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THE PASTOR'S PEN



"A unicorn is often depicted as a mythical horse-like creature with a single spiral horn on its forehead," says ChatGPT (Yes, I used AI to get this answer!). "In various cultures, unicorns are symbols of purity, grace, and beauty. They have been featured in folklore and literature for centuries, often associated with magical qualities and a sense of wonder." Not according to AI, one might find a colorful picture of a unicorn on a child's backpack, T-shirt, or bedroom wall.

ChatGPT also offered this tidbit, "In modern contexts, the term 'unicorn' is also used to describe startups valued at over a billion dollars." Not just businesses but also athletes in sports around the world. Talking heads on sports networks use the term "unicorn" to describe those phenoms who have broken old records and set new standards for play. Katie Ledecky and her 30 Olympic and championship gold medals in swimming and Shohei Ohtani and his 50-plus homeruns and 50-plus stolen bases in baseball come to mind. We would say they are one in a million. Those in the sports world would say they are rarer than that: they are one of one. A unicorn.

Do you know that we worship a unicorn? Jesus is one of one. King of kings and Lord of lords is how we may describe him. He is also God's "eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father..." (Nicene Creed). Jesus is unique. Jesus is immutable. Jesus is unparalleled. He is our Unicorn.

Jesus is the only One who would perform at least 37 different miracles, including turning water to wine, healing the sick and demon possessed, and raising people from the dead (see John 2:1-12, Mark 1:21-34, Luke 7:11-17, and John 11:1-44). Jesus is the only One who would fulfill a number of major prophecies, such as completing the bloodline of King David, being born to a virgin in the town of Bethlehem, and serving as the Messiah who removes sin and death and offers new and everlasting life (see Matthew 1:1-17, Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2-5, and Isaiah 42:1-4). Only Jesus could be the unicorn who would be God's only begotten Son, through whom the world was made and for whom the world was made, and then who would willingly give up his body for the salvation of his world (see Colossians 1:15-23, John 1:1-17, and Isaiah 53:1-12).

So much more could be said about our Unicorn. C.S. Lewis has a great quote from his book *Mere Christianity*: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him [that is, Christ]: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.... You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising [sic] nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Jesus is our Unicorn, one of one. He rises on Easter Day and gives abundant life to all. Let us bow down and worship him.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Doris Ragan (Sharon Goza's mom), Devon Valentine (Ian Turner's girlfriend), Jim & Marty LeDuke, Bill Coleman (friend of Mary Dyche), Anne Fordham, Mary Ann Moriles, David Turner, Luke Bell, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Xander Bradley, Chris Brogan, Becca Brown, Pauline Buchanan, Jo Calhoun, Mandy Chapman, Ugo and Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Betty Cook, Felix Cruz, Keith Danser, David Dawson, Jim DeCamp, Terry Dyche, James & Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Peter Farwell, Haywood Fordham, Anne & Evan Fournier, Chris Gaither, Jessica Giddens, Nam Gloor, Candace Glover, Beth Graf, Marquis Hale, Connie Hand, Julie Haney, Bob & Gail Hardy, Vicky Hendrix, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Thuan & Jun Hong, Jessica & Patrick Johnson, Austin John, George

Kempson, Tricia Koehler, Lavender Lampl, Nancy Laster, Berniece Lillegard, Norman Lillie, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Sidney Lyell, Keith Maxey, Jerry McCoullough, Mac McKinney, Jim McNaul, Duyen Nguyen, Haleigh Nunnally, Rick Peel, John & Pat Randolph, Felicia Roberts, Roxie Romine, Dick Shaffer, Glenn Sharpe, Samson Solis, Carolyn Solsten, Gail Starkweather, Cathy Trustorf, Gene Ussery, Debbie Valentine, Clay Verdell, Barry Weems, David Weems, Mark Williams, Gene & Willie Williams, and Terry Williams. Our nation, Israel, Our Military, Missionaries, School/College Teachers & Students, Food Pantry Patrons. *A full prayer list is in the narthex.*

Baskets and More Auction, April 27, 12 p.m.

Baskets and More, April 27, 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! 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 know if you are donating an item or items.

Relay for Life, May 2, 2025



Relay for Life, Friday, May 2, 6 p.m.—11 p.m., Salem Baptist Church Park Please join the MPC Crosswalkers at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Bring snacks and a chair—water provided. You do not need to walk, but please come and support the walkers. Join the group anytime between 6 and 11 that works in your schedule.

Baby Shower, April 6, 2 pm



Baby Shower for Dakota & Jake Holloway, April 6, 2 p.m. All women of the church are invited to a baby shower honoring Dakota Gammage Holloway on April 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dakota and Jake are looking forward to the arrival of little **Alexandra "Annie" Marie Holloway** due on May 25. They are registered at my.babylist.com. Go to the website and search for Dakota and Jacob. The website has gift ideas and can direct you where to purchase the gifts. The shower is being given by Linda Lillie and Susie Grant. **Their nursery theme is "Cowgirl."** Please consider wearing cowgirl boots, hat, or bandana to add fun to the shower!

Work Day, April 5, 9 am—12 pm

Work Day, Saturday, April 5, 9a.m. - 12 noon. Please join us as we clean up the building and yard for spring.

Good Friday Service, April 18, 7 p.m.

Combined Good Friday Service, April 18, 7:00 p.m. @ First Baptist Church of Morrow This year our three community churches will have a combined Good Friday Service instead of a Maundy Thursday Service. Please join us at The First Baptist Church of Morrow as we listen to scripture and hear the combined voices of the three choirs.

Thank You Note

Dear Morrow Presbyterian Church Family, *I just wanted to let you know how much I loved and appreciated ALL that you did to make Stephanie's celebration of life so special! I was thrilled years ago when Stephanie said she had found her "church home," and I soon realized what a wonderful group of believers you are. Your love and support for her meant the world to her, especially through all the challenges she faced. Thanks for the ways you touched her life, and shone Christ's light to the world! Blessings, Kerry DeWolf*

Presbyterian Women



Virginia Dews Circle, April 14, 6:00 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday night, April 14, at 6 p.m. Carol Francis will present the devotion. Lei Eason will facilitate the lesson. Project: Travel/Homeless food bags for the church office. Please join us.

Dorcas Circle, April 8, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Audrey Sharpe will lead the group in Lesson 7 from the "Let Justice Roll Down" workbook. **Project:** Diapers for the food pantry. **Devotion:** Sharon Goza

Morning Glory Circle—April 13, 9:30 a.m. All women are invited to join the Morning Glory Circle.

PW Project for 2025 - Heifer International. The Presbyterian Women have chosen to help Heifer International this year. "Heifer International is on a mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities." You can help by giving money toward a general purchase or you can give money toward a specific need. Buy a flock of ducks, honeybees, a pig, garden seeds, a goat, etc. Choices and amounts needed are on the PW bulletin board in the Sunday school hall. Checks should be made out to Morrow Presbyterian Women and indicate your preference.

Mother's Day Brunch, May 10, 11 a.m.

Mother's Day Brunch, May 10, 11 a.m. The theme for our Mother's Day Brunch this year is "Prayer." If you would like to provide a table for the brunch, please let Susie Grant know. She needs six tables.

Tickets for the Brunch will be \$15 for Adults and \$8 for 12 and under. Sign up sheet in the narthex or you may call the church office to give a count.

Congratulations!



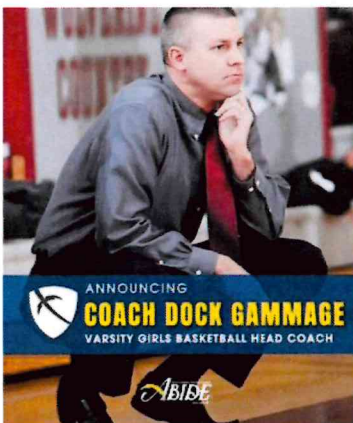
Congratulations to Ngozi Bivins on the birth of her grandson, **Onosele Chimaobim Okoruwa**. He was born on February 24, 2025 to Onyebuchi and Ehime, Ngozi's son and daughter-in-law. He weighed 6 lbs, 10 oz and measured 21 inches.



Happy 90th Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Berniece Lillegard who turned 90 on March 27!

Congratulations to Dock!



Congratulations to Dock Gammage for being selected as the Eagles Landing Christian Academy Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach!

Dock's 30+ years of coaching include leading the Mt. Zion Lady Bulldogs to the Final Four in 2024 and the Union Grove team to the Elite Eight in 2023 and 2024.

Way to go, Dock!

MPC Tulip Festival Day



The Callahans and the Campbells (shown with Arrah Thomas) enjoyed time at Yule Forest amid all of the beautiful tulips and the fun of the tulip events, shows, and creative vendors.



Showering Ashlyn with love





APRIL 6, 2025 - CHILDREN SINGING

The children will be singing during the service. All children need to meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 am. to practice. After singing in the service, the children will sit with their parents

APRIL 13, 2025 - PALM SUNDAY & PROGRAM

The children will be waving the palms at the beginning of the service. Please meet in the sanctuary at 10:30 am

The children will perform their program for the congregation All children need to arrive by 4:00 pm to rehearse. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and the program will begin at 6:00pm

APRIL 2025

April Birthdays

4/1 - Georgiana Walker
 4/6 - Helena Petroziello
 4/7 - Sharon Goza
 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
 4/29 - Cedric Ndzomo
 4/30 - Corey Campbell

Happy Birthday

April Anniversaries

4/10 - Jacob & Dakota Holloway (4)
 4/16 - Allen & Susie Grant (37)
 4/24 - Rebekah & Dyamond Venizelos-Taylor (8)

WE LOVE
 OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Dock Gammage
 Secondary: Carol Campbell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Morning Glory Circle

USHERS

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

6 - Pastor John
 13 - Dock Gammage (Palm Sunday)
 20 - Deborah Venizelos (Easter)
 27 - Allen Grant

LITURGIST

6 - Mary Dyche
 13 - Mary Ann Moriles
 20 - James Eason
 27 - Dock Gammage

COUNTING TEAM—APRIL

Virginia Cagle and Mary Nell Winkles

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 2	-	22
March 9	-	14
March 16	-	21
March 23	-	13
March 30	-	23

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

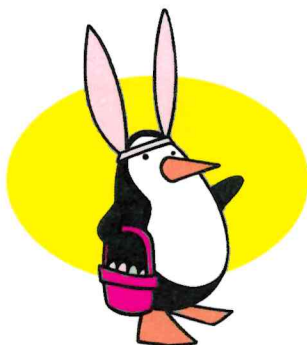
March 2	-	60	
March 9	-	57	Ash Wednesday
March 16	-	63	33
March 23	-	61	
March 30	-	73	

Financial Health—March 2025







March 2	-	\$ 9,731	<u>Needed:</u>
March 9	-	\$ 2,631	\$ 28,720
March 16	-	\$ 5,260	
March 23	-	\$ 3,124	
March 30	-	\$ 2,503	<u>Received:</u>
Online	-	\$ 1,420	\$ 24,669

Ways to give to Morrow Presbyterian Church:

- 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) Scan this QR code with your camera:



APRIL 2025

		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 11:30 a.m. YAH to Olive Garden  6:45 p.m. <i>Choir</i> Choir Practice	<i>3</i> 10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>4</i> Office closed	<i>5</i> 9 a.m.—12 noon Church Workday
<i>6</i> 9:30 am Communicants Class 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 12:20 PWCT 2:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Dakota & Jake 5 p.m. Youth 5 p.m. Kids Club	<i>7</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>8</i> 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle 7:00 p.m. Session	<i>9</i> 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice  <i>Choir</i>	<i>10</i> 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>11</i> 5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Screen on the Green Office closed	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:30 am Communicants Class 9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 12:15 p.m. Commu- nicant Reception 4:00 p.m. Kids meet 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club Fundraiser Dinner 6 p.m. Program	<i>14</i> 6:00 p.m. Virginia Dews 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>15</i> 6:30 p.m. Scouts	<i>16</i>  <i>Choir</i> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at First Baptist Church of Mor- row	<i>17</i> Maundy Thursday 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry NO Service	<i>18</i> 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Combined Service at First Baptist Church of Morrow Office closed	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 am Breakfast 8:45 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Easter- Worship In person and Facebook Live 12:15 p.m. Coffee Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	<i>21</i> Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>22</i> 6:30 p.m. Scouts	<i>23</i>  <i>Choir</i> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<i>24</i> 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>25</i> Office closed	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:45 am Sun- day School 11 a.m. Worship in person & Facebook Live—Dock Gam- mage preaching 12:15 p.m. Baskets & More Auction 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	<i>28</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>29</i> 6:30 p.m. Scouts	<i>30</i> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  <i>Choir</i>	