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The Pastor's Pen



It was Wednesday night, three days before my son Parker would head back to the University of Maryland. He got a text from his landlord in Maryland saying that he could no longer rent the room to him. You see, they had chosen to rent the basement of their four-room rental property without having it properly inspected first. The inspector came seven days before my son's departure and determined the window leading outside was too small for any viable escape, just in case there was a fire. Parker now had no place to stay for his last year as an undergraduate.

To cut a long story short, I spoke with the landlord that night to ask him to give Parker time to find a new place. He apologized profusely and said he would help. Thursday morning, Parker used one of his resources and found a six-room house newly-remodeled. He would actually have a bedroom as his own (with sizable windows). Friday morning, the day before my son's departure, he signed a new lease and has been in the house ever since. What a harrowing three days, but God was good.

Going back to Wednesday night, while we all were trying to process the unfortunate text message Parker received, my wife Tamara said that she repeats Psalm 23 to herself on occasion, and the last verse popped into her head. It says, "Surely goodness and mercy *shall follow me* all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (emphasis added). We will run into bad news we didn't expect. Situations arise that aren't our fault. It is a fact of life that sin will affect us adversely. However, the goodness and mercy of God is always following us. Just turn around and they are right there, because it is God's will to have goodness and mercy backing us up. Since this is the case, we can always push through the bad news, the unwelcome situations, the evil events that turn our worlds upside down. God's goodness and mercy help us to face whatever comes our way, even the loss of a place to stay. All the days of our lives we cannot avoid running into something bad, yet surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and the bad affect us no more.

There is the last half of Psalm 23:6 which says, "and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The ultimate goal is the house of the Lord, where we will see God face-to-face. Nothing will separate us. Nothing will keep us from being so close. In the house of the Lord there is no bad news, unwelcome situations, and evil events, for God's home is perfect and pure. This is our ultimate goal, to be in that place where sin has no more power to confront us and affect us adversely. This is our ultimate goal toward which the goodness and mercy of God are pushing us.

In front of us, here on earth, we will encounter bad stuff. We cannot escape encountering it – it is inevitable. Behind us is God's goodness and mercy, pushing us through the bad that tries to destroy us. Destroy us it cannot, for God's goodness and mercy are pushing through to the ultimate goal, God's perfect and pure home. The bad is gone, and we move forward.

Then another piece of bad news stands in our way, and the goodness and mercy of the Lord push us through because the ultimate goal of God's home must be reached. Another unwelcome situation tries to block the way, and it cannot stop us. Another evil event tries to create a dangerous detour, and it cannot knock us off the right path. The goodness and mercy of God follow us. Sometimes they push us, getting us through that which confronts us without fail. We keep moving forward, because we haven't reached the ultimate goal yet. The house of the Lord stands out there in front of us, and we must reach it. We will reach it, for it is God's will to do so.

Amid the bad and evil is not where we shall dwell. We shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. God's goodness and mercy will make sure of that.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John", written over a horizontal line.

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Our nation, Sherry Allen (Jo Calhoun's sister), Jo Calhoun, Family of Dong Dong Sevilla (Romy Moriles' cousin), James & Floryne Spence (Audrey Sharpe's cousin and his wife), Linda Wheeler (Jennifer Barber's sister), Families of Bill Cantrell and Bill Thraikill, David Barrett, Rebekah Barrett, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Charlie Brown, Pauline Buchanan, Kendall Byrd, Jim Campbell, Ken & Janis Campbell, Jack Candy, Lucie Cantrell, Teresa Carpenter, Marcia Cartledge, Denise Chapman, Amari Chukwura-Nichols, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Felix Cruz, Terry Dyche, Margaritas Eripol, Don Flint, Christian Funderburk, Angela Funk, Betty Gammage, Wendy Garcia, Jessica Giddens, Claudia Gonsalves, Bob Grandinetti, Susie Grant, David Hardegree, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Jean Jackson, Betty Janes, Autumn Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Jim Kelly, Mariam Ladores, Berniece Lillegard, Doug Lozel, Don McGhee, Peggy McKiness, Nathan McNabb, Russ & Beth Nuss, Grandpa & Grandma Moriles, Indie Moreland, Florette Njonu, Debbie Noon, Judah Nunnally, Doris Ragan, Rev. Ramos, Don Riffe, Charlene Speer, Steven Sterzik, Rafael Tatlonghari, Brian Thraikill, Laraine Tinsley, David Turner, Sr., Sharon Veldsma, Sharon Walton, Carolyn Weems, and Beth Wheeler, Our Military: Joseph Eason - Army—Syria; Steven Green II—Army; SGT Jonathan Johnson—Army/National Guard; TSG Richard Venizelos—Air Force, Iraq; CPL Jeremy Butler—Marines; PFC Najee Hall; Kevin Krebs—Coast Guard. Our Missionaries: Rev. Al Tinio & Family in the Philippines; Dan, Elizabeth, Frances, and Robert Turk in Florida;. Our College Students. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex or by asking the church office.*



Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar has many openings. Celebrate a person or event by signing up for the sanctuary flowers. The calendar is located on the window of the church office, or you can call the church office at 770-961-5444 to get your name on a special date.

Presbyterian Women

NO PWCT meeting in October.

Presbyterian Women's General Meeting/Boxed Lunch, October 10, 12:15 p.m. All women are invited to the PW General Meeting on October 10, 2021 after the worship service. We will be approving the 2022 Budget and the incoming PW Officers. The meeting will be short following Covid protocols. Boxed lunches will be offered free of charge. Please indicate your choice of sandwich or salad on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Morning Glory Bible Study, Wednesday, October 6, 7 p.m., Google Meet The Morning Glory Bible Study continues to meet online, now meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Dianne Hooten to be added to the weekly reminder and link email list. **Morning Glory Circle, Friday, October 15, 7 p.m., Fellowship hall.** The Morning Glory Circle now also meets in person at the church in the fellowship hall on the 3rd Friday of each month. **All women are invited.**

Virginia Dews Circle, October 11, 6:30 p.m. Virginia Dews Circle will meet on October 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lei Eason will lead the Bible Study on Lesson 2—"What My Grandmothers Taught Me." Libby McNair has the devotion. Project is WalMart gift cards for the church office.

Dorcas Circle, October 12, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet October 12, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible Study on Lesson 4 of "What My Grandmothers Taught Me." Sharon Goza has the devotion. Project is school supplies.

Hope Totes Packing Party, October 16, 11 a.m. (Notice Change of Date) Please join us at the next Hope Totes packing party to fill bags for the homeless. Please join us. Items Needed: blankets, individually packaged food, tote bags or book bags, individually packaged soaps, wash cloths, hats, gloves, and socks. Twarna Johnson will pick up items between 8 and 10 a.m. from your home if you are unable to bring them to the church. Please let Twarna know if you live fairly close to the church and need items picked up by calling or texting her at 678-683-8030.

Upcoming PW Installation, November 14, 11 a.m. The 2022 Presbyterian Women Officers will be installed during the worship service on Sunday, November 14.

Keeping the Ship Afloat



Stewardship Sundays
September 26, October 10, 24, 31



Fellowship

Discipleship

Stewardship

Worship

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3

New Phone Tree

New Phone Tree in Use. You may have noticed that our new phone tree messaging system is now in use. If you received a phone message and would like the church office to use a different phone number, please let Dianne know. If you didn't receive two calls lately, let her know that. If you would like to receive messages via email only and not on your phone, please let her know that, too. We aim to please!



Thank You Note

From Judy Chapman... I just want to thank everyone for their prayers, expressions of concern and encouragement during my long recovery from my fall in July. Therapy is finally finished. I could not have done it without the help from my church family."

Volunteers Needed

Nursery Open/Volunteers Needed! The nursery and toddler rooms are open for worship services. The nursery is for babies up to 18 months. The toddler room is for 19 months to 3 years of age. **If you would like to volunteer to help out in the nursery (during church hours only) please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Marie Tuttle at tuttlemom@outlook.com.**

Sunday School Teacher Needed for Young Adult Class. If you would like to lead the Young Adult Sunday School Class, please contact Twarna Johnson or Andra Gammage.

"Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25



In Memory of Bill Cantrell



Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Bill Cantrell who passed away September 17, 2021 at the age of 83.

Bill, and his wife, Lucie, joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on December 13, 1970.

Bill was ordained as a Deacon on March 7, 1982. He and Lucie served as Youth Sponsors in 1981. They were very active in the Young at Heart.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Bill on Saturday, October 2, from 2—4 p.m. at the Eagles Landing Country Club in Stockbridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 or www.t2t.org. If you are attending the celebration, please text Christina at 404-502-3776.

Please be in prayer for his wife, Lucie, daughter & son-in-law, Christina & Joe Corley, and his granddaughter, Christiana.

Bill, you will be missed.



Fall Festival / Movie on the Lawn, October 29, 6 p.m.

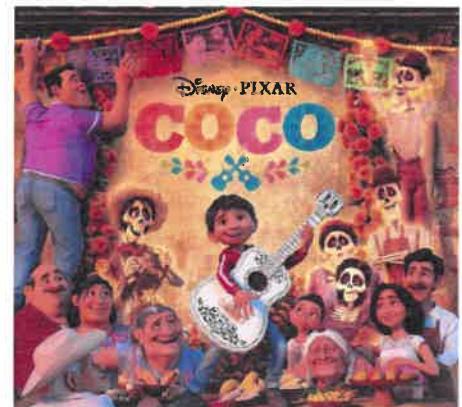


WHO: Everyone is invited! All ages.

WHAT: Bring your own dinner and chairs to watch a movie together (*yet socially distanced and wearing masks when not eating*). **The movie will be “Coco.”** Halloween candy will be provided to families during the movie.

WHERE: Morrow Presbyterian Church lawn

WHY: Because we want to see each other and have some fun!



OCTOBER

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 - Angelica Delgado
 - Ndiya Onuoha
 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
 10/31 - Colin Turner
 - David Weems



October Anniversaries

10/12 - Bob & Gail Hardy (48)
 10/15 - Wayne & Sharon Goza (54)



Financial Health—September, 2021

September 5 - \$ 4,418.00
 September 12 - \$ 6,131.77
 September 19 - \$ 3,387.00
 September 26 - \$ 2,368.00
 Online - \$ 537.10

Needed:
 \$ 22,198.08
Received:
 \$ 16,841.87



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 5 - 14
 September 12 - 23
 September 19 - 14
 September 26 - 16

IN PERSON WORSHIP

September 5 - 65
 September 12 - 44
 September 19 - 40
 September 26 - 42

ELDERS ON CALL







- Primary: Andra Gammage
 - Secondary: Linda Lillie

USHERS:

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH - Morning Glory Circle

OCTOBER 2021

					<p>1</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bill Thrailkill's Visitation 12 noon Bill Thrailkill's Service 2-4 p.m. Bill Cantrell's Celebration of Life NO Butterfly Club</p>
<p>3  World Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm.KC online</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Google Meet Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 12:15 p.m. PW GenMeeting/Lunch 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm.KC online</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>6:30 p.m. VA Dews Circle 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7 p.m. Morning Glory Circle In Person Fellowship hall Office closed</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11 a.m. Hope Totes Packing Party</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club online</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3—6p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club online</p> <p>31 Same as Above</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p></p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>3—6p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>29 </p> <p>6 p.m. Fall Festival Movie Night Office closed</p>	<p>30</p>

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 2021

LOOK AT THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE REPRESENTED IN OUR CONGREGATION!



ON ONE DAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021, THE WORLD COMMUNES TOGETHER THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. WHETHER WE ARE IN ONE PLACE OR MANY, THIS SACRAMENT UNITES US WITH OTHERS AND GOD.