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The Pastor's Pen



One of my favorite newspaper cartoonists once drew a picture of a priest standing outside the front door of a stone church. A sign next to him reads, "Today's Sermon – Omniscience, Omnipresence, and Omnipotence." Mom and Dad come out the door with Junior, and he has a question for the priest. Apparently, his little mind could not grasp the meaning of those three Omni words in the sermon, so he asks, "In other words, God is kind of like Google?"

Omniscience. The word literally means "the knowing of all things." God knows everything about everything, because all things were made by God. All things continue to be made by him. God knows exactly how the brain works, even though scientists are still baffled by it. God knows every square inch of the bottom of the oceans, although humans have explored less than 5% of it. As God knows about all things, he knows what is best for all things. I once heard a pastor say that God has walked down an infinite number of paths with billions of people throughout the course of history, so God ought to know exactly how our situations should work out. That takes more than talent or skill. That takes a God who knows everything.

Omnipresence. God is not tied down to one place. God made that abundantly clear when he had Jeremiah send a letter to the exiles, telling them to build houses and plant gardens and worship the Lord God, even though they were far away from the Temple in Jerusalem (29:1-14). Because of God's ever-presence, he can hear the prayer of a little boy in India, of a man in Nigeria, and of a teenage girl in Albuquerque, New Mexico, all at the same time. God does this for all 8 billion people on this planet, and all prayers are distinct and clear. God is also not tied down to a period of time like humans are. Julius Caesar lived from 100BC-44BC, while George Washington lived a little longer from 1732-1799, but God lived way before they were born and will live way beyond our dates of death. God is, the great I AM.

Lastly, **Omnipotence.** God has the power to do anything, and that means *anything* he wishes. God is God, making the rules and putting them in order. However, what is so wonderful and strange about God's omnipotence is that – at times, if not most of the time – God will not force us to do anything. God "limits" his omnipotence, it seems, by working through our limited power and ability to make things happen. Could we be different people, suffering from no problem or pain? Sure, all things are possible with God. But for some reason, only understood perfectly by God, we are as we are with all our triumphs and tragedies. The Holy Spirit moves through all, revealing God's power to move mountains and shake up lives from time to time. God invites us to join with him in that power, that omnipotence, to make things happen for the good of his kingdom.

Each of these topics would take several sermons to describe, and even then we might not touch on every little detail. However, that is what is so awesome about the omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence of God. They are beyond our reach, and yet they touch us. They are unexplainable, and yet God shares pieces of each with us each day. Thank God that he knows what he is doing. It will always be the best for us, his beloved children.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

PRAYER Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Shane Turner, Xander Bradley (Bradley’s grandson), Linda Lillie, JoAnn Schrepfer (Ansley Park Rehab, Newnan), Twarna Johnson, Debbie Valentine, Donnie Bryant, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Laura Burke-Knight, Jo Calhoun, Janis Campbell, Teresa Carpenter, Judy Chapman, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Betty Cook, Antonio Crucero, Felix Cruz, Keith Danser, Terry Dyche, James & Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Haywood Fordham, Anne & Evan Fournier, Jessica Giddens, Robert Gore, Beth Graf, Connie Hand, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, John Howard, Austin

John, George Kempson, Clayton & Janie Kite, Lavender Lampl, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Stephanie Lozel, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Sidney Lyell, Jerry McCoullough, Mac McKinney, Jim McNaull, Grandma Moriles, Beth Newman, Ronnie Payne, Rick Peel, Carol Pitts, Doris Ragan, Pat & John Randolph, Dick Shaffer, Georgene Sneed, Samson Solis, Shirley Thrailkill, Cathy Trustorf, Marie Tuttle, Gene Ussery, Barry Weems, Gene Williams, 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.

PW Man of the Year 2024— Frank Bradley

Congratulations to our 2024 Man of the Year— Frank Bradley



Frank Bradley was honored at the worship service on Father’s Day. He and his wife of 57 years, Shirley, became faithful members of Morrow Presbyterian Church in 1990. Frank has served in many capacities since then.

Frank was ordained as an Elder on January 4, 1998. While serving as an Elder, he was on the Administrative Team. During his tenure a new choir director (Bruce Campbell), Assistant church secretary (Kelley-Marie Buchanan (Sierra), and nursery coordinator (Mimi England) were hired. He served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought Pastor John to our church.

Frank has served our church in many other ways: Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Co-Chair of the Worship Ministry Team, set up communion, worked at the Food Pantry when it was founded, served for many years as a money counter, served as a liturgist, and as an usher captain. He has been a loyal member of the Young at Heart group and currently represents them on the Elder Nominating Committee. Frank and Shirley continue to support our church with their attendance and prayers.

Congratulations, Frank! A well-deserved honor!

Thank You From Frank Bradley... Thanks to my Church family for the award that I received on Father’s Day. A special thank you to Mary Ann Moriles and Bruce Campbell. Also, my wife, Shirley, and sister-in-law, Virginia Cagle.



It has been my pleasure to serve as an Elder, a Liturgist, Sunday school Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, and work in our Food Pantry. I also enjoyed serving on the Pastor Search Committee that selected Pastor John for our minister.

Thanks again, Church Family, for a Father’s Day and award that I will always cherish and remember.



Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

We need ushers, and especially, Usher Captains, to serve on a regular basis. Training provided! Please contact the church office, Linda Lillie, or Ngozi Bivins.

Presbyterian Women

Dorcas Circle, July 9, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. They will finish the book, "Sacred Encounters" Lesson 9 with Sharon Goza leading the discussion. They will go out to eat following the study.

Virginia Dews Circle - will not meet in July. Please join the group in August.

Morning Glory Circle - will not meet in July. Please join the group in August.

Mission Haven box is located in the hall near the Youth room.

Hope Totes - items for Hope Totes (small bottles of water, washcloths, socks, soaps, blankets, roll-on deodorant, tote bags, and pull-tab cans of food). The box for these items is located in the hall leading to the parlor.

Bridal Shower— August 18, 2 p.m.



All women of the church are invited to a Bridal Shower for **Chris Dyché & Sinobuhle (Snowy) Ndlovu** on Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The shower will be hosted by Deborah Venizelos and Tricia Koehler.

Chris & Snowy plan to register at Amazon and Target.



The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Young at Heart Lunch, July 3

The Young at Heart will meet for lunch on **Wednesday, July 3, at 11:30 a.m. at O'Charleys** for their monthly gathering.

Please let Libby or Bruce Campbell know if you will be attending so they can plan seating.

Hope to see you there!

Women's Retreat, July 20

12 THINGS TO KNOW

Saturday, July 20 at MPC

9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

Sign Up Sheet in Narthex

Family of Friends, July 27, 4 p.m.



Family of Friends Pool Party, July 27, 4 p.m. The Family of Friends Life Group will have their next get-together at the home of Bruce & Carol Campbell for a pool party!

Come at 4 p.m. to swim & fellowship. Please bring a side to share. The Campbells will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.

At 6 p.m. the group will eat and then have Bible Study.

A sign up for the sides will be included in the Evite to be sent out. If you do not receive the Evite invitation and wish to be included, please contact Carol at 404-354-1145.



Celebrating Grandma

You are Invited

Sunday, July 7, 12:15 p.m.

The congregation and friends are invited to a birthday celebration for Grandma Moriles on Sunday, July 7, immediately following the worship service.

Grandma will be turning 99!



In lieu of gifts, the family is requesting that donations of school supplies be given to the church for our school supply drive. MPC supports Morrow Elementary School.

Father's Day Breakfast 2024



WELCOME

New Members



From left to right: Brandi, Uwaezu, Be, Shawn, Austin, and Will joined MPC during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Brandi Neal — Brandi is a Chorus Teacher at McDonough High School. You may also recognize her as our new Choir Director here at MPC. She enjoys music, dance, painting, riding her motorcycle, participating in plays and musicals, and volunteer work. She has a four-year-old son, Jalen Summers.

Uwaezu Onuoha—Uwaezu is an RN. Her mother is Chinyere Onuoha and her siblings are Mary and Sunny Onuoha.

Shawn & Be Butcher —Shawn is a forklift driver and an Army Veteran. Shawn & Be have both been active volunteering and serving in our food pantry.

Austin John —Austin is retired. His former church was in Tobago.

Will Shiflett —Will is currently a college student at Clayton State University but plans to earn a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Tech. Will is our new Sound Engineer. He has an expertise in sound and light design.

We welcome the six of you to Morrow Presbyterian Church!

Congratulations to our College Graduates!



ALYSSA TUTTLE

Alyssa graduated on May 4, 2024 from Lee University.

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Master of Science in School Counseling

Plans for the Future

School Counselor at Etowah City School with PreK through 8th grade students



AMANDA CALLAHAN

Amanda graduated on December 14, 2023 from Valdosta State University.

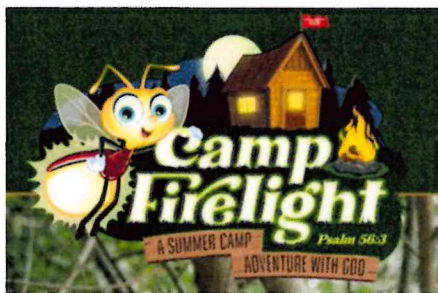
Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Bachelor in Science for Organizational Leadership

Plans for the Future

As an Administrative Professional at Northwest Exterminators, Amanda plans to pursue the leadership programs there to develop as a future office manager or work in the invitation center at Corporate.


Congratulations
Graduates



JOIN US!!



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

July 14-18, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:3)

God Goes With Jacob (Genesis 28:10-22)

Ruth Choose to Go (Ruth 1)

Young Jesus Shares Wisdom (Luke 2:41-52)

Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

The Good News Sparks Joy (Acts 8:26-40)

DAILY COLORS

- SUNDAY: GREEN
- MONDAY: ORANGE
- TUESDAY: RED
- WEDNESDAY: PURPLE
- THURSDAY: BLUE

All ages, including adults.

Covered Dish on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Dinner provided M-Th at 6 p.m.

WET NIGHT – THURSDAY!

Trust God to Go with Us!

Trust God to Lead the Way!

Trust God to Share Wisdom!

Trust God to Give Us Peace!

Trust God to Spark Joy!



games



Sign-up sheets inside church entrance.




You may also sign up online at www.morrowpresbyterian.org or by calling the church office.

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6171 Huie Drive, Morrow, GA 30260

Register online (www.morrowpresbyterian.org) or call 770-961-5444

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings	2 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings	3 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 11:30 a.m. YAH to O'Charleys NO Choir Practice	4  Office Closed 	5 Office closed	6
7 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live - Dock Gammage preaching 12:15 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Grandma Moriles 5 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club	8 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 6:30 p.m. Scouts NO Virginia Dews	9 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle NO Session	10 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings NO Choir Practice	11 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	12 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings Office closed	13
14 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live—Congregational Mtg 6:00 p.m. FNS—VBS begins	15 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 6—8:30 p.m. Dinner & VBS	16 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 6—8:30 p.m. Dinner & VBS	17 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 10:00 a.m. Living Branch Life Group 6—8:30 p.m. Dinner & VBS NO Choir	18 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry 6—8:30 p.m. Dinner & VBS	19 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings Office closed	20 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Retreat at MPC—"12 Things to Know"
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL </div>						
21 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live—Communion NO Youth NO Kids Club	22 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings	23 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings	24 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings NO Choir Practice	25 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	26 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings Office closed	27 4 p.m. Family of Friends Pool Party at the home of Bruce & Carol Campbell
28 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship in person & Facebook Live 5:00 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club	29 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings	30 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings	31 6:30am-6:00 pm Bountiful Blessings 			

JULY 2024

AMERICA



July Birthdays

- 7/2 - Tamara Callahan
- 7/4 - Kara Folds
- Abbey Hooten
- Romea "Grandma" Moriles
- AMERICA
- 7/5 - Grayson Gammage
- 7/11 - Christopher Campbell
- 7/13 - Virginia Cagle
- Albert G. "Tico" Coughlin
- Hayden Robinson
- 7/15 - Emily Chapman
- Blesson Tenson
- Roxie Thomas
- 7/19 - McKenzzie Robinson
- 7/20 - Bruce Campbell
- Sonny Sneed
- 7/21 - Dock Gammage
- 7/24 - Roxie Romine
- Mary Ann Warlick
- 7/28 - Thomas Chukwura
- 7/31 - Matthew Hooten

Happy Birthday



WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Allen Grant
Secondary: Albert Coughlin

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Morning Glory Circle

USHERS

Donna Boggs, Captain; Ngozi Bivins,
Ugo Chukwura, Tricia Koehler, Deborah Venizelos

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

LITURGIST

7 - Andra Gammage
14 - Mary Ann Moriles
21 - Otis Onuoha
28 - Deborah Venizelos

COUNTING TEAM

Tricia Koehler and Jo Calhoun

July Anniversaries

- 7/1 - Matthew & Abbey Hooten (1)
- Grayson & Morganne Gammage (1)
- 7/19 - Dennis & Marian Meyer (27)



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 2 - 30
June 9 - 25
June 16 - 56
June 23 - 10
June 30 - 19

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

June 2 - 80
June 9 - 64
June 16 - 97
June 23 - 66
June 30 - 71

Financial Health—June 2024

June 2 - \$ 7,512.00
June 9 - \$ 3,969.00
June 16 - \$ 5,353.77
June 23 - \$ 3,779.16
June 30 - \$ 2,833.00
Online - \$ 814.10

Needed:
\$ 30,583.35

Received:
\$ 24,261.03

Ways to give to Morrow Presbyterian:

- 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.