

NORTONVILLE NEWS

"Asking For God's Help Against Temptation and Evil"

The Lord Jesus graciously taught His disciples how to pray. I'm glad that His model prayer is recorded for us in Matthew 6:9-13 as well as Luke 11:2-4. We needed specific instruction about what we are to thank God for and what we are to ask God for. The Lord Jesus states it clearly to us in this prayer.

We are told by Christ to ask the Father for three very practical things: 1). daily food; 2). forgiveness for sins; and 3). deliverance from temptations and the evil one. In this issue of the Nortonville News, let's consider the third request, where we are told to ask God: **"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13)**

Just as we need our daily food from God and we need forgiveness for our sins from God, all of us need deliverance from temptation and evil by the help of God. Temptation is **"common to every person"** (1 Corinthians 10:13), and the evil one is actively, **"seeking whom he may destroy"** (1 Peter 5:8). We are always to be on guard against temptation and the devil. The spiritual battle that each and every one of us faces is very real.

But it seems so easy for us to fool ourselves into thinking that we can somehow win the spiritual battle by our own strength and our own ability. We too often rely on human wisdom and human willpower instead of God's wisdom and the divine power that only God Himself can provide. So, the first step to victory is to realize that we cannot have the spiritual success over temptation and spiritual wickedness without God's help. That is why the Lord Jesus instructs us to pray about this area specifically. We cannot win against the powers of darkness without the power of the Light of the world. We cannot win by our own natural strength.

It is also important to remember, dear friends, that though God Himself never ever tempts us to sin, God Himself is the One who controls how much temptation we face. When the man called Job was tempted by Satan, the evil one could only do what God allowed him to do to Job (see Job 1:12; 2:6). So, this prayer asking

Stay Connected

Sunday

We are back to our regular scheduled services. Please join with us!

10:45 am Sunday morning

6:00 pm Sunday night.

Wednesdays

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm

Youth Group meets at 6:30pm

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

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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God to **"not lead us into temptation"** encourages us to humbly recognize that God Himself is over all things, including the amount of temptation that we face.

We also know from God's word that when we get proud or self-reliant or haughty, Satan is given a place to get a foothold. And if Satan gets a foothold, he will use that to his own advantage. That is what happened to the apostle Peter when he was so sure of himself and his own abilities. Peter claimed before the Lord that he wouldn't deny the Lord. But the record shows, (and God's Word is always true), that Peter was led into temptation and on that particular night denied the Lord three times and did not get the victory.

In and of ourselves we will utterly fail. As our Lord says, **"Without Me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5)**. So let us have the spirit of truth and humility which leads us to pray as Jesus taught us, including in our prayer: **"Father in heaven.....do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."**

Annual Peterson Picnic/Potluck

Address: 11784 Arthur Street, Nunica, MI 49448

Date: Saturday, August 28th

Time: 4PM, Eat at 5PM



As always, this is a fun event for all. Char and Phil open their beautiful farm to enjoy the views, the animals, the games and just great fellowship. Bring a lawn chair, if you like, but their will be tables and chairs set up.

Make sure you sign-up in the back of church for attendance and your special dish.

A Testimony from Beth Epplett

I grew up and went to school in Spring Lake and was raised in the church. I had very Godly parents who brought us to church whenever the doors were open. My father, Earl, lives in Twin Lake. My mother Marilyn went home to the Lord in 2019. She was an excellent cook and baker. I am the middle child. I have 2 brothers, David, and Dennis, and 2 sisters, Christy, and Pam. We all get along well and really love each other. My parents were very strict and if we messed up, look out!

I came to Christ when I was 17 years old. Our family attended Nunica Bible Church for several years. I sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. The former church I went to had an outreach program every Monday and Friday night from the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (GRSBM). The gal, Lisa, that did the devotional that evening was really good and afterwards I talked to her and received Christ. I was baptized when I was a teenager or early 20's. It was by immersion in the Grand River.

When not visiting my father, I enjoy walking on Fisherman's Island and reading. My favorite books are the Amish books.



I started coming to Nortonville with my grandpa, Hubert, after my grandma Jacoba, went home to the Lord. I believe it was 1984 and I really enjoyed it. I am currently the custodian for the chapel. Let me just say thanks for allowing me to serve in this way.

Nortonville congregation helped me grow in faith. Whenever the Word is preached, you know it's from The Bible. My favorite verse is Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called, according to his purpose".

Our church is a very friendly church and people really love the Lord here.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS 2021



Tom Dennis
August 3



Dave Nietering
August 14



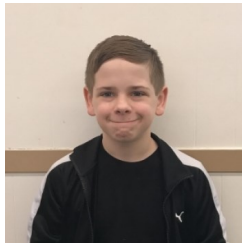
Robert Castillo
August 17



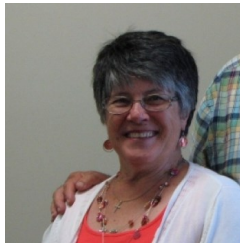
Vicky Anderson
August 23



Mary Jean Rose
August 25



Russell Hildebrandt
August 27



Sharon Storms
August 30



Vondra VanEizenga
August 30

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARY'S 2021



Happy Anniversary!

*Nancy and George Czinder
August 22*