



**MORROW  
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**Family Night Supper**

**November Family Night Supper  
Thanksgiving Dinner and Program  
Sunday, November 20, 6:00 p.m.**



Make plans to join together as we share a time of thankful fellowship at our Thanksgiving Family Night Supper, Sunday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. Delicious turkey, dressing, and gravy will be prepared by David and Angela Turner. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish to complete our dinner. After dinner, there will be an opportunity to count our blessings and share them with one another. Please remember to indicate how many members of your family plan to attend the dinner on the signup sheet in the narthex.

**Hanging of the Greens**



**Hanging of the Greens –  
December 2, 10:00 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Giving Opportunities**



**Our Food Pantry Christmas Kids** will feel so blessed and happy this Christmas when they receive gifts from their wish list. Beginning on Sunday, November 6, you will have the opportunity to choose a child's name from the tree on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can then purchase gifts for the child you choose. Remember to write your name next to the number on the ornament that you choose. **Please wrap each gift and**

**label them with the child's name, and bring them to the church by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Santa Claus Express**



**Get on Board the Santa Claus Express 2011.** Each year the Presbyterian Women celebrate the holidays with the residents of the health services centers at Presbyterian Home, Quitman, and Presbyterian Village, Austell. A list of suggested gift items is posted on our bulletin board. Please place your gifts in a clear, plastic sandwich or storage bag. Santa's elves pick up these gifts from depot churches and deliver them to campuses to be wrapped for the residents. Share the joy of the holidays! Please have your gifts in by November 20, 2011.



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**The Pastor's Pen**



I once read a book by John C. Maxwell, a motivational speaker for Christian leadership, called *Failing Forward*. Throughout his book, he emphasizes the need for everyone to understand we experience failures. We experience them, but they do not have to set us back for too long. They may help carry us forward. In one of his chapters, Maxwell outlines many obstacles that hinder us from moving forward and living life. One of those is regret. He illustrates this point by a story he received from a friend via email:

"I booked my reservation on *Wish I Had* airlines. I didn't check my bags – everyone carries their baggage on this airplane – and had to drag it for what seemed like miles in the Regret City airport. And I could see that people from all over the world were there with me, limping along under the weight of bags they had packed themselves.

"I caught a cab to Last Resort Hotel, the driver taking the whole trip backwards, looking over his shoulder. And there I found the ballroom where my event would be held: the Annual Pity Party. As I checked in, I saw all my old colleagues were on the guest list:

The Done family – Woulda, Coulda, and Shoulda  
Both of the Opportunities – Missed and Lost  
All the Yesterdays – there were too many to count, but all would have sad stories to share.

"Shattered Dreams and Broken Dreams would be there, too, along with their friends Don't Blame Me and Couldn't Help It. And, of course, hours and hours of entertainment would be provided by the renowned storyteller *It's Their Fault*.

"As I prepared to settle in for a REALLY long night, I realized that one person had the power to send all those people home and break up the party: me. All I had to do was return to the present and welcome the new day!"

We are reminded of the words from Psalm 40: "I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods" (vss. 1-4).

John Maxwell suggests that, when we fail, we acknowledge the pain and grieve the loss (lost time, lost opportunity to succeed, lost courage, etc.) But then we forgive the moment, forgive anybody involved, and forgive ourselves. We release the moment and move on with God. As we face great and small troubles, it is easy to focus on the pain rather than on God and His salvation. Life is not to be lived regretting our failures. God picks us up from the ground, brushes the dust from our clothes, and sends us on our way again. We are smarter than before. We are more blessed than before. We have great things still to do for God and His kingdom.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

<sup>1</sup> pgs. 79-80.

## Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Scott Buchanan (son of a friend of Carol Oswald), Jessica Loper, Cedric Ndzomo, Lori Warlick, Sharon Willits (former member), Gladys Oliver (Eastside Medical Center), Christina Baker-Nwadeyi, Jo Bevil, Zachary Bradley, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Dick Brown, Bill Cantrell, Marcia Cartledge, Dianne Clements, Fannie Crain, Ana Espinoza, Spencer Grant, Gene Hammond, Kelley Harden, Beth Harper, Steve & Lois Hollimon, Eddie Hooten, Carl Kirkley, Katherine Lane, Anna Laster, Patrice Marsh, Mary McBath, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Linda Morgan, David Moss, Doris Mullinax, Carol O'Neil, Jorgel Orozco, Sonny Oswald, John Randolph, Lloyd Sanders, Merys Saavedra, Tina Stanford, Margaret Strelsky, Michael Thrailkill, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Shirley Tinio, Gary Waters, 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; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Afghanistan; Najee **Hall** - Afghanistan; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. **Lillegard**, Afghanistan; 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 & Tierney **Warlick** - Ft. Lewis, WA.

**Christian love and sympathy to the family of Euna Hammond** who passed away October 26, 2011. Please keep Gene and his family in your prayers during this very difficult time. Gene Hammond, 1083 South Avenue, Forest Park, GA 30297.

## New Address

**From "Ole Pastor Bob Allman"...** Dear Morrow Prez Friends, I will miss you a great deal. Many of you hold a special place in my heart. You are a great example of the open arms of Christ. Several reasons have caused us to move from this part of Greater Atlanta.

But, I will always remember how that "I was a stranger and you took me in." May God bless you each and every one.

Rev. Bob Allman

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## Young at Heart News



### Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon—November 16, 11 a.m.

The annual Young-at-Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, November

16, at 11:00 a.m. Meats (turkey and ham) will be provided. Please bring salads, veggies, and desserts to round out the meal. Hope to see you all there!

## Thank You Notes



**From Pastor John...** I APPRECIATE YOU! I want to thank everybody for celebrating Pastors' Appreciation Day with me on Sunday, October 9. I am very happy to be a pastor of Morrow Church, and I greatly appreciate all of you who make up the community there. You are a great group of people to know and serve along with. You are a great group of people whom God is using for the good of His kingdom. I have enjoyed my years with you, and I intend to enjoy many more years in the future. Blessings to y'all!

**From Crawford, Marian & Dennis...** Words can never express our appreciation for all you all did to make our difficult time easier. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. It was easy to see why Darnell enjoyed Morrow Presbyterian Church so much. You all came together and made her service very meaningful! Thanks for everything.

**From General Assembly Mission Council...** Thank you for your gift of \$1,016.87 to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We are grateful for your generosity. When you give to OGHHS, you are making a conscious decision to bring the joy and love of help by partnering in programs that help communities grow produce to consume and sell; by providing seeds and tools to Haitian farmers to assist in their recovery; and by enabling mobile health units to move quickly into areas affected by disaster. At a time when most Americans are feeling some economic pinch,

the impact of the same crisis on people who lack any economic cushion can be literally a matter of life and death.

**From Rita and the Coughlin Family...** We would like to thank our MPC family for their support of Rita and the 3-Day cancer walk. It raised over six million dollars for breast cancer research!

## Welcome—New Members!

**A special welcome to our new members** who joined on October 16, 2011.

**Jo Calhoun** joined by *Profession of Faith and Baptism*. Jo is retired and lives at 7036 Stephens Drive, Rex, GA 30273, 770-968-8269, jackandjo62@att.net.

**Joana Tawia** joined by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. Joana is a CNA for Just for You Personal Service. Her husband is Ferdinand. She lives at 3804 Hackney Drive, Rex, GA 30273, 770-474-2191, jbtawia@aol.com.

**Jesica West** joined by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. Jesica is a student at Clayton State University. She enjoys singing, doodling, decorating, baking, and music. Jesica lives at 6043 Deerfield Court, Morrow, GA 30260; 770-968-5310; jesica6043@yahoo.com.

**Ray West**, along with his daughter, Jesica, joined by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. Ray is a chorus teacher at Morrow High School. He lives at 6043 Deerfield Court, Morrow, GA 30260; 770-968-5310; rwest4h@yahoo.com.

## New Study for Life Group

**The Lighthouse Life Group**, facilitated by Bob & Suzanne Lukat, is beginning a new, 14-week study on Presbyterian doctrine. The name of the book being used is "*Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers—Exploring the Christian Faith*." by Donald K. McKim. **The life group is inviting all who are interested to join them in this study.** The group's next meeting will be on Sunday, November 13, from 5—7 p.m. If you are interested in studying this book, and would like for Suzanne to order a copy for you, please give her a call at 770-474-2006. The cost of the book is approximately \$8.00.

## Youth News

**The Great Escape & FITS Deposits Due.** If you know you are going to attend either The Great Escape or Fun in the Son next summer, you can **SAVE \$46!!!** by giving Andra your \$90 deposit no later than November 27, 2011.

The Great Escape - June 11—16 (\$359)

Fun in the Son (FITS) - July 15—20 (\$379)

## Thank you notes (continued)



**From Marcia Cartledge...** Thank you everyone for the kindness shown during my recent surgery. The prayers, food, calls and drivers meant so very much. I am healing nicely and will be back to normal soon. Much love.

## Presbyterian Women

We had approximately 40 women at the Annual General Meeting of the Presbyterian Women on October 2, 2011. The following slate of officers was approved:

### PW SLATE OF OFFICERS

#### 2011—2012

Moderator	-	Brenda Garner
Vice Moderator	-	Anne Fordham
Moderator in Training	-	Sheila McKee
Secretary	-	Maria Cruz
Treasurer	-	Carol Oswald & Libby McNair
Spiritual Growth & Enrichment	-	Mary Ann Moriles
Missions & Outreach	-	Deborah Venizelos
Search & Resources	-	Libby McNair
Dorcas Circle Chairs	-	Berniece Lillegard
Virginia Dews Chairs	-	Maria Cruz, Judy Chapman
Morning Glory Chair	-	Tamara Callahan
Dorcas Bible Moderators	-	Barbara Lester, Suzanne Lukat
Virginia Dews Mod.	-	Open
Morning Glory Moderator	-	Donna Boggs
Church Historian	-	Berniece Lillegard
Church Hostesses	-	Libby McNair and Roxie Romine

**Installation - Sunday, November 13, 2011, 11 a.m.**

## Veterans' Recognition



### Presbyterian Women Sponsor Veterans Reception, November 6, 12:15 p.m.

We will be recognizing all of our veterans and current military personnel of Morrow Presbyterian Church during the morning worship service on November 6. If you have not yet given us information for your veteran/active duty military, please call the church office. Please remember to bring photos/mementos on November 6 to display during the reception.

**Scout Sponsored Veterans Dinner, November 12, 4 p.m.** The Scouts of our church are sponsoring a dinner to honor our Veterans on Saturday, November 12 from 4 – 6 pm here at the church. All Veterans in our church family are invited to be their guests. Please see any of our Scouts or our Scout Leaders for more information and an invitation.