



**MORROW
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VBS 2012 Operation Overboard

Vacation Bible School 2012

June 24 - 28

All ages - including adults



Dive in and discover God's underwater universe! Explore the depths of God's Word at VBS 2012 with Cokesbury's Operation Overboard – Dare To Go Deep With God!

In this action-packed adventure, your kids will swim with humpback whales and seahorses, scuba through a vibrant coral reef, and take a personal submarine to the ocean floor, where eels and octopi play. Through interactive lessons that are easy for kids to apply to their lives today, they will "go deep" into God's Word, exploring Bible stories of people who revealed deep faith by knowing how to:

- **Depend** on God
- **Dare** to care
- **Claim** Jesus
- **Choose** to follow

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Actors (Crowd, Friends, King, Naaman, Servants, Captain, Roman Guard), Dive Guides (Young Elementary, Middle Elem., Upper Elem. Leaders), and Decorators.

Please see VBS Directors Maria Cruz and Angela Turner to volunteer or for more information.

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The Pastor's Pen



In his book, *And the Angels Were Silent*, Max Lucado reflects on a visit to Jesus' tomb outside of Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher rests over the place now, covering the spot that is believed to be Jesus' grave. In 326 AD, the mother of Constantine the Great, Empress Helena, went in search for the tomb. The bishop of Jerusalem took her to a jagged cluster of granite on which stood a temple built for the god Jupiter (Zeus). Bothered by the pagan monument, Helena ordered its demolition and built a chapel there. Like the Empress Helena, many have visited the chapel to pay their respects to Jesus. They have a deep appreciation for what Jesus did: they know the tomb is empty, and they worship Jesus for the life he gave.

Lucado writes that his group had the chance to walk into the grave itself. He says, "Three steps across the rock floor and I was at the other side. The low ceiling forced me to squat and lean against a cold, rough wall. My eyes had to adjust... As they did, I sat in silence, the first moment of silence that day. It began to occur to me where I was: in a tomb. A tomb which could have held the body of Christ." Someone who entered after him softly said, "God put himself in a place like this."

God did, indeed. God the Father put himself in many situations through his Son Jesus, and he still does. Whether they were cold and rough, warm and smooth, God exited those places with us in hand.

Now that Lent is finishing and Easter is upon us, we can celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life he gives to all. We can live with his eternal blessings, even here on earth, and know that God walks with us every day. "Nothing is blacker than a grave," Lucado says. Even when our situations are dark and gloomy, God's light is there to light our paths and see us through.

"The next time you find yourself entombed in a darkened world of fear, remember [Christ in a tomb]. The next time pain boxes you in a world of horror, remember the tomb. The next time a stone seals your exit to peace, think about the empty, musty tomb outside of Jerusalem."

Jesus isn't there anymore. Neither do we have to remain in such dark spaces.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Keith Rhoden (Mimi England's brother-in-law), Allie Brandon (Anchor Hospital), Jean Chase (friend of Ben & Marcia Cartledge), Chris Dyché, Family of Nathaniel Harrison (Edith Walston's brother), Barbara Kelly (Janis Campbell's cousin), Bernard Mock (Tanya Costa's step-father), Jim Pierrot (Carol Bevil's twin), Luis Saavedra (Rita Coughlin's father), Rick Tarleton (requested by Susie Grant), Bill Allison, Elizabeth Barfield, Bobby Bays, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, Martha Bowman, Jackie Bridges, Charlie Brown, Susan Brown, Mary Butler, Jo Calhoun, Janis Campbell, Paula Echols, Ysora Fernandez, Spencer Grant, Howard Harden, Kelley Harden, Betsy Hilliard, Eddie Hooten, Alicia Linzy, Scott Lunsford, Mary McBath, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Joseph Mitchell, Linda Morgan, Amador Moriles, David Moss, Sonny Oswalt, John Randolph, Henry Richardson, Allene Rowland, Joe & Betty Spier, Margaret Strelsky, Michael Thraikill, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Josephine Tinio, Shirley Tinio, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** -Army-Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** - Japan; 1st Sgt Chris **Chastain**, Kosovo; PFC Daniel **Costa** - Fort Huachuca, AZ; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Germany; Najee **Hall**- San Diego, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. **Lillegard**; Adam **Martin**; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Brent **Paul** - Military College of GA; Cole **Springer** - Army; A1C Richard **Venizelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin **Warlick** - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Christian love and sympathy to... Edith Walston upon the death of her brother, Nathaniel Harrison, the week of 3/12. Edith Walston, 5426 Emily Circle, Ellenwood, GA 30294.

Holy Week Schedule

April 1	-	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday. Children wave palms. Communicants join the church.
		12:00 p.m.	Reception for Communicants, fellowship hall.
April 5	-	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service, fellowship hall.
April 6	-	-----	Good Friday.
April 7	-	11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, fellowship hall and grounds.
April 8	-	6:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service, grounds.
	-	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service, sanctuary.
April 9	-	-----	Easter Monday, Church Office Closed.

Community Renewal

"Finding Redemption in Exile"

April 22, 23, and 24

6 p.m. Catered Dinner 7:00 p.m. Worship

This year our Community Renewal Services will be on consecutive evenings. Combined choirs will sing each night. The theme will be "Finding Redemption in Exile" The schedule will be as follows:

April 22 - First Baptist Church of Morrow

Dr. Ed Judy preaching.

April 23 - Morrow Presbyterian Church

Rev. David Tew preaching

April 24 - Morrow First United Methodist

Dr. John Callahan preaching

Pink Yard Sale



3 Days. 60 Miles. To erase breast cancer. Mark your calendars for a Pink Yard Sale at the Gammages. Rita Coughlin will be having a yard sale on **May 5** at the home of Dock & Andra Gammage (6235 Montlake Avenue, McDonough) to go towards the \$2300 she needs to raise to walk in her third "3-Day Breast Cancer Walk" in San Diego, CA. If you have anything you would like to donate for the sale, please contact Rita Coughlin at 404-384-0977.

Love One Another

Mother's Day Brunch—May 12



Mark your calendars now for our "Come to the Garden" luncheon on Saturday, May 12, at 11 a.m. All ladies are invited. More details to follow.

Food Pantry BBQ Fundraiser



Our Food Pantry's Annual BBQ fundraiser will be **Sunday, April 15**, immediately following the worship service. We would like to challenge all members of the congregation to invite a friend to come and worship with us and stay for lunch.

Scones & Fables Update

Thank you congregation for a successful Scones and Fables. We started with fewer books and fewer buyers, but on Sunday morning you pulled us through to a magnificent total of...**\$1,254.50!!!!** Thanks, also, to all the people that were a part of the success of this event. It took all of you to make this work, and we all had a great time together Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Morrow Presbyterian Church is so dedicated to all our events, and that's what makes our church so special. **THANK YOU!!! Ben & Marcia**

Relay for Life—May 4 & 5

Have you signed up for Relay for Life yet? When we raised money from our Scones & Fables, we also had new members join our Cross Walkers Team! Please call Ben Cartledge if you would like to join the team, and he will tell you how to sign up. Remember, this year Relay for Life is at Tara Stadium on Friday, May 4 & 5. New place and new date. Don't forget! See you there!

Thank You Cards & Messages

From Mary Butler... Dear MPC Friends, I want to thank you so much for all your kindnesses during and after my two surgeries. Your prayers, beautiful cards and gifts, phone calls, and concerns have meant so much to me. I will probably need another surgery for a graft, but, hopefully, not anytime soon. The fistula clotted again, possibly due to my small veins, and cannot be used. Thank you again. You are all blessings in my life.

From Bob & Debbie Crain... On behalf of the Fannie Crain family, we would like to thank the congregation for the cards, calls, visits, and your love and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you to Libby McNair and the people who prepared the wonderful meal before Miss Fannie's service. The leftovers fed a multitude that evening as well. We have received many compliments from friends and family about our wonderful congregation. We also want to thank those of you who have donated to the food pantry in her name. She always loved feeding people. We are so blessed to have this church family in our lives.

Handbells Return to MPC



The Handbells are back!

Were you here last Sunday to hear a small quartet from our handbell choir? After many years of silence, the handbells have begun to ring again in our sanctuary. The entire handbell choir will perform on Easter Sunday morning. Be sure to be here for their debut!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Josh McLeod and Savannah McBroom who were wed on **March 10, 2012**. They married in Tennessee. Josh has been at MPC since he was born and joined with the communicants

class in 1995. Best Wishes to the happy couple!



Congratulations to Robert (Butch) and Holly Crain on the birth of their son, **Nathaniel Alexander (Alex) Crain**, on February 29, 2012. He weighed 9 lbs, 6 oz. and was 21 1/2" long. Alex joins older sister AnnaBelle and older brother Robert Morris (Mo). **His paternal grandparents are Bob & Debbie Crain.** His maternal grandparents are Nancy Maxson and the late Morris Maxson.

Baskets and More - April 22



April 22 is our upcoming Baskets & More Silent Auction. We have already heard from a few of the congregation about what you have made, and it sounds wonderful, and so creative! It will be exciting to see all items or homemade goodies. You may bring your entries as early as 9:00 a.m. on

the Sunday of the auction. The silent auction will follow our Sunday morning worship service in the fellowship hall. We are excited and hope that everyone plans on being here and participating by either preparing a basket/item or buying one (or more). You may call Susie Grant to list your entry.

Young at Heart

ATTENTION, YOUNG-AT-HEART FOLKS: Do you like GOOD seafood? If so, plan to join the group at BAY BREEZE, a new restaurant in Lovejoy, on Wednesday, April 25. We will meet there at 11:30 a.m. or carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. Don't believe you'll be disappointed in the food! Hope to see you there!"