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VBS—July 16—20



It's time to start preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS) so that we will be ready in July.

Would you like to help? There are many ways to help.

What is God calling you to do today?

We need volunteers to act, help with crafts, lead students, help with snacks, decorating...and the list goes on.

See Maria Cruz, Deborah Venizelos or Dianne Hooten to offer your services.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Bernadette Pascual who graduated December 10, 2016 from Clayton State University with a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Administrative Management Organizational Leadership degree. She will stay with her current workplace and possibly continue with Graduate School.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN



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There are a lot of strange holidays that we celebrate during the year.

For example, on October 21 there is Sweetest Day, which is a variation of Valentine's Day. People are supposed to perform romantic deeds or expressions. There is Pi Day on March 14, because the first three numbers of the mathematical constant are 3.14. Pies are usually eaten. And then there is Everything You Do Is Right Day, March 16. That one caught my attention, as I was listening to my radio station over the Internet. The announcer never had heard of such a day, but he decided to highlight it nonetheless. I looked it up and got this quote, "Everything You Do is Right Day just might be a perfect day... Some days are good days. Some days are bad days... Every once in a while, a day comes along where everything you do goes well....the perfect day!"

Actually, we have the perfect day, and it is Easter. It is not the day in which everything we do is right. It is the day in which we are made right through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We could say we have experienced perfect days, wonderful days in which we enjoyed every hour. The weather was as we wanted it. The activities and fellowship were spot on. We could not have asked for a better day, so we declare it to be perfect. However, and I am sorry to rain on your parade, but just because we declare a day to be perfect doesn't mean we are perfect. We can never be perfect as long as we live in this flesh on this earth. Sin is not those bad things we do; sin is the state we constantly live in. "Full of all wickedness, distrust, contempt and hatred of God," the Second Helvetic Confession says, "we are unable to do or even to think anything good for ourselves" (5.037). "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23 says.

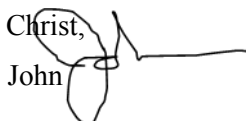
We are tainted, polluted, way over our heads in sin. We could declare one day to be "Everything You Do is Right," and yet there is sin infecting us. There are still people who will do bad things even on March 16 that break confidences and shatters lives. We may think what we do that day is alright, but we still may hurt people in one manner or another.

Having said all that, we do have one day in the year in which we declare as perfect. Easter. The day is perfect only because of the perfect act of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus perfectly died, so that we may be cleaned, healed, restored from our sin. Jesus perfectly rose, so that we may be brought back to a complete and uninterrupted relationship with our God. Jesus is perfect, and makes all our days perfect for growing in faith through our worship, study, and serving.

Easter is not Everything You Do Is Right Day; it is Everything Is Made Right through Christ Day. Everything and everyone, and the door to eternal salvation is open to us, and the path is laid down for us to travel toward that door. We are redeemed. All our bad and good days are restored. We "rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation" (Romans 5:11).

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

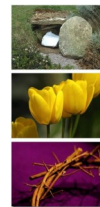


Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Debbie Howell (Audrey Sharpe's neice), Cochran Family (requested by Jeannie Hodges), Pudge Bacot (friend of the Campbells), Glenn Barnett, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Mae Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Emrie Buchanan, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Jo Calhoun, Christopher Candy, Bill & Lucie Cantrell, Christy Cavender, Betty Colwell, Tanya Costa, Laura Dempsey, Ilona Dorsey, Sherrie Esquivel, Hannah Freeman, Jessica Giddens, Bob Grandinetti, Lila Haney, Robb Haney, Charles Hoequist, Jennie Johnson, Tricia Koehler, Leah Lipps, Carrilton Marsh, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, Mary Ann Moriles, Nan Norton, Ray Norton, Enyidia Onuoha, Michelle Oswalt, Virginia Oswalt, Lee Parker & family, Bernie Pascual, Rick Peel, John Popovich, Beverly Pruet, Pat Randolph, Jean Rathbun, Wendy Ray, Bob Schrepfer, Neil Sledge, John Smith, Linda Souza, Keith Stanley, Emily Starr, Earl Stewart, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Stuart Updike, Laurel Underwood, Eddy Wheeler, Gene Williams, Terry & Margie Williams, Cheryl Wilson, Bruce Winkles, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** SGT Kevin **Brown**, Army—Afghanistan; SGT Jaime **Brown**, Army, Afghanistan; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joseph **Eason** – Army - Texas, PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO. **Our College Students.** *A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.*

Holy Week Schedule

April 9	-	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday.
		12:15 p.m.	Reception for Communicants, fellowship hall.
April 13	-	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service, sanctuary.
April 14	-	-----	Good Friday.
April 16	-	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service, grounds.
		11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service, sanctuary.
		12:15 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, grounds.
April 17	-	-----	Easter Monday, Church Office Closed.



The resurrection of Jesus Christ

Easter Sermon

Baskets & More, April 30, 12:15 p.m.



Baskets and More will be here before you know it! April 30 is the date following the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Service. This Silent Auction is our biggest fundraiser for our Cross Walkers Relay for Life Team to help fight cancer. We've all been affected by this terrible disease either by having it ourselves or knowing someone who has or has had it. Help us do our part to increase the research on this disease.

Now for the information on the auction itself. Please call Susie or Marcia with your item so we will have a good idea of how many bid sheets need to be set up. We look forward to quilts, baked goods, tie-died items, wood working, paintings, knitted shawls, socks, or scarves, plants, and more plus the famous gourmet picnic baskets to be bid on by a group of people in order to raise the bid even higher! Many of these baskets will be enjoyed right in the fellowship hall following the auction. Let us hear from you now so we know just what we have coming to the auction. *Susie & Marcia*

Communicants' Reception



Communicants To be Honored at Reception – April 9, 12:15 p.m. Our communicants, Ebere Onuoha, Jamari Lewis, and Amari Chukwura will be honored at a cake & punch reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 9. The congregation is invited to come and congratulate them on their hard work in class and in making such an important decision.

Our Financial Health

March 2017
(Needed Weekly - \$5,566.52)

March 5	-	\$9,301.81
March 12	-	\$6,221.18
March 19	-	\$4,209.72
March 26	-	\$5,519.80
		\$25,252.51



Presbyterian Women

PWCT— April 2, 12:30 p.m. The PWCT will meet in the Pacer's classroom.

Virginia Dews Circle, April 10, 6:30 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers Classroom. (Please note date of meeting.) Judy Chapman will have the devotion and Shirley Thraikill will provide refreshments. Lei Eason is scheduled to bring us a Bible study on "Love." Our April project will be donations for a gift card for the cottage at Thornwell.

Dorcas Circle—April 11, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses are Mary Nell Winkles and Janis Campbell. Sharon Goza has the devotion.

Morning Glory Circle— April 23, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet on April 23, at 9:30 a.m. They will begin their new Bible Study, "Jonah," by Priscilla Shirer.

Mission Possible: 3 This year's PW project is called Mission Possible:3. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to raise as much money as possible for 3 Mission Projects that are dear to the heart of MPC. Checks should be made payable to "Morrow Presbyterian Church Women." **Part 1** – The Uptown Congregation **Part 2** – Our Missionaries – The Turks **Part 3** – Carlos and Raisa Sanchez (Costa Rica) The goal is \$1000 for each Part.

April Santa Claus Express – Shampoo/Conditioner/Deodorant

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, April 16, 12:15 p.m.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 5th grade immediately following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16. Plastic eggs filled with candy will be hidden on the grounds. Small infants and children two and under will hunt for eggs in the playground outside of the nursery. We will serve cookies and punch in the fellowship hall. There will also be crafts for the children to put together. **We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy (bite sized) to fill the eggs.** A basket has been placed in the Fellowship hall for your candy.

Thank You Notes

From Ben & Marcia Cartledge ...Ben & I want to thank the congregation for your love and concern following mother's passing. We appreciate the food, help with the service, calls, and cards! You are such a caring family, and we love you dearly! You helped make a very sad time endurable.

From Mary Ann Moriles...To My Wonderful Church Family, Thank you so very much for the prayers, visits, cards, food, and well wishes when I had the surgery for my broken ankle March 1. The healing of broken bones will take about 3 months, and needless to say, this is so challenging for me. This Lenten season will have a different meaning as I try to practice patience and trust. Always grateful for all your love and support. God bless.

From Dianne Hooten...A huge thank you to the Dorcas Circle for purchasing a new shredder for the church office! It's great to have the capacity to shred more than 3 sheets at a time! Your generosity is appreciated. Love to all of you.

From Corey Campbell...Good day to the congregation of Morrow Presbyterian Church. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and their generous donations to aid me in my upcoming mission trip to Guatemala. Thank you and I look forward to sharing my experience with you when I return.

From Earl & Lucy Stewart...Hello to all our friends at MPC. Thank you to everyone for the cards, Facebook messages, telephone calls, and especially the prayers. Earl was discharged last Monday from rehab. He's doing much better, muscle spasms are very few and down to one medicine for pain. He went back to work (not as many hours) and will resume preaching in April. Just like MPC, his church has been very good to us. It is great to have Christian friends.

Mother's Day Brunch, May 13, 10 a.m.



Mother's Day Brunch, May 13, 10 a.m. Our Annual Mother's Day Brunch will be on Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. The theme this year is "Live, Laugh, Love." If you would like to decorate a table, please see Marie Tuttle.