

# NORTONVILLE NEWS

## “Offering Living Water to a Thirsty Soul”

**“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10).**

The last two Sundays we have been learning about the visit that Jesus made to a famous water well in the country of Samaria. Jesus purposely visited the well at a time when the only one who would come there was an empty Samaritan woman with an empty waterpot. Jesus started up the conversation with her by asking her for a drink of water, but soon Jesus told her that He had water for her! The water He had for her was "living water" and if she drank of the water that He can give she would never thirst again. The woman was honest with Him about her life and her concerns, and He spoke the truth to her about His life and His salvation. The conversation concluded with Jesus saying clearly that He was the Christ. The woman then left her waterpot at the well and immediately shared her new faith in Christ with the men in her village gate.

This passage teaches us that all people are important to the Lord Jesus. Jesus needed to go through Samaria because He wanted to save souls from death. He knows the hurts and fears and sins of all and He wants all to repent and come to a knowledge of the truth. Each individual is important to Him: our neighbors and friends; those who are struggling; those who are caught in the snares of the devil. He came for individuals like this Samaritan woman who had a quite different political and religious view. Jesus came for those who were without strength. He died for the ungodly. He died for his enemies (Romans 5:6-8). Why? Because all people are important to Him and need to be saved.

We also learn from this passage that the Lord may use our testimony in the lives of others. The Samaritan woman left her waterpot at the well and immediately went and told the men in her town's gate, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ" (John 4:29). She simply shared what Jesus meant to her. She wanted others to know and experience the truth that she now knew and experienced. She had tasted and seen that the Lord is good and that He does quench the thirsting of our souls. And her testimony helped many in Samaria go out to Jesus at the well and see for themselves that He indeed is "the Savior of the world" (John 4:42).

The Samaritan woman shared her love for Jesus with people she knew, and you and I get the wonderful privilege to do the same. The fields are white [ready] for harvest! When is the last time you shared with someone what the Lord Jesus has done for you? Why don't you tell someone that you have drank from His living water and that you have not thirsted again. Tell them to see for themselves that He is the Christ. Your testimony of faith in our Lord Jesus may be used by Him to bring many to repent and believe. So put down your old empty waterpot and share the Living Water with a thirsty soul.

## Stay Connected

### Sunday

**We are back to our regular scheduled services and weekly activities. Put these on your weekly calendar**

**10:45 am Sunday morning**

**6:00 pm Sunday night**

**6:00 pm Youth Group**

### Wednesdays

**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](http://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.

# Thanksgiving Chapel Potluck

November 14<sup>th</sup> after  
morning service

Sign up to attend and choose  
which food you'll bring to share!

Are you thinking of church potlucks of the good old days? One college choir tour we were fed meatloaf at 5 different churches in 5 days. But then churches starting having ham, ham and more ham. I kept telling myself, "I love meatloaf, I love ham!". I remember family side dishes and chocolate pecan pie calling out from the table, "hurry, there's only one piece left!". But alas, my piece was meant for that person's plate that wanted "just one of everything".

**These potlucks are special times  
that should not be missed!**

## September 5, 2021 Morning Message Outline

"The Lord Jesus Knows"

John 2:23-3:15

I. The Lord Jesus knows those who are \_\_\_\_\_.

John 2:23-25

II. The Lord Jesus knows that all must be \_\_\_\_\_  
to see God's kingdom.

John 3:1-13

III. The Lord Jesus knows He must be \_\_\_\_\_ so that all  
may have eternal life by \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

John 3:14-15

Number 21:8-9

## Important Upcoming Events:

Sun: 11/7 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Communion Service 10:45  
Good Samaritan Collection  
Deacons meeting 5:00 pm  
Youth meeting 6:00 pm  
Evening Service 6:00 pm

Mon: 11/8 Prayer Focus

Tues. 11/9 Board Meeting 5:30 pm

Wed: 11/10 Olympians 6:30 pm  
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm,  
West room

Thur. 11/11 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm

Sun. 11/14 The Jonathan DeCou Singers  
Here at Nortonville as part  
of the Thanksgiving Chapel  
Potluck 1:00 pm

# Ben & Cheri Young Family

Ben and Cheri Young were both born in Michigan. Ben in Troy and Cheri in the Grand Haven area. Both grew up in Christian homes and whenever the church doors were open we were there.

A family friend, Dorothy Couch led bible clubs where Ben accepted Christ. He surrendered everything to God and asked to be used by him at age 17. Cheri was led to the Lord at age 5 by her very close cousin, just one year older than her, and then dedicated her life to the Lord at age 13 during a church service.

Ben couldn't decide whether to work on his voice or the trumpet. *'I just wanted to find good professionals and teachers and pick their brains about singing and playing trumpet. God blessed me with many great teachers in both areas'. Some night when you can't sleep, we can get together and I will tell you of my travels and lessons learned until you CAN fall asleep. The short story is I got paid to practice, sing and play and was able to make a living at it and sing for the Lord. I sang full-time in a group called IMAGE and then the **Back to the Bible Quartet**. The past 10 years, Cheri and I played and taught in North Texas. I am 80% done with a workbook called the STAFFER. Again, sometime when you can't sleep give me a call.....'*

Cheri attended Bob Jones university in Greenville, SC and received both an undergraduate and Master's degree in music. Cheri taught in Christian schools for 8 years. Before meeting Ben at Maranatha Bible Conference where both served on music staff in 1988. It was the summer of Music and Love. They were married the following summer and are blessed with 4 wonderful amazing children.

Jessica served as a nurse in the AF for 7 years and continues in nursing as a GS worker at Travis AF Base in Fairfield CA. Jeremy and Aletheia are expecting their first and our first grandson in December, while he serves in the Army in El Paso, Texas at Fort Bliss. Jathan and Olivia live in Allen Texas as he is currently a medical student at Texas A&M, studying in Dallas to become, Lord willing, an ENT. Jacob, the baby, is finishing his double major in Russian and International Studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas while he serves as a marine reservist in military intelligence. (yes, Magnolia's Chip and Joanna Gaines are graduates of Baylor!!!!!!) Sic 'em Bears!

We are very thankful that the Lord has led us quite unexpectedly, to Nortonville Gospel Chapel and so appreciate your gracious, warm welcome. You are a great example of a united giving church trying to spread the Gospel. Give God the Glory as we join you, Pastor Joe, Elaine, Josh Puett, Beth Epplert and the holy brothers on the church boards to be faithful with what we are given.

Cheri's favorite hymn is "The Old Rugged Cross".

Her favorite verse is "Be still and know that I AM God". Ps. 46:10

Ben's Favorite Christian song is the Gaither Vocal Bands arrangement of "He's Alive".

We heard David Phelps sing it this summer in concert at Maranatha.

I had a verse on a plaque at home growing up. It helped my thoughts every time I looked at it.. " "

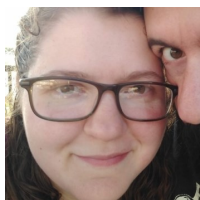
Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7



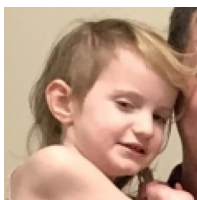




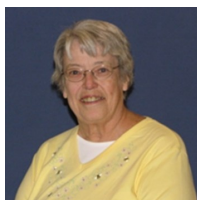
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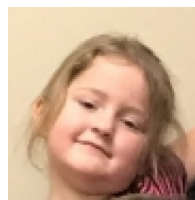
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Emily Ambrose



Nov. 17  
Allison Steadman



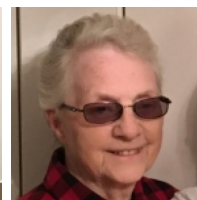
Nov. 20  
Norma VanOordt



Nov 21  
Susan Ambrose



Nov 22  
Clayton  
Hildebrandt



Nov 25  
Dottie  
Pellegrom

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY



Nov 26  
Phil and Shar Peterson