



**MORROW
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Vacation Bible School—June 7–11, 2015



ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS

- ◆ Tires or Wheels (inflatable or road)
- ◆ Black Bulletin Board Paper
- ◆ Toy Cars (sizes may vary)
- ◆ White Masking Tape
- ◆ Hula Hoops
- ◆ Plastic Colored Balls
- ◆ Old License Plates
- ◆ Racing Theme Décor
- ◆ Sports Theme Décor
- ◆ Traffic Cones



- ◆ Flags (various)
- ◆ Sports Balls (basketball, soccer, football, etc.)
- ◆ Colored Slinkys
- ◆ Pool Noodles
- ◆ Balloons
- ◆ Construction paper
- ◆ Poster Board

A box will be placed in the fellowship hall for you to place these items in. For larger items, please see Tori Laster.

Teachers and volunteers are still needed.

Please see Maria Cruz if you would like to help.

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The Pastor's Pen



Once in awhile, I like to read a good myth. The ones from the Norse tradition are fun (the Norse were the Vikings). Their stories remind me of *The Lord of the Rings* or *Game of Throne*.

There's one about Odin, who is known as All-Father, the main god within the Norse pantheon. He decides to wander the earth as Vegtam so that he might discover how to obtain all knowledge and wisdom. He must visit Mimir's well and drink from it. When he does, he will have all knowledge and wisdom of all things that happen on the earth. But there is a price to pay. Mimir, the wisest of the world's being, guards the well and demands that anyone drinking from it must give his right eye.

Odin goes to the well and is permitted to drink and drink and drink. He sees all sorrows and troubles that will fall upon the humans and gods. He understands why they must come, but in the end the evil that brings them will be destroyed along with all the gods, including Odin himself. When he finishes, he plucks out his eye and gives it to Mimir. In turn he puts it at the bottom of the well, so that all may know that the "Father of the gods has paid for his wisdom."

When I read this story, I couldn't help but think of the holiday we will celebrate at the beginning of this month: Easter. The idea of paying prices and the highly-religious language makes me think of God our Creator and Christ our Savior.

God is our All-Father, the Maker of all things seen and unseen, as the Nicene Creed puts it. God has all knowledge and wisdom of all things, past, present, and future, not because God was able to obtain them against difficult odds but because God is God. God already has knowledge and wisdom, as well as great love and mercy and healing (to name a few).

God knows us through and through. God knows all our sin and how that sin likes to increase our sorrow and trouble, destroying vital relationships with people and God. So God did something about it. He did not give up a body part such as an eye or a foot to remove our sin. God gave up himself in the form of a human being, Jesus Christ. Jesus became the sacrifice for us, so that sorrow and trouble may be eradicated and our redeemed futures may be solely with God.

God paid a price for our salvation. The reminder of it is the cross, which hangs around people's necks and sits on the top of many church steeples. The cross declares that the Father of all creation has paid for our sin, and if anyone wants more than wisdom and knowledge – if anyone wants life in abundance – he or she should take a knee and confess the sacrifice that our All-Father paid.

It is fun to read myths occasionally, but they seldom tell the truth of our corrupt condition that needs to be restored. We need to hear the real story of a perfect God who gives up something not for self-gain but for the destiny of us all. We need to be reminded of how much Christ suffered for us, and how he died to remove the penalty that we should pay. That is a story which will last forever, never getting old and never losing its impact on each generation that needs God's gift of eternal salvation.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Jeannie Hodges, Rick Peel (Linda Lillie's brother-in-law), Sara Ruth Owens (Shirley Thrailkill's cousin), Costa Rica Mission Team (Annie & Garrett Johnson, Justin Cos, Dakota Gammage), Mary Farwell (Tricia Koehler's sister-in-law), Barbara Lukat (Bob Lukat's sister-in-law), Carillon Marsh (Shirley Thrailkill's grandson), Shannon Delgado, Lucie Cantrell, Jennifer Barber, Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Esther Bland, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Ray Cabayan, Betty Colwell, Tanya Costa, Mary Creech, Kim Ennis, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Jeffrey Frysh, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Penny Gordon, David Hadler, Erin Harkens, Beth Harper, Lizzie Hendrix, John Henrickson, Rev. Penny Hill, Jim Jenkins, George Kempson, Vickie Loper, Noli Luna, Marcia McCord, Julia McLeod, David & Faye Moss, Nan Norton, Nuss Family, Breanna Ordaniel, Shanti Paramanandam, Beverly Pruett, Gordon & Shirley Richardson, Lacita Robinson, Shanna Robinson, Allene Rowland, Keith Stanley, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Cathy Thomas, Ann Thornton, Morse Updegraff, Mary Ann Warlick, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin & Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeremy **Butler**—Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; Jonathan **Johnson**—National Guard—GA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venzelos**—Air Force, CO.; SPC Justin **Warlick**—Army, TX.

Surgical / Medical Mission to the Philippines



The Moriles Family and Annie & Jonathan Johnson will join a medical mission team in Cebu, Philippines from May 21-29, 2015. They are collecting old summer clothes and shoes to donate to those needy patients and children. **A box is in the fellowship hall for your donations.** Please pray for the whole team. There will be surgeries and outpatient medical consults.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. As is our custom for alternate years, this year's Maundy Thursday Service will be a communion service in the sanctuary. Please join us as we observe the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday, April 5

- ◆ **7:00 a.m.** - **Sonrise Service**
- ◆ **11:00 a.m.** - **Morning Worship Service**
- ◆ **12:15 p.m.** - **Easter Egg Hunt**

Easter Egg Hunt—Easter Sunday, April 5, 12:15 p.m.



Here comes Peter Cottontail, hopping down the bunny trail!

Don't forget about MPC's Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th following the morning worship service. Hundreds of candy-filled eggs will be "hidden" on the church grounds for the children (through 5th grade) to find. We will also have a special area reserved for our babies to 3 year-olds to find some goodies.

Welcome New Members

A Special Welcome to our New Members, Onuoha & Georgina Onuaha and their son, Ogbu Onuoha. The Onuohas come to us by Transfer of Letter and Profession of Faith. They attended Riverdale Presbyterian Church until the church closed its doors. Onuoha is the brother of another MPC member, Otisi Onuoha. Onuoha is an Engineer. Georgina is a Certified Nursing Assistant. Ogbu is a Pension Analyst at UFCW Consolidated Pension Fund. The Onuohas live at 1365 Willow Drive, Riverdale, GA 30296. Their home phone number is 770-996-6772. Welcome Onuoha Family!



Ogbu Georgina Onuoha

Presbyterian Women

PWCT—April 12, 12:30 p.m. The PWCT will be meeting on Sunday, April 12, at 12:30 following the church service. Light refreshments will be provided by Mary Ann Moriles. Please make plans to attend as we will be making final plans for the Mother's Day Brunch which will take place on Saturday, May 9. We invite all women of the church to attend the Mother's Day Celebration. This year's theme is "Women of Joy" and we are thankful and thoughtful of what brings us joy. The Honorary Life Membership will be awarded to a special and deserving lady at the brunch.

Virginia Dews Circle, April 20, 6:30 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle meeting was changed from the 13th of April to the 20th of April at 6:30 p.m. Pauline Buchanan will have the devotion and Maria Cruz will serve refreshments. We will continue our study of Women of the Bible in April studying Mary Magdalene.

Dorcas Circle—April 21, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 21 (note change in date). Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible study—James, Chapter 4:13-17. Hostesses are Berniece Lillegard and Roxie Romine. Berniece Lillegard has the devotion.

Morning Glory Circle—April 26, 9:45 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, "The Best Yes," by Lysa TerKeurst. We will be discussing Chapters 8 & 9.

Mother's Day Brunch, May 9, 11 a.m.

Our Annual Mother's Day Brunch will be on Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. The theme this year is "Women of Joy—What Brings You Joy?" If you would like to decorate a table, please see Mary Ann Moriles. The Turners will be catering the delicious meal.

Baskets and More, April 26, 12:15 p.m.



The next Baskets and More Silent Auction will be April 26, 2015. This auction is raising money for our Relay for Life Team! Please get your creative juices flowing and come up with a great food basket, homemade item, homebred item, plant or something for the kids. Please call Susie Grant (770-954-9356) or Marcia Cartledge (770-478-4004) if you want to get on our entry list. Remember to have a title for your entry and a low bid amount to be added to your Silent Auction Bid Sheet. If you can't donate anything to raise money for our team, please think about giving them a donation and, for sure, attend the Relay for Life on May 2 and join in with the fun. We'll see you on Sunday following church on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Thank You Notes

From Audrey Sharpe ... To the Congregation of MPC, I take this opportunity to thank God for my healing and to thank my church family for prayers, cards, and positive thoughts on my behalf. I know I am the beneficiary of your intercessory appeals to the Almighty. I am grateful for them all, as I continue to enjoy a relatively pain free existence and absolutely no pain related to the recent medical procedure. In His Grace...

From Roxie Romine ... On Thursday, March 12, the Presbyterian Women hosted a breakfast for the students of Marquette University who came to the City of Morrow to volunteer their services. A special thank-you to Sara Gore, Anne Fordham, Marilyn Mitchell, Kathy Prince, Judy Chapman, Libby McNair, Pauline Buchanan, Marcia & Ben Cartledge, Berniece Lillegard, Mary Ann Moriles, and Pastor John for helping me with this breakfast.

From Eddy Wheeler & Jennifer Barber ... Thank you for your prayers and notes. God has been working in our situation and providing timely help.

From Kay Shellnut, President, Gamma Alpha Chapter (Delta Kappa Gamma) ... Thank you for allowing the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International the access to a room for our project for CSU education graduates. We appreciate your willingness and support for our professional organization.

From the Crosswalkers... The Crosswalkers would like to thank the congregation for their enthusiasm and generosity. The lunches raised \$1,038.00 for our Relay for Life team! Way to go!

From Dianne Hooten... Thank you for your concerns, prayers, calls, and visits during & following my recent surgery. I'm doing well and had a great report from the doctor.