

NORTONVILLE NEWS

"God's Power Towards Them Who Believe"

"And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places"
(Ephesians 1:19-20).

On Sunday evenings at the Chapel we have been learning from the book of Ephesians. This particular Bible book describes in detail the wondrous salvation that God has given through Jesus Christ to all who believe in Him. The apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Ephesus to remind them of their salvation and to let them know that he was praying for them. The Scripture above is just one part of his prayer for these Christians. The content and intent of this prayer is incredibly encouraging, so I'd like us to think about it.

We are told here that God's power is "toward us who believe" in Christ. This means we are the recipients of His mighty power! God's power is directed toward us. We are the beneficiaries. Furthermore, we are told that the power that God works toward us is the same power that God "worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."

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Stay Connected

Sunday

10:45 am Sunday morning

6:00 pm Sunday night

6:00 pm Sunday Youth Group

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm

Olympians meets at 6:30 pm

If you have internet and would like to watch our Sunday morning service, search for Nortonville Gospel Chapel on **Facebook** or **YouTube**. You can also see the video and discover more resources on our website:

www.nortonvillechapel.info
nortonvillechapel.org

No Internet? Simply call
616-846-7309 at 10:45 am
on Sunday and you can listen to
the whole morning service.

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There is a vast difference in physical power as compared to spiritual power, but perhaps an illustration about physical energy will help us understand God's power towards Christians. Scientists tell us that in just one second, our sun produces enough energy to provide for all the energy consumption needs of the entire earth for the next one million years. We also know that God designed the sun to radiate vast amounts of physical energy so that the recipients of the sun's power might achieve the purpose for which God designed them. The oceans, the plants, the animals, the atmosphere and we ourselves benefit from the sun's power. We need the sun's power or we can't survive in our present situation on earth.

Now let's think about **the exceeding greatness of God's power**, which is towards every born-again Christian. Just as God's creation benefits from the power of the sun, we benefit from the power of God. It was God's power which drew us to Christ. You and I would have never come to Christ unless the Father brought us to the Son (John 6:44). It was God the Holy Spirit who convicted us of our sin and pointed us to the Lord Jesus Christ. And now that we are Christians it is God's power that keeps us! Philippians 1:6 tells us: "**He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.**" God began the work, God keeps working in us, and God's power will complete His work in us!

God's power toward us is so powerful, He will one day bring us into His presence with a glorified body. We are told in Philippians 3:21 that when the Lord Jesus returns in glory, "**He will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself**". Now that is some power! And this power is towards all Christians. And we receive the benefit of His great power!

Brothers and sisters, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is working in you! God is working in you to do His good pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13). He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). His power towards you will make sure that you will one day be holy and blameless before Him forever (Ephesians 1:4).

Let us rejoice in God's great power towards us! And let us pray like the apostle Paul did, that our brothers and sisters in Christ will be granted by God this spiritual understanding.



Nortonville Spotlight

Alice Shumake

One of the saints of Nortonville Chapel we'd like you to know better is someone who has been associated with the Chapel for many years, Alice Shumake.

Alice was born in Spring Lake to George and Gladys Chittenden. She was the second youngest of eight children. She kept busy on the family farm, spending hours hoeing, picking berries, and helping her family.

After attending Patchin School through the 8th grade, she went to High School in Grand Haven. At that time, Spring Lake didn't have its own high school. Though she would have liked to have been involved in after-school activities, she couldn't because she didn't have the transportation. Her favorite school subject was math, and she was able to use her math skills after graduation in the accounting field. One of her jobs was with Eagle Ottawa, a leather manufacturing company that was later called Albert Trostel.

Alice's parents didn't take her to church when she was young. She remembers that Ted and Ethel Bunker used to pick her up and bring her to the Nortonville Chapel when she was a "tween." Her attendance wasn't regular, but she was taught the good news of Christ in the Sunday School. She also remembers a little lady named Rose Young at Nortonville, who lived next door to the Chapel. Rose was very faithful to the services and could be seen walking over to the chapel whenever it was time for the services to begin. She also remembers Jo VanEizenga, who was also very involved in the Lord's work.

When she was in her twenties, Dave Chittenden and Jack VanEizenga visited Alice at her home and presented the gospel to her. It was on that day that she put her faith in Christ and was saved. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.



One activity Alice enjoyed when she was younger was dancing. She did waltzes, polkas and the two-step. It was at a dance that she met a nice man named Boyd Shumake. After a few years they married and had a happy marriage. Boyd was a Christian whose father who was a preacher. Boyd and Alice enjoyed camping together in their Class A motor home, and often travelled to Boyd's home state of North Carolina. Boyd went home to be with the Lord on New Years Eve in 1999.

The American House in Spring Lake has been Alice's home the last fourteen years. It was formerly named Oak Crest, and was independently owned and "homey". She says that it is now run more like a business.

When she was asked what advice she would give, Alice had this to say: "Life is short, so make sure you are more caring towards people, especially family members. Be sure to trust in the Lord when you think things are not right. Just trust that He knows that it will turn out right for you." Alice also said, "I am still learning that I need to do more trusting in the Lord myself. I am looking forward to going to be with the Lord. In the meantime, I'd like to be happier in the Lord." I think we would all agree with sister Alice!

Important Upcoming Events:

- 2/5 Sisters of Sarah Meeting 1:00 pm
- 2/6 Communion 10:45 am
- 2/8 Ladies Quilting 12:30 pm
Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 2/9 Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Olympians 6:30 pm
- 2/10 Zoom Ladies Bible Study 7:00

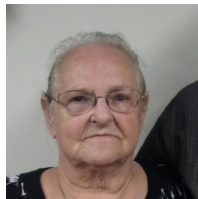
2022 Directory Update

We are updating our church directory!
Please email us at
office@nortonvillechapel.org with any recent
pictures, phone, address, or email changes
you would like us to include in the updated
directory. Our church phone number is
616-842-4285 if you have any questions.

February Birthdays



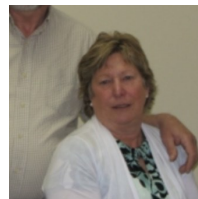
Feb 1
Rob Marshall



Feb 2
Betty Holman



Feb 10
J Paul King



Feb 11
Karen Dennis



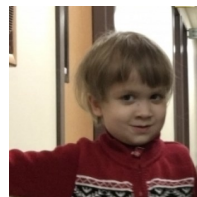
Feb 14
Joan Thompson



Feb 15
Lynne Chittenden



Feb 17
Joann Chittenden

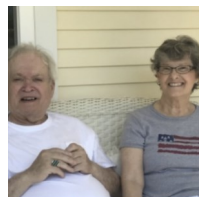


Feb 19
Jonathan Reynolds



Feb 28
Pete Pellegrom

February Anniversaries



Feb 12
Phil and Shirley Troyer



Feb 28
J Paul and Dawn King

Songs for Sunday

Hosanna

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Chorus

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Chorus

I Believe In Jesus

I I believe in Jesus
I believe he is the son of God
I believe he died and rose again
I believe he paid for us all
I believe he is here now
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

I I believe in you Lord
I believe you are the son of God...
I believe you died and rose again...
I believe you paid for us all...

And I Believe You're Here Now
(I Believe That You're Here)
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now

(With The Power To Heal)
And The Grace To Forgive

I believe in you Lord
I believe you are the son of God...
I believe you died and rose again...
I believe you paid for us all...
And I Believe You're Here Now
(I Believe That You're Here)
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now
(With The Power To Heal)
And The Grace To Forgive

I believe you're here now
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

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Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only one who's King

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

Chorus

Communion

There Is A Redeemer

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done

When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place

Chorus

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Chorus

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome— Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home— Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Glory! Glory! This I sing— Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring— Nothing but the blood of Jesus.