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The Pastor's Pen



It feels good to have money in the bank, doesn't it? It feels good when we have money for the daily operations of life, and maybe a little bit more for a vacation we've dreamed about. It is also good to have enough for when disaster strikes an appliance in our homes - we cannot go long without a refrigerator or washing machine. Money may give us a sense of security. Anything comes with a price tag, and it's nice to know we can purchase it.

However, money may give us a false sense of security, making us think that all we need in this world is money and nothing more. For instance, money buys us temporary happiness, but it never gives us long-lasting satisfaction. This might be because no matter how much we have we always want more. This may cause us to seek money, and whatever we can collect never seems to be enough. I remember an accountant once asking me if I could make \$10,000 more per year, would I be happy? I instantly said yes, but then I realized that over time I would not. After paying more taxes along with all the other bills hounding me, I would still desire more.

We always need to have a better focus on money. Put it in its right place. Haggai is the antepenultimate book of the Old Testament, and in the middle of it the Lord of Hosts says to the people, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine" (Haggai 2:8). The Lord is speaking about the temple of God in its former and present glory. The Lord says that, in a little while, he would shake the heavens and earth, the sea and land, and everybody would come to the Desire of All Nations, namely to God. Not only would people come in line with God, but also their worldly possessions. All things we have, even the silver and gold, will be God's, just as we will be and are God's own.

Since all things will eventually come in line with God, why not start today? Why not beat the Christmas Rush and get ourselves and our stuff in line with what God is doing right now?

God has an idea of how he wants us to look as his disciples. God wants us to be clothed in peace and joy, love and grace, kindness and hospitality (to name a few), so that we may be his witnesses to the good news that all may have life in God. When stress and strife take over, we may be calm in the storm. When arguments arise, we may help to seek solutions. When somebody is in need, we may provide assistance. When somebody needs God, we may point him or her in the right direction. God has an idea of how he wants us to live and breathe, which involves the whole church and the community that surround us.

God also has an idea of how he wants us to use our stuff, like money. It is a thing to be used for God's glory, not a thing to place on a pedestal for us to admire. It is a thing to be used for ministries that benefit people inside and outside the church, not a thing that must be hoarded at all costs. It is a thing we use for our daily needs, knowing that our daily bread always comes from God and God alone (see Matthew 4:4).

It is nice to have money, but just like us it is a servant to God ("Mine is the silver, and Mine is the gold"), and God asks us to manage it for him. Let's try to find out what the Owner wants. We can get ourselves and our stuff in line with God. Let us find from whom our true happiness and security and life comes.

Peace in Christ, Rev.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. John". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Hurricane Helene Victims, Family of Becky Holman (Will Shiflett's grandmother), Pat & Eddie Crump (Bruce Campbell's cousin), David & Dorothy Barrett (Dianne Hooten's brother), Family of Laura Burke-Knight, Georgene Sneed, Apalachee High School, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Xander Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Becca Brown, Jo Calhoun, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Betty Cook, Felix Cruz, Keith Danser, David Dawson, Terry Dyché, James & Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Haywood Fordham, Anne & Evan Fournier, Wendy Garcia, Jessica Giddens, Candace Glover, Robert Gore, Beth Graf, Marquis Hale, Connie Hand, Julie Haney, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Thuan & Jun Hong, Abbey Hooten, Austin John, Charlie Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Twarna Johnson, George Kempson, Clayton & Janie Kite, Tricia Koehler, Lavender Lampl, Nancy Laster, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Norman Lillie, Stephanie Lozel, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Sidney Lyell, Jerry McCoullough, Carol McGhee, Mac McKinney, Jim McNaull, Grandma Moriles, Duyen Nguyen, Hang Nguyen, Haleigh Nunnally, Rick Peel, Carol Pitts, Doris Ragan, Pat & John Randolph, Roxie Romine, JoAnn Schrepfer, Noah Scragg, Dick Shaffer, Glenn Sharpe, Samson Solis, Betty Spier, Shirley Thraikill, Cathy Trustorf, Shane Turner, Marie Tuttle, Gene Ussery, Maddey Ussery, Debbie Valentine, Barry Weems, David Weems, Lenna & Noah Weems, Betty Whittaker, Gene & Willie Williams, and Terry Williams. Our nation, Israel, Our Military, Missionaries, School Teachers & Students, College Students, Food Pantry Patrons.



Pastor Appreciation, October 13

Please help us show our appreciation to Pastor John on Sunday, October 13.

We will have cupcakes in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Please join us.



Presbyterian Women

PWCT meeting on October 13, following the Pastor Appreciation Reception.

Dorcas Circle, October 8, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, October 8, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Mary Ann Moriles will have the devotion and Linda Lillie will facilitate Lesson 2 from the Bible study workbook, *"Let Justice Roll Down."* Project: Gift cards for the church office—Kroger—\$20 and McDonald's—\$10.

Virginia Dews Circle, October 14, 6:00 p.m. Virginia Dews Circle will meet on Monday, October 14, at 6 p.m. (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) in the McNair/Seekers classroom. Lei Eason has the lesson. Libby McNair has the devotion. Project is Toys for Tots.

Morning Glory Circle, October 20, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet on October 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. Carol Campbell will lead Lesson One in *Let Justice Roll Down*. **All women are invited to attend our meetings.**

Presbyterian Women's General Meeting/Salad/Soup Lunch, November 3, 12:15 p.m. All women are invited to the PW General Meeting on November 3 following the worship service. We will be approving the 2025 Budget and the incoming PW Officers. Please bring your favorite salad or soup to share. **ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!**

Upcoming PW Installation, November 10, 11 a.m. The 2025 Presbyterian Women Officers will be installed during the worship service on Sunday, November 10.

Toys for Tots—Deadline December 3. The Presbyterian Women are collecting for Toys for Tots again this year. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the church by December 3 and place them in the sleigh outside of the library.



World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

Join us this Sunday for a special worship & communion service observing World Communion Sunday. Please wear any attire from your home country. Plan to stay for lunch and bring your favorite home country dish to share with the congregation at our luncheon following the worship service.

Fall Festival—October 27, 5 –7 p.m.



Sunday Night - October 27, 2024

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



A light dinner will be served.

Games

Candy, Candy, Candy

Cake Walk



If you would like to help with any of the games, decorations, cake walk items, etc. please sign up in the narthex or contact Romy Moriles at 678-478-3416.

The congregation is asked to please donate candy. There is a lot of candy given out at each game. A box is located in the narthex for your candy donations. Thank you.



“Generosity”

Stewardship Season

October 13, 20, and 27

Stewardship Luncheon

October 27, 12:15 p.m.

Food provided by Admin Team



Veteran's Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 4:00 pm

Our Scouts BSA Troop and our Cub Scout Pack are hosting our annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner here at the church on Saturday, November 9th at 4:00pm. We are asking the entire congregation to help us in inviting the special veterans in your life to join us for an evening to honor all those who have served our country. This is for

all veterans and active military. We will be doing a photo wall and a slide show, so if you have photos that you would like to share, please let us know. Even if you are not able to attend, please share any photos of your favorite veteran with us, so we can honor them as well.

Please RSVP to David Turner 404-561-8655 or troop919@comcast.net.

Volunteers Needed

Where can you show love to your church?

Ushers. Currently, we have three Usher Captains who have served for many years. We are looking for more to reduce their load! Each captain has a team to help with ushering duties. What are those duties? They include handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, greeting people, counting attendance, picking up fellowship pad sheets, checking doors, and turning off lights following the service. Ushers serve a month at a time.

Liturgists. Helping the pastor by leading parts of the worship service. Liturgists are given great direction to make leading the congregation almost effortless. If you have a strong voice and a willing heart, please consider sharing your gift. Liturgists rotate throughout the year. Your Sunday would depend on the number of volunteers.

Sometimes we feel a call to volunteer at our church, but instead we wait for someone to ask us. If you feel that God is leading you to serve His and your church, we have different opportunities available for your different skills.

Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve. 770-961-5444 or mpcsecretary@bellsouth.net



Young at Heart News

Young at Heart Lunch

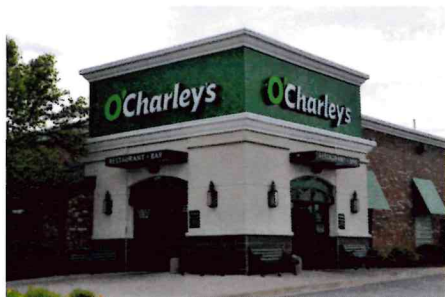
November 6, 11:30 a.m.

O'Charleys (Stockbridge)

The Young at Heart will be going to O'Charleys in Stockbridge on Wednesday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us.

It's free pie with entrée day!



Thank you Notes

From Bruce Campbell and Family... Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the love and compassion shared with us at the loss of my mom, Janis, and Uncle Jim Campbell, dad's brother. We have felt your love and support through the many cards and kind words. This past year has been hard and we are so blessed to be part of the Morrow Presbyterian Family.

From Mark & Yelena and Dan & Mandy Chapman... Sincere gratitude and warmest thanks for being such an amazing and supportive church home for our mom (and us) for so many years.

Hooten Baby Shower, October 20, 2 p.m.



Baby Shower for Matthew & Abbey Hooten, October 20, 2 p.m. Andra Gammage & Libby McNair invite all of the women to a baby shower they are hosting for Matthew & Abbey Hooten at MPC in the fellowship hall on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. The Hootens are expecting a baby boy (Milo) in December. They are registered at Amazon.

"I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2 NRSV

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October Birthdays

10/2 - Mary Dyche
 10/4 - Betty Colwell
 10/6 - Wayne Goza
 10/7 - Nelson Ayodele
 10/10 - Obasi Onuoha
 - Marie Tuttle
 - Steven Green
 10/13 - Ndiya Onuoha
 10/14 - Tristen Offord
 10/16 - Mary Ann Moriles
 10/18 - Dionne Kemokai
 10/20 - Sara Gore
 - Jesus Delgado, Jr.
 10/21 - James Eason
 10/23 - Linda Morgan
 10/26 - Ruth Laster
 10/27 - Corey Costa
 - Rachel Boggs
 10/29 - Maria Cruz
 - Nnenna Onuoha
 10/30 - Be Butcher
 10/31 - Colin Turner
 - David Weems



October Anniversaries

10/12 - Bob & Gail Hardy (51)
 10/15 - Wayne & Sharon Goza (57)
 10/21 - Donnie & Ruth Bryant (1)



WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Carol Campbell
 Secondary: Andra Gammage

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Morning Glory Circle

USHERS

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

6 - Romy Moriles
 13 - Dock Gammage
 20 - Allen Grant
 27 - Pastor John

LITURGIST

6 - Ngozi Bivins
 13 - Andra Gammage
 20 - Mary Ann Moriles
 27 - James Eason

COUNTING TEAM

Marilyn Mitchell & James Eason

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 1 - 16
 September 8 - 28
 September 15 - 27
 September 22 - 30
 September 29 - 29

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

September 1 - 71
 September 8 - 94
 September 15 - 78
 September 22 - 77
 September 29 - 77



Financial Health—September 2024

September 1	- \$ 6,353.64	<u>Needed:</u>
September 8	- \$ 11,306.00	\$ 30,584.85
September 15	- \$ 5,792.00	
September 22	- \$ 4,078.16	<u>Received:</u>
September 29	- \$ 1,523.00	\$ 30,114.98
Online	- \$ 1,062.18	

Ways to give to Morrow Presbyterian Church:

- 1) 1) Mail your check to the church at MPC, P. O. Box 316, Morrow, GA 30260
- 2) 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) 3) Scan this QR code with your camera:



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		<p>1</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 a.m. YAH to Longhorn</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Praise Band Practice</p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live - World Communion Sunday 12:00 p.m. World Luncheon 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club 6:00 p.m. Hymn Fest at First Baptist</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 a.m. Dorcas Circle</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> <p>7 p.m. Session</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Praise Band Practice</p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>12</p> <div data-bbox="1177 609 1523 735"> <p>6 p.m. — Saturday 2 p.m. Cub Scout CampOut Church Grounds</p> </div>
<p>13</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live— Stewardship/Elder Ordination and In- stallation 12:15 p.m. Pastor Appreciation Recep- tion 12:30 p.m. PWCT 5 p.m. Youth 5 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Virginia Dews</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Living Branch Life Group 6:15 p.m. Praise Band Practice</p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Dyche Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Dyche Wedding</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live— Stewardship 2:00 p.m. Hooten Baby Shower 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Praise Band Practice</p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live— Stewardship 12:15 p.m. Stew- ardship Luncheon 5:00 p.m. Fall Festival</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Praise Band Practice</p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>		