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## In Memory of Eddie B. Hooten



**Eddie B. Hooten**, age 90, of Rex, GA, passed away Monday, March 3, 2014. Eddie was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army and went on to work for General Motors as a millwright. Eddie & Dorothy were married for almost 67 years. Eddie & Dorothy joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on December 5, 2004. They were active in worship until Eddie's health prevented him from attending.

Eddie enjoyed yard work and caring for a garden. He was a hard worker and very independent. He was loved by all who knew him. Eddie was a good, humble, and honest man. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by: wife, Dorothy Hooten; children, Marsha Ann (George) Kempson, Ronald (Dianne) Hooten and Tammy (Randy) Wilson; grandchildren, Dean Kempson, Wendy Ray, Kris Hooten and Matthew Hooten; great-grandchildren, Kody Kempson, Destiny Redding, Katie Kempson, Braxton Gilliland, Korey Hooten, Anna Hooten, Chloe Ray and Kason Luke Hooten; siblings, Ethel Piper, Marylena Sims and Bernard Hooten; and a plethora of nieces & nephews He was preceded in death by great-grandson, Aaron Christopher Redding.

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## The Pastor's Pen



Years ago my wife introduced me to a wacko song from Mojo Nixon. It's called *Elvis Is Everywhere*. For some strange reason I listened to it the other day, and this is what I heard:

Elvis is everywhere, man! He's in everything. He's in everybody...

Elvis is in your jeans. He's in your cheeseburgers. Elvis is in Nutty Buddies!

Elvis is in your mom! He's in everybody. He's in the young, the old, the fat, the skinny, the white, the black, the brown, and the blue people got Elvis in 'em too.

Now, how could I possibly find anything theological in this? Mojo Nixon jokingly sings about Elvis, but on a more serious point, we cannot help but think about Jesus being in us? We've heard that statement before, but what does it mean?

I watched an interview on Facebook with Bono, who is the lead singer of U2, and he was asked about who Jesus is. He said that such a question is the defining question of what Christianity is all about. Jesus "either, in my view, was the Son of God," Bono says, "or was nuts," and he meant a Charles Manson-type delirium. If we agree that Jesus was not nuts or a devil, then we believe him to be the Son of God. This is the beginning of faith, and the beginning of understanding that this Son of God must be a part of our lives. In effect, he must be in us.

We may turn to Scripture and see what Jesus says about his filial relationship with God the Father. "Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?" he asks. "The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work" (John 14:10). This is a description of how close God the Father and Son were and are, along with God the Holy Spirit. In our case, having Christ in us is a welcome invitation toward our Savior. We want Christ to be in us, making a home in our hearts, influencing everything we do and think and say, and being an essential part of our plans and desires. With Christ in us, we do nothing that would go against what Christ would want us to do. As Jesus says, "The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing..." (John 5:19). Neither may we.

The last thing we could say is to have Christ in us means to have Christ's righteousness. Not only does Christ influence everything about us but also Christ transforms our lives, so that we may be dead to sin and alive for heaven. There is a nifty verse in Genesis 15:6 that simply says, "[Abraham] believed in the LORD, and [the LORD] counted it to him for righteousness." Paul mentions this verse in Romans 4, and says basically that when we accept Christ to be in us, we receive the righteousness of God. We are made "right" with God, meaning we are forgiven and cleansed of our sin and made perfect for eternal life with God. Those "who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:17).

We could go on with this topic, but just reflect on what is written here for this coming Easter. Mojo Nixon may think Elvis is everywhere and in everybody, but he cannot come close to what Christ does in us.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

<http://artists.letsingit.com/song-6kc4m4l#ixzz2puviQVeG>

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Susan Brown (Dianne Hooten's sister), Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith (requested by Rita Coughlin), Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Charlie Brown, Bobbie Burke, Wendall Byars, Miguel Calderon, Marcia Cartledge, Delgado Family, Mary Dyche, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Vera Flint, Spencer Frye, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Erin Harkins, Hearn Family, Lisa Hulbert, Carl Kirkley, Norman Lillie, Kathleen Marshall, Julia McLeod, David & Faye Moss, Beth Newman, Keith Rhoden, Joe & Betty Spier, Emily Starr, Vrina Stebbins, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Michael Thraikill, Mary Varnom, Mary Ann Warlick. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; Shaun Bland - Navy, Georgia; Jaime Brown—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel Brown - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Kevin Brown - Army, Afghanistan; Stephen Brown - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jeremy Butler - Marines; Sk2 Robert Crain, Tennessee; SPC Joseph Eason, Fort Bliss, TX; Jonathan Johnson - National Guard - OK; Kevin Krebs, AK; SrA Richard Venizelos - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin Warlick - Army, Afghanistan.

*A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.*

## Young at Heart News

**Fort Oglethorpe, April 23, 8:30 a.m.** Young-at-Heart folks, mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 23, for a special day of fun!!! We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and travel to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for a shopping trip at HAMRICK'S DEPARTMENT STORE. After checking out all their bargains, we will enjoy lunch at Bea's Restaurant in Rossville. Then we will visit HOWARD FINSTER'S PARADISE GARDENS in Summerville, Georgia..."The World's Folk Art Church!" The cost will be \$15.00, plus your lunch. Please let Ken Campbell know if you plan to join the group for this fun day, 770-961-2272.

## Here Comes Peter Cottontail...



**Easter Egg Hunt, April 20, 12:15 p.m.** Hop on down the bunny trail after worship on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. That's when Morrow Presbyterian Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt will happen. There will be a special area just for our little ones, ages 0-3. The rest of the children will hunt for eggs on the church grounds (hoping for good

weather!). How can you help? Glad you asked! **We need candy - LOTS of candy.** Bring your donation of wrapped candy to the church by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Chocolate candy won't be turned away, but we can't stuff the eggs with it. Chocolate and warm, spring days can create a chocolaty mess on little faces and clothes. In addition to candy for eggs, we are asking for age-appropriate goodies for our 0-3 year olds. Goldfish packets, animal crackers, Happy Meal Toys, etc. would be perfect for our tiny tots.

**Bring on the Candy!!**

*...choose you this day whom ye will serve; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

**Joshua 24:15**

## Maundy Thursday, April 17



**7:00 p.m.** As is our custom for alternate years, this year's Maundy Thursday Service will be a Passover Seder in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we observe the Lord's Supper in this special way.

## Baskets & More, April 27



**Baskets and More Auction, April 27.** Our annual Baskets & More silent auction fundraiser for our Relay for Life Team will be April 27 right after church. Get those creative juices flowing and we'll be ready to add you to our list of donors. This is a wonderful day for families. Go together with your friends and buy one of those very large baskets and you all can picnic at church for your lunch. Remember these profits go toward our Relay for Life Team, The CrossWalkers!!

## Community Renewal Services

*"Encountering the Resurrected Christ"*

**April 27, 30, and May 4**

**Sunday...Wednesday...Sunday**

**Supper provided at 6:00 p.m. Program at 7:00 p.m.**

**April 27— Morrow First United Methodist Church**

Rev. David Tew preaching.

**April 30— Morrow Presbyterian Church**

Dr. Ed Judy preaching.

**May 4— First Baptist Church of Morrow**

Dr. John Callahan preaching.

## VBS 2014



## Vacation Bible School 2014

**July 6—10**



### ITEMS NEEDED:

**Construction paper; •pool noodles; •crayons; •poster board (color varieties); •wooden clothes pins; •aluminum foil; •empty soup cans; •empty paint cans; •colored bulletin board paper; •caution/work zone tape; •colored plastic/vinyl tablecloths.**

**If you can supply any of these items, please bring them to the church. Volunteers are still needed—especially teachers.**

## Thank You Notes...

**From Brenda Garner...** Thanks to everyone who contributed to the hot breakfast and goody bags of homemade cookies, etc. on March 13 for the 12 Marquette University students doing mission work in Morrow during their spring break. They were most appreciative of our southern foods and hospitality and those able to attend received a blessing from them.

**From Marquette University MAP...** Thank you so much for your warmth and hospitality. It was such a pleasure meeting each of you. We truly appreciate the generous breakfast. Our time in Morrow has been so great. Thank you!

**From the Hooten, Kempson, and Wilson Families...** Many, many thanks for all of the love and support shown us when our husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Eddie B. Hooten, passed away. We appreciate all of the calls, cards, prayers, and visits. A special thank you to Pastor John, Ken Campbell, Tanya Costa, and Sharon Goza for their participation in the funeral and to the Presbyterian Women for the delicious lunch provided to us following the service. We are blessed to have such a loving church family here at MPC.

**From Mary Ann Warlick...** Dear Church Family...I love all of you so much...when things are going along fine, we tend to forget the wonderful support group we have at MPC. Thank all of you for your prayers, calls, visits, cards, and food that have poured my way over the last few weeks. You are all so very special to me, and I thank God every day for you being a part of my life.

## Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Kelsey Campbell** for being selected for the Governors Honors program in Communicative Arts—Writing. She will spend four weeks this summer at Valdosta State University. Way to go, Kelsey!

**Congratulations to Matthew Hooten** for being invited into Alpha Lambda Delta - National Honor Society for First-Year Students at Valdosta State University. Way to go, Matthew!

## Presbyterian Women

**Dorcas Circle**—April 8, 10 a.m. Will complete their study of Ruth. Project: diapers for the Food Pantry. Will begin study of James in May.

**Virginia Dews Circle**—April 14, 6:30 p.m., Pacers' classroom. Devotion: Maria Cruz Hostess: Lei Eason

**Morning Glory Circle**—April 27, 9:45 a.m. They will continue in their book *Stressed Less Living*. The lesson will be Chapter 10 - *Broken for Breakthrough*.

## Mission Trip— Costa Rica

**Items Still Needed.** Peanut butter, Velveeta Cheese, Maple imitation flavoring, chocolate chips, children's clothes (baby - 10 years), tennis shoes (6-10 adults), t-shirts (small, medium, large), small toys (McDonald's toys, dollar store), school supplies