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THE PASTOR'S PEN



In his book, *And the Angels Were Silent*, Max Lucado reflects on his visit to Jesus' tomb outside of Jerusalem. Instead of a tomb, however, it is now a church. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher rests over the place that many believe was once Jesus' grave. In 326AD, the mother of Constantine the Great, Empress Helena, went in search of the tomb. The bishop of Jerusalem took her to a jagged cluster of granite on which stood a temple built for the god Jupiter. Bothered by the pagan monument, Helena ordered its demolition and built a chapel there.

Like the Empress Helena, many have visited the chapel to pay their respects to Jesus. They have a deep appreciation for what Jesus did: they know the tomb is empty, and they worship Jesus for the life he gave.

Lucado writes that his group had the chance to walk inside. He says, "Three steps across the rock floor and I was at the other side. The low ceiling forced me to squat and lean against a cold, rough wall. My eyes had to adjust... As they did, I sat in silence, the first moment of silence that day. It began to occur to me where I was: in a tomb. A tomb which could have held the body of Christ." Lucado says that someone who entered after him softly said, "God put himself in a place like this" (pg. 184).

He did, indeed. God put himself into many situations through his Son Jesus, and he still does. Whether they were cold and rough or warm and smooth, God exited those places with us in hand.

Lent and Easter are now complete, and we may celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life God gives to us all. We can live with his eternal blessings, even here on earth, and know that God walks with us every day. "Nothing is blacker than a grave," Lucado says. Even if our situations are dark and gloomy, God is present and will walk us out to his light.

"The next time you find yourself entombed in a darkened world of fear, remember [Christ in a tomb]. The next time pain boxes you in a world of horror, remember the tomb. The next time a stone seals your exit to peace, think about the empty, musty tomb outside of Jerusalem" (page 185).

Jesus isn't there anymore. With him you, too, no longer have to remain in your dark spaces.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Walter Krauth (former member), Sharon Knight (Encompass Hospice), Doug Lozel (Southern Regional), Moses Ayedele, Sidney Lyell (friend of Sharon Goza), James Eason, Robert Gore, Pat & John Randolph, Clayton & Janie Kite (parents of Shawn Butcher), Truong Pham & Tam (children of Shawn & Be Butcher), Walter Howie, Family of Willie Sharpe, Judy Chapman, Shirley Thraillkill, Grandma Moriles, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Mae Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Bill Burke, Laura Burke-Knight, Jo Calhoun, Teresa Carpenter, Judy Chapman, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Antonio Crucero, Felix Cruz, Keith Danser, Terry Dyche, Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Haywood Fordham, Evan Fournier, Jessica Giddens, Beth Graf, Connie Hand, Bob Hardy, Betsy

Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, John Howard, George Kempson, Lavender Lampl, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Stephanie Lozel, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Jerry McCoullough, Jack McDonough, Mac McKinney, Beth Newman, Ronnie Payne, Rick Peel, Doris Ragan, Sally, Georgene Sneed, Samson Solis, Cathy Trustorf, Shane Turner, Gene Usery, Barry Weems, and Terry Williams.. Our nation, Israel, Our Military, Our Missionaries; Our School Teachers & Students, Our College Students, Our Food Pantry Patrons. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex.*

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Baskets and More Auction, April 7, 12 p.m.

Baskets and More, April 7, 12 p.m. It's time for our Baskets and More Auction! Please consider donating items such as baskets of food, baked goods, something you've made, something you would want yourself, etc. Use your imagination! This year's auction will be **in memory of Marcia Cartledge**, who began our Baskets & More tradition. All of the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. **All checks should be made payable to Morrow Presbyterian Church and earmarked American Cancer Society.** Please let Susie Grant or Albert Coughlin know if you are donating an item or items.



A Special Welcome to Our New Librarian

A Special Welcome to McKinley Sneed who, with her parents support, has volunteered to be our new Church Librarian.

McKinley is 8 years old. She is in the 2nd grade at Eastlake Elementary School. She loves reading. Her favorite books are the Magic Tree House series. She also enjoys lacrosse and farming.

McKinley is currently working on finding the members of Kids Club *Kids Adventure Bibles* of their own.

Thank you, McKinley, for volunteering for this important position.

A Word From Our Librarian

Dear Family,

Some of our friends in kid's club do not have Bibles of their own. I would like to make sure our friends have one, if they want one. The Adventure Bibles are great and if you would like to buy one for kid's club friends, you can donate \$17.99 to church and we will order them. *Love, Your Librarian*



Coming in July

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 14-18 (Sunday—Thursday) 6:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: See Deborah Venizelos or Dianne Hooten if you are willing to help in any area of VBS.

Presbyterian Women



Virginia Dews Circle, April 8, 7:00 p.m. (note new time) The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday night, April 8, at 7 p.m. Deborah Venizelos will have the devotion. Lei Eason will facilitate the lesson from Lesson 6 (Sacred Encounters workbook). Project: Travel food bags for the church office.

Dorcas Circle, April 9, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Tricia Koehler will lead the group in Lesson 6 from the Sacred Encounters workbook. **Project:** Diapers in sizes 4,5, and 6 for the food pantry. **Devotion:** Sharon Goza

Morning Glory Circle, April 14, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. Carol Campbell will facilitate Lesson 7 from our book *Sacred Encounters*.

Mission Haven, PW Project. The Presbyterian Women have chosen helping Mission Haven (temporary housing for missionaries) as their yearly project. A suggestion is to donate gift cards. Gift cards are used to replace smaller items, to purchase cleaning supplies, and for repairs, as needed: HomeGoods, Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart, Big Lots, Tuesday Morning, SAM's Club, and Costco. In lieu of purchasing a gift card, checks may be written to MPC Women and earmarked *Mission Haven*. If you would like to see their wish list of other items we will be collecting this year, you can find it on our PW bulletin board.

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

Mother's Day Brunch, May 11, 11 a.m. The theme for our Mother's Day Brunch this year is "Miracles." Jesus performed many miracles while here on earth. We will focus on awareness of Christ. If you would like to provide a table for the brunch based on the different miracles of Jesus, please let Susie Grant know. She needs seven tables.

Tickets for the Brunch will be \$15. Sign up sheet in the narthex or you may call the church office to give a count.

Miracles

Thank You Notes

From the Facilities Maintenance Ministry Elders

(Dianne & Ronnie Hooten)... Many thanks to those who came out and helped on our church work day...Moses Ayodele, Shawn Butcher, Tamara Callahan, Bruce & Carol Campbell, Manny Follykoe, Norman & Linda Lillie, Romy Moriles, Mike, McKinley, & Sunny Sneed, David Turner, and Deborah Venizelos. We have been able to complete 100% of our projects planned with a couple of extra ones thrown in. A HUGE thank-you to Bruce Campbell & Dock Gammage for coming up later to pressure wash our brick garden, benches, walkway, and steps. What a difference it made!!



From Jacob, Jasmin, and little baby Helena Petroziello... Hey hey Morrow Pres Family! I just wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for the incredibly sweet and thoughtful baby shower you all threw for Jacob, Helena, and I. Your unwavering support and love mean the world to us, and we are truly blessed to have such a caring community surrounding us. I don't know what kind of adult I'd be without you all, let alone, what kind of mother I would be with out role models like you guys.

Your kindness and generosity touched our hearts deeply, and I cannot thank you enough for making us feel so loved and cherished. Your prayers, encouragement, and guidance have been a source of strength for me, especially as I prepare for this new chapter of motherhood this month and so far away from my church.

We miss you all dearly and are so very EXCITED to visit this summer and introduce you all to our precious baby Helena.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, support, and prayers. With love and blessings...

From Ron & Charlotte Smith... Thank you for your prayers. Ron will be going for another biopsy in June. He is doing very well. No meds, which is a praise! Praying for remission! Hope to meet you in the Spring for the MPC Anniversary! Thank you for your continued prayers. Yours in Christ.

Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to prayer from this place. II Chronicles 6:40



*Morrow Presbyterian Church
60th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration
April 26—28, 2024*



60

1964—2024



Please join us!

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - REFLECT

6 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Celebrate Life with the church family at the Relay for Life Event, Salem Baptist Church, 1724 GA-155 N, McDonough, GA 30252

Wear your favorite 60's attire as we celebrate the decade.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - RECONNECT

4:00 p.m. - Gather for fun and fellowship at MPC

5:00 p.m. - Pig Roast Dinner and Food Pantry Fundraiser

6:00 p.m. - Program in the sanctuary with music and reminiscing through the years; hosted by Bruce Campbell and Rev. Dr. Paul Cook

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - REJOICE

11:00 a.m. - 60th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service

12:15 p.m. - Reception in Fellowship Hall

RSVP

- ◆ Go online to www.morrowpresbyterian.org and let us know which days you will be joining us *or*
- ◆ Call the church office and let us know when you will be attending.

Ornamental keepsake crosses are available for \$12.00 each.

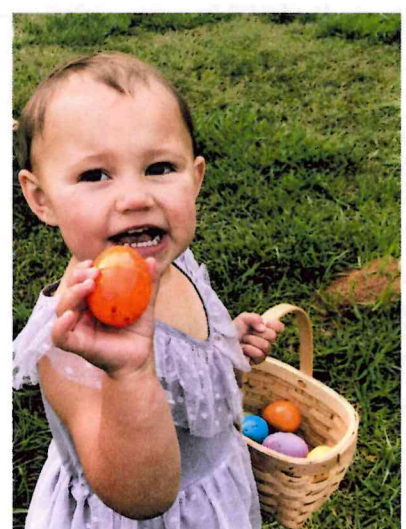


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Easter 2024

He is Risen Indeed!





**Resurrection
Sunday**

APRIL 2024

April Birthdays

4/1 - Georgiana Walker
 4/7 - Sharon Goza
 4/8 - Dennis Meyer
 4/9 - Pastor John Callahan
 - Georgene Sneed
 4/11 - Mang Onuoha
 4/16 - Carol Campbell
 4/19 - Jessica Johnson
 - Brandi Neal
 4/21 - Kimberly Moriles-Yi
 4/22 - Robert Gore
 4/23 - Betty Spier
 4/29 - Cedric Ndzomo
 4/30 - Corey Campbell

*Happy *.
 Birthday*

April Anniversaries

4/10 - Jacob & Dakota Holloway (3)
 4/16 - Allen & Susie Grant (36)
 4/24 - Rebekah & Dyamond Venizelos-Taylor (7)
 4/25 - Artist Marshall & Kelisha Silas-Morgan (9)
 4/28 - Steve & Jackie McLeod (50)

WE LOVE
 OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Mike Sneed
 Secondary: Dianne Hooten

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Morning Glory Circle

USHERS

Ronnie Hooten, Captain; Jo Calhoun
 Libby McNair, Carol McGhee, Kris Moriles

CHILDREN'S SERMON

7 - Dock Gammage
 14 - Mike Sneed
 21 - Dock Gammage
 28 - Pastor John

LITURGIST

7 - Mary Ann Moriles
 14 - Mary Dyche
 21 - James Eason
 28 - Dock Gammage

COUNTING TEAM—APRIL

Virginia Cagle and Mary Nell Winkles



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 3 - 32
 March 10 - 19
 March 17 - 22
 March 24 - 29
 March 31 - 43

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

March 3 - 83
 March 10 - 71
 March 17 - 67
 March 24 - 70
 March 31 - 110 Sunrise - 50+






Financial Health—March 2024

March 3	- \$ 10,737	Needed: \$ 30,584
March 10	- \$ 4,627	
March 17	- \$ 2,784	Received: \$ 29,891
March 24	- \$ 3,352	
March 31	- \$ 7,144	
Online	- \$ 1,247	

Ways to give to Morrow Presbyterian while we are not meeting:

- 1) Mail your check to the church at MPC, P. O. Box 316, Morrow, GA 30260
- 2) Set up an account online with your bank's bill pay option. When it asks for the account number, use your envelope number. Your bank will send the church a check for the amount and on the date you designate.
- 3) Go to our website www.morrowpresbyterian.org and click on the Giving tab at the top.
- 4) Text MORROWPRES & AMOUNT to 73256.

APRIL 2024

	<p><i>1</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>11 a.m. YAH to Southern Pit BBQ, Griffin</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> 	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 12 p.m. Baskets & More Auction 5 p.m. Youth 5 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Virginia Dews</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> 	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>
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<p><i>21</i></p> <p>8 a.m. Staff Mtg. 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live—Communion 12:15 p.m. Coffee Fellowship 12:15 PWCT 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> 	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Relay for Life Salem Baptist Church Park, McDonough Office closed</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>4 p.m. 60th Anniversary Celebration Fun & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Pig Roast Dinner Fundraiser 6:00 p.m. Program</p>
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