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In Memory of Joe Bradfield Spier



Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Joe Spier, age 92, who passed away on February 24, 2016.

Joe & Betty joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on April 11, 1971. Joe was active in the church and in the Young at Heart until his health prevented his attendance.

Joe was a Private First Class in the Army Infantry from May 1942 until November 1945 (European Theater). He was also a Boy Scout Leader. He enjoyed wood working and watching the Atlanta Crackers, who later became the Atlanta Braves. He enjoyed having a garden and sharing the vegetables with others. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren. He was an avid camper and traveled all over the United States. He enjoyed telling stories.

Surviving are his wife: Betty Spier, sons: George Spier and wife Susan of Marietta and Mark Spier and wife Coleen of San Antonio, TX., grandchildren: Joshua Spier, Justin Spier and wife Megan, Katie Hughes and husband Bryan, and Austin Spier, great-grandchildren: Asa Spier, Kyla Spier, Hayden Hughes and Hudson Hughes.

The family has requested that any memorials be given to Morrow Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 316, Morrow, GA 30260.

Joe—you will be missed.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN



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Saint Patrick's Day is an interesting holiday. It commemorates a saint of the Church, Patrick, who was born in Roman Britain in 387 AD.

When he was about fourteen, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raid and delivered to Ireland as a slave. At the time Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, but Patrick himself turned to God for his strength. He was a slave until the age of 20, when he was told in a dream by God to escape to the coast and find his freedom. He did and sailed back to his Roman home in Britain, where he was reunited with his family.

But then he received another vision, in which God was calling him back to Ireland. God wanted the land to turn from its pagan ways and embrace faith in Jesus. Patrick would be their evangelist. On March 25, 433, he landed in Ireland where he preached and taught about salvation in Christ for the next 40 years.

Now, we tend to think that St. Patrick's Day means something else. It gives us an excuse to wear green clothing, to drink green beverages, and to claim that we are of Irish descent. That's the funny part about the holiday: everyone becomes Irish for the day. It doesn't matter if our lineage is Scottish or German, Spanish or African. On March 17, we are Irish! We wear pins saying, "Kiss Me, I'm Irish." We fake an Irish brogue and dance around like leprechauns. St. Patrick's Day brings the "Irish" out of us all.

There is another holiday this month that we claim as our own: March 27, Easter Day.

On Easter, we celebrate the One who was captured not by raiders but by deep compassion for us. He willingly left his glory in heaven, something not to be taken lightly as Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians (2:5-11). He humbled himself, taking on flesh, and taught us how to live for God. Many were converted by his strong words and heart-felt actions. Many became new people, putting off their old sinful ways. At the right time Jesus died for our sins, and then he rose to glory for our righteousness.

It doesn't matter what our past sins are, and it doesn't matter what our failures have been. On March 27, we are people who have a new lease on life because of Jesus Christ. On Easter, we celebrate the knowledge that we have abundant life and a secure place with God on earth and in heaven.

On March 17, wear as much green as you want. Wear the buttons and speak with an accent. But on March 27, Easter Day, we don't have to fake anything. We don't have to pretend anything. God's gift of life for you and me is real. It is offered to all people of every nation and culture. We wear white this day, for our sins as red as scarlet are washed away (Isaiah 1:18). We speak with a new voice, for the things of God are firmly anchored in our minds. Easter Day brings the new life out of us to be shared with all who need a Savior.

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Cecelia Locke (Emory Midtown), Kimberly Moriles (Dominican Republic), Rob Rathbun (friend of Bradley's), Georgene & McKinley Sneed; Bill Thrailkill, Franklin Warlick, Jim Mullinax (friend of the Bradley's), Jennifer Barber, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Jeff Blanton, Rosalyn Boggs, Frank Bradley, Doris Brady, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Betty Colwell, Craig Coleman, Janis Cone, Lei Eason, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Ruth Ginsberg, Beth Harper, Rev. Penny Hill, Charles Hoequist, Leah Lipps, Noli Luna, Carrilton Marsh, Julia McLeod, Marian Meyer, Grandma Moriles, David & Faye Moss, Daris Mullinax, Nuss Family, Sara Ruth Owens, Janice Palmer, John Popovich, Arolue Prater, Beverly Pruett, Rey Ramos, Natalie Sledge, Kim Stonecash, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Brian Thrailkill, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin **Brown**, Army—Fort Riley, KS; CPL Jaime **Brown**, Army, KS; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joshua Easter—Navy, IL; PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO.

A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.

Holy Week Schedule

March 20	-	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday.	
			♦ Children wave palms. / Our Communicant joins the church.	
		12:15 p.m.	Reception for Communicant, fellowship hall.	
		6:00 p.m.	Kids Club Fundraiser Dinner, fellowship hall.	
		7:00 p.m.	Kids Club Spring Program, sanctuary.	
March 24	-	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder Supper, fellowship hall	
March 25	-	-----	Good Friday.	
March 26	-	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt until 12 noon.	
March 27	-	6:31 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service, grounds.	
		11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service, sanctuary.	
March 28	-	-----	Easter Monday, Church Office Closed.	



Holy Week & Easter

The resurrection of Jesus Christ


Easter Sermon

Young at Heart to Silver Bay Seafood, March 23, 11 a.m.

 The Young at Heart will meet at Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant in Stockbridge on Wednesday, March 23, at 11 a.m. Sign up sheet in narthex.

The Young at Heart will be going to Callaway Gardens sometime in April. More details later.

Tax Advice Lunch, March 6

 **Tax Advice Luncheon, Sunday, March 6, 12:15 p.m.** Do you have tax questions? Elder Ugo Chukwura is going to talk about what qualifies as income, what you can take as deductions, filing as self-employed, deductible expenses, etc. For other questions not covered, she will set up separate consultations for anyone that might need further help. Tax advice only - taxes will not be prepared for you. Sandwiches, chips, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

BBQ Fundraiser, March 13

 **Food Pantry BBQ Fundraiser, March 13, 12:15 p.m.** Our annual, grand, Food Pantry BBQ fundraiser will commence immediately following the worship service on Sunday, March 13. Please invite your family and friends to join us for worship and then stay for BBQ and all the fixings. All proceeds to benefit our Food Pantry mission here at the church. Checks may be made out to *Morrow Presbyterian Church* and earmarked *Food Pantry BBQ*.

Presbyterian Women

PWCT— March 6, 12:30 p.m. The PWCT will meet in the Pacer's classroom.

Dorcas Circle—March 8, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible study. Hostesses are Marilyn Mitchell and Tricia Koehler. Tricia Koehler has the devotion.

Virginia Dews Circle, March 14. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on March 14, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers' classroom. They will have light refreshments and continue in their study of Women of the Bible.

Morning Glory Circle— NO March Meeting. The Morning Glory Circle will not meet in March since it is Easter Sunday.

The 2016 project for Presbyterian Women is Clean Water. We'll be donating to Charity: Water, a non-profit organization that provides clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations. The organization was founded in 2006 and has helped fund 13,641 projects in 22 countries, benefiting over 4.6 million people. We'd love the congregation to help us in this cause. Please start saving your extra change now in a water bottle, and soon we will have a "well" to place all of your change.



Men's Fireside Chat, March 12, 7 p.m.



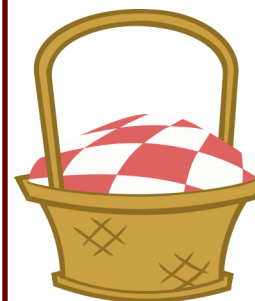
Men's Fireside Chat, March 12, 7 p.m. All men of Morrow Presbyterian Church are welcome to come for Bible study and discussions of revitalizing the Men's Ministry of MPC on Saturday evening, March 12, at 7 p.m. Bring your comfortable chair and enjoy a time of fellowship while you watch the pigs cook for the food pantry BBQ.

Thank You Note

From Albert Coughlin... Thank you to the MPC session and congregation for another great luncheon. You donated another \$728.00 to American Cancer Society. You guys are amazing!

From Susan Wolpin... Dear Church Family, Your prayers, cards, and words of support are a blessing to me as I begin this journey with my illness. There are some among you that have been the path. I don't know yet the medical plan, but I do know that God is in charge and it will all be to His Glory. I ask for your continued prayers through this journey. I am so blessed to have you all as my church family. Thank you! May God bless you all.

Baskets & More, April 17, 12:15 p.m.



It's that time!!!! **BASKETS AND MORE** is scheduled for April 17th following the Sunday Morning worship Service. **You may bring your donated item(s) starting at 9:00 a.m. that day in the fellowship hall.** Please bring your gourmet picnic basket with all the necessary items for a full meal ready to be eaten. The larger baskets can be bid on by a group instead of a single person. That will make the high bid even higher!! If you choose you can bring something you have made: handcrafted wooden items, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, plants, handmade baked goods and more! Start planning now and more information will follow! *Please call Susie Grant or Marcia Cartledge with your donated item information, or fill out your bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. This is a fundraiser for our Relay for Life Team walking to fight Cancer! If you are not familiar with our fundraiser please ask and know we are always glad to have new folks participate!*



June 26 - 30, 2016

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

God Creates - God Loves - God Calms - God Helps - God Sends

See Maria Cruz to volunteer. Needed: Surf boards & surfing items.

