on the siding that needs to be cleaned.

Instructions of how to keep the front door unlocked will be posted.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 6:45 PM.

The next meeting will be September 18th at 7:00 PM.

ATTENTION!

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will resume singing on Sunday, September 8th. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 pm. If you're interested in joining, please contact Lisa Rowley.



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/ortonaptisthurchermom>).

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



CURE Picnic

Our annual CURE Picnic will be held **Saturday, September 21st** 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.

Care Net

The annual Care Net Walk for Life will be held Saturday, **September 29th** at 5:00 pm at the marked trail behind Albion Central School. You can register as an individual or as a team.



Drawing for small prizes and refreshments will follow the walk. The first 100 walkers/runners will get a free, filled aluminum water bottle. The person who raises the most money will receive two tickets for an untethered hot air balloon ride with Deja Vu Ballooning (value \$530). For more information, call (585) 589-7505.

Kendall Scarecrow Festival

The annual Kendall Scarecrow Festival will be held **Saturday, October 5th** 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.



*a cellphone without a battery is useless
a guitar without strings is useless
a life without God is useless*



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
September is:
Paper Towels

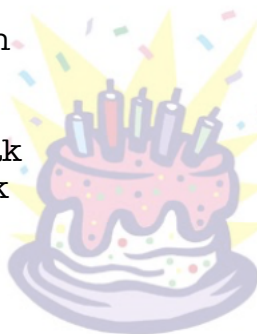


September Greeters

1 st	Frank Hoffman
8 th	Skip & Kathy Scroger
15 th	Todd Rath
22 nd	Tom & Julia Ingraham
29 th	David & Sandy Strassenburgh

September Birthdays:

5 th	Ava Ingraham	19 th	Dennis Duerr
	Jason Miller	20 th	Linda Farrow
6 th	Robert Cook		Elizabeth Pearson
7 th	Victoria Knaak	23 rd	Jim Richardson
14 th	Matthew Cook	24 th	Cindy Curtis
	Carol Duerr		Kathy Scroger
18 th	Jan Fabry	25 th	Sally Shiffer
19 th	Fred Conradt	27 th	Ralph Olney



A Sweet Labor Day Devotion by Renee Andrews

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12–14 (NIV)

My family has a Labor Day tradition. The entire gang gathers at my parents' home on the river for jet-skiing, swimming, good food... and homemade ice cream. My mother makes the best homemade ice cream.

This Labor Day we were waiting for the ice cream, but the ice-cream maker just kept spinning. Then my dad remembered that he accidentally tossed the tiny part in the bottom out. That one little part ended up being important, and without it, the ice cream took much longer to get firm.

Like that tiny part in the ice-cream maker, each part of Christ's body is important to the livelihood of Christ's church. We may not feel like our tiny part matters, but in the entire scheme of things, we could be the reason the church doesn't stand firm. He needs our part.

For me, I sometimes feel I don't offer anything overly impressive to the growth of the Kingdom. I can speak, but I'm sure not great at it. I can sing, but it's nothing to write home about. And it took me years before I gathered the courage to pray out loud. But I do have a few things I can do and enjoy doing.

I can write and share God's message with my readers. I can teach the preschoolers at church and help start their growth in the Lord. I can do my part servicing the nursery so new moms can fully enjoy the sermon. I can be willing to attribute my good mood to my good Lord whenever asked why I seem particularly happy. I can also let others know that God will see me through when I'm having hard times.

Faith step: Eat a bowl of ice cream today and think about all of the parts that were necessary for that delicious taste, and then thank Jesus that you can be a tiny part in His Kingdom.



In and Around the Community

Abigail Jenks was baptized on July 28th. It was wonderful to witness and hear her statement of faith.

Natalie Cook's friend, Katelynn, traveled to Mozambique in early August. She was to stay for two weeks and then head home.

Congratualtions to Cody and Brittany Rath who are pregnant with their third child! However, Brittany went to the doctor and discovered she has amniotic band syndrome. This can cause complications if the bands attach to the baby. She is four months along now and is on bedrest for the next month. In addition, where they live in Florida could be in line with Hurricane Dorian. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Kendall Central School District sent a thank you note for our contribution to their scholarship fund.

Pam Dutton arrived safely in Maine. She will remain there for a few weeks.

Jason Miller started his first year at Monroe Community College in late August. He will be studying physical geography. We wish you the best of luck!

Please keep the family of Ann White's sister, Mary, in your prayers. Her stepdaughter, Aubrey, passed away.

Congratulations to Team Olney as of August 26th for raising \$24,250 for the Wilmot Cancer Center! That is incredible! The Warrior Walk will be held on Sunday, September 8th.



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

August Bible Puzzle Solution

BIBLE CROSSWORD III - SOLUTION

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Across: 1 Despair, 5 Resting, 9 Purer, 10 Galatians, 11 Neglected, 12 Siege, 13 Alms, 15 Ordained, 18 Promises, 19 Days, 22 Amber, 24 Protector, 26 Existence, 27 Gnash, 28 Strange, 29 Treason.

Down: 1 Depend, 2 Straggler, 3 Agree, 4 Righteous, 5 Ruled, 6 Satisfied, 7 Image, 8 Gospel, 14 Samaritan, 16 Dishonest, 17 Egyptians, 20 Camels, 21 Orphan, 23 Brier, 24 Pence, 25 Eagle.

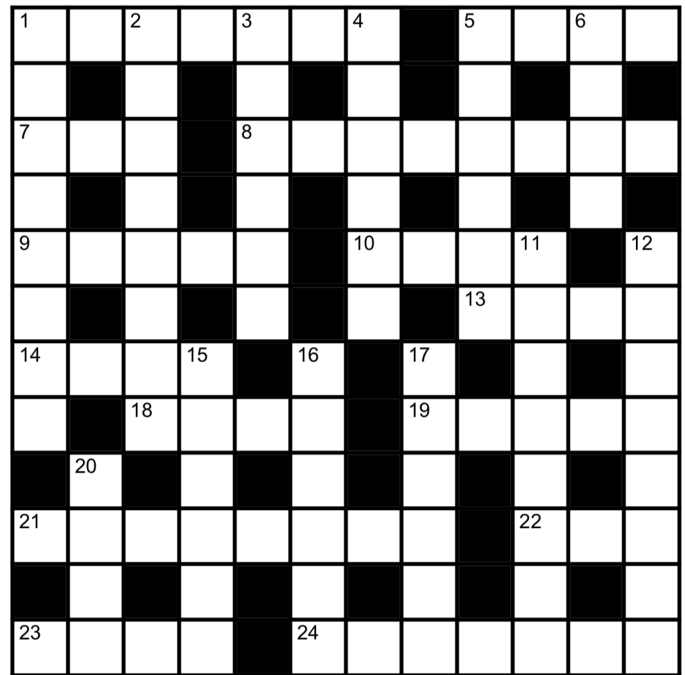
QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD V

Across

- 1 Cleansing ritual (7)
- 5 Fair (4)
- 7 Listening device (3)
- 8 Taken into custody (8)
- 9 Deal (5)
- 10 Leader (4)
- 13 Locks (4)
- 14 Left-handed (4)
- 18 Naomi's bitter name (4)
- 19 Provided by the sun (5)
- 21 Seller (8)
- 22 Commandment count (3)
- 23 Happy (4)
- 24 Bears (7)

Down

- 1 Lived (8)
- 2 One of the seven churches (8)
- 3 Visions (6)
- 4 Bethany resident (6)
- 5 Idolatry abolisher (6)
- 6 Offspring (4)
- 11 Keziah, to Job (8)
- 12 Collected works of an author (8)
- 15 Moved to the music (6)
- 16 Royal home (6)
- 17 Joyful (6)
- 20 Drawing place (4)



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ANGER
BLASPHEME
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ELIJAH
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GARDEN
HUMBLETH
INHERITANCE
ISRAEL
JEZEBEL
JEZREELITE
KILLED
KING
LETTERS
LICKED
LORD

MONEY
NABOTH
POSSESSION
POSTERITY
SACKCLOTH
SAMARIA
SONS OF BELIAL
STONE
TISHBITE
VINEYARD
WICKEDNESS
WIFE

September

2019

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	3	4 First Day of School Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	5	6 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	7
8 Communion Sunday Rally Day	9 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	10	11 Patriot Day Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	12	13 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	14
15	16 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	17	18 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	19 Alzheimer's Caregiver Institute @ 1:00	20 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	21 CURE Picnic @ MBC 12:00-4:00
22	23 First Day of Autumn Tops 4:00-7:00 pm	24	25 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	26	27 Kendall JSHS Homecoming Parade and Carnival @ 6:00 pm	28
29 CareNet Walk for Life @ 5:00 pm	30 Tops 4:00-7:00 pm					

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