

# NORTONVILLE NEWS

## "The Adoration of God"

By Pastor Joe O'Neill

"Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations." (Psalm 100:1-5)

How many Psalms do you know? I hope you know many, because the Psalms were given to us by God to help us to worship Him. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, King David and others penned 150 songs of truth and righteousness in the midst of their life experience and deep human emotion. These holy and honest Psalms encourage our holiness and honesty before the LORD.

Psalm 100 has been one of the favorite Psalms in Church history because of its directness and simplicity. It encourages us to worship the LORD for who He is and what He has done. It tells us to make a **"joyful shout"** and to **"come before His presence with singing."** Yes, singing to the LORD is an appropriate response from the people of God to the living God. It is our privilege!

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## Stay Connected

### Sunday

**9:30** am **Sunday** School

**10:45** am **Sunday** morning

**6:00** pm **Sunday** night

**6:00** pm **Sunday** Youth Group

### Wednesday

**Prayer Meeting** at 6:30 pm

**Olympians** at 6:30 pm

### Everyday

Please join us in prayer for the requests and the praises on the **Prayer Sheet**, included as the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you!

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Our worship of God can also be understood as the *adoration* of God. To adore God means that we honor Him in a way that no other is honored. It is certainly proper to honor government officials and people in authority. It is also proper to honor our father and our mother. But, *adoration* is reserved for God alone. Only He is to be adored.

1. God is to be adored because of His sheer greatness. Psalm 100:3 tells us, "**Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.**" This great truth from God reminds us that the reason we have life and breath is only because God gave these to us. In fact, all that we have in life is a gift from God! He has placed us on the earth, He has given us the moments on the earth.

I was reminded by a preacher this week that since the LORD is God, we are not! We need to be reminded that we don't control the weather, but God does. We don't control the day we are born into this world and we don't control the day we leave. We didn't make ourselves, for it was Almighty God who made us and put us together in our mother's womb. It was He who made us with our unique personality, unique DNA, unique fingerprint, and unique responsibilities before Him. Adore God for making us.

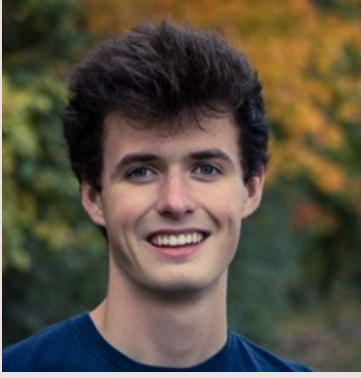
2. God is also to be adored because of His pure goodness. Psalm 100:5 tells us, "**For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.**" We can be confident in all the ways of God because His nature is good. There is no darkness in Him at all (1 John 2:5), and He doesn't change (James 1:17). We can trust Him that He will work all things together for good for them that love God (Romans 8:28) and that His goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life (Psalm 23:6).

So let us "**know that the LORD, He is God.**" Let us know that He is great and let us know that He is good. There is Someone to sing about. There is Someone to sing to. There is Someone to adore. Yes there is only One worthy of *adoration*.

## Calendar

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| 10/9  | IFCA regional at Pleasant Valley Bible Camp.                              | 10/20 | Sisters of Sarah 6:30 pm.                              |
| 10/10 | Board meeting 5:30 pm.  | 10/22 | Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon after morning services. |
| 10/11 | Ladies Mission Circle 9:30 am.<br>Church services at Robbinswood 1:30 pm. | 10/25 | Church services at Robbinswood 1:30 pm.                |
| 10/12 | Ladies Bible Study zoom 7:30 pm.  | 10/26 | Ladies Bible Study zoom 7:30 pm.                       |
| 10/15 | Afterglow Meal after evening service.                                     |       |  |
| 10/19 | Ladies Bible Study zoom 7:30 pm.  |       |  |

# Spotlight: Micah Nelson



As a church family we have been asking the Lord to send us a worship leader for over a year. This past month, the Lord answered our prayer and sent us Micah Nelson. This article will help you to know more about him.

Micah was raised in Farmington Hills, Michigan, the oldest of five children. His parents, Stephen and Trudy Nelson, are strong believers. They didn't just take him to church every week to Highland Park Baptist Church, but they also poured into him spiritually. They wanted Micah and their other children to know and love Jesus as Lord and Savior. They also were good witnesses for Christ and invited others to church. Their love for Christ had a huge impact on Micah. He made a profession of faith at a young age, and in high school he grew in the Lord and was seeking after Him.

Micah went to public school, then home school, then Southfield Christian School and then to University of Michigan. Since his dad was an engineer, Micah studied engineering as well, since he enjoyed being creative in solving problems. Though he did well academically, he had doubts about his faith and struggled with anger and cynicism towards God. He saw bad things in the church and in himself, and it troubled him.

Through God's grace, a faithful family, and godly Christian brothers whom God placed in his life, the Lord drew Micah back to Himself. Micah learned that God was the only answer to the difficulties he faced. He finally was able to see Christ as the solution to all his struggles, and that God had allowed those struggles to strengthen his faith.

Throughout high school and college, Micah played guitar for his church. In college he would teach himself piano. He organized and lead worship for various Christian organizations on campus: Campus Crusade for Christ; Reformed University Fellowship; and his fraternity, Brothers Under Christ.

During his senior year of college, Micah went on a missions trip to Ecuador with his church (Redeemer Ann Arbor), and was asked to lead worship in Spanish. While he had taken 3 years of Spanish in high school, this was going to be a challenge. The Lord blessed, and Micah was able to see the provision of the Lord, and was able to make good friends.

Micah's family have been attending Maranatha Missionary and Bible Conference Center since he was about 12 years old, and when Micah graduated in May, he wanted to work on their Praise and Worship Team. He was the lead acoustic guitarist, playing for nearly 8 hours a day, six days a week. This was such a blessing to him, as the praise team was not only musically talented, but loved the Lord and served well together.

Micah now lives at Maranatha, working part time there and part time with us here at the Chapel. For fun, he loves to read, lift weights, and play a little basketball and volleyball. His greatest passion is music. He appreciates hymns, gospel songs, praise music, and folk music. He also plays bass guitar, mandolin, piano, and the cajon. He wishes to help others develop their musical talents for the Lord, and to assist the Chapel in our worship of the Lord. His favorite hymn is: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

Micah's favorite verses are 2 Corinthians 4:16-18: **"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."**

## October Birthdays



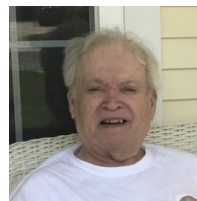
October 3  
Bruce Buckley



October 12  
John Bar



October 12  
Joe Hawkey



October 23  
Phil Troyer



October 26  
Earl Chittenden

## October Anniversaries



October 5  
Greg and Dianne Lunt



October 6  
Scott and Dawn Vink



October 13  
Jim and Tricia Barnes

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*Women At Risk*  
INTERNATIONAL

**PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

*SOS presents*  
*Pop-Up*  
*Boutique*

October 20, 2023  
6:30- 8:30  
Nortonville Chapel

Pastor's Appreciation  
Luncheon

October 22, after morning  
service.

Sunday Afterglow Fellowship

Join us for our afterglow meal  
following evening services on October 15th.

Bring a dish to pass!

# Prayer and Praises October 4, 2023

## **Praises to the Lord:**

Donna Decan-Pranger is doing better.

Chuck, (Lillian Johnsons son) is now at home and doing better.

We are thankful to see some new faces at our Olympians.

## **Prayer Requests:**

President Biden, World Leaders, President Putin, President Zelensky, Governor Whitmer

Supreme Court Justices: (Roberts, Alito, Thomas, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, Coney-Barret, Jackson, Sotomayor, Kagan).

Student of the Week: Mason Byron

Board member of the week: Deacon-Dick Vink

Shut in of the Week: Phil Troyer

Volunteer of the Week: Nancy Brondyke

Missionary of the Week: **Andy & Michelle Shinabery**: See page 2 for updates.

Lillian Johnson fell and hit her head.

Pray that Vince Blake's upcoming surgery, which is October 11<sup>th</sup> goes well.

Pray that God would use small group ministries to help our people.

Bonnie Buckley has been in the hospital for observation. She is now at home and getting more tests.

Please pray that the doctors will have wisdom, and that she will trust in the protection of the Lord.

Please continue to pray for Spring Lake Baptist, as they are still in need of a senior pastor.

Greg and Diane Lunt's cousin Ken is unable to walk or stand. Please continue to pray for him and his salvation.

Also, Alice White, (Diane's mother) now has Hospice care.

We are seeking the Lord in regard to an Elder, media helper, Sunday school and children's church teachers.

Ronda and Glen Masterson (friends of Maureen Sherman) are both in need of prayer for health reasons.

Glen has been in a serious motorcycle accident recently.

Caroline Cafler and Anna Sytsma are in need of a place to stay.

Greg Nelson, cousin of Ken Brondyke and Cheri Young, is still in need of strength from the Lord.

Pray that the Lord would give guidance for service opportunities in our church.

Melissa Dalman has a temporary place to stay and is waiting for something else for her and her family.

Pray for guidance for adding a beautiful lighted cross to the grounds of Nortonville Gospel Chapel.

Pray for Tessa, Travin and Tori. (Relatives of Jim & Dee Dufford).

Angel & Sophie's Family – Many problems, continue to pray. Pray that they would not get discouraged.

Tina Hitsman, Joe Shermans stepdaughter is going blind and needs prayer for healing.

Pray for our next generation that Pastor Josh and our young people will be dedicated to Christ, and for spiritual growth: Ben, Aven, Mason, Madison, Robert, Mackenzie, Olivia, Clayton, Collin, Russell, Layla, Adelina, Charley, Anna, Margaret, Josh, Colton, Nathan, Gabriel, Caue, David, Luke, Stella

Pray for victory over alcohol, drugs, and other addiction: Larry, Tim, Brad, Darren, John, Carol, Brianna, Jeff

**Those needing help & healing with health issues:** Tricia Barnes, Bonnie Buckley, Donna, (Ken Brondyke's sister), Dorothy Walker, Ann Smith, Les Young, (relative of Cheri Young), Jackie Wilson, Zulariam Bennink, Barb Kilbry, Marilee Stroebe, Vicky Snyder, Shirley Hall, Melissa Dalman, Paul Snyder, Bridget Gazlay, Hammond's daughter Dana, Sam and Lynne Hammond, Laurie Snyder, Chuck and Cindy Johnson, Pat Dawes, Linda Dood, Kurt French, (Pam Walker's son who has Dystonia), Lillian Johnson, Nancy Brondyke, Joan Thompson

**Those with cancer:** Vince Blake, Tarah, Belinda Klein (Linda Vink's friend), Norm Kaufman, Marge (Dianne Lunt's sister), Kelly Vipond, Bob & Diane Brondyke, (Ken Brondyke and Cheri Young's cousins), and Bob Lunt (Greg's brother, needs Christ), Greg and Roger (Cheri Young's cousins).

**In need of the Lord:** Patrick Clouden, Joshua, Collette, Kevin O'Neill, Gary (Sue Brooks' nephew), Rod and Jaqueline (Dorothy Walker), Justin White, John and Carol Marrano, David and Catherine, Nina, David, Joe Moran and Ben, Brian and Leanna McMahan (friends/relatives of the O'Neill's), Al Gazlay, Renan, First, Jim, Mike and Amy (Anna's Dad & Stepmom), Sawyer (Robbie Snider), Mark & Kris Dean (Maureen Sherman), Rob Marshall Jr., Ann (Georgia Kamphorst's sister-in-law), Maria, Abigail, Erin, Kevin, Mary, Jody, (Karen Huggins sister), Becky, John (Charlene Easeys family), Ashley, Justin, Dale (Bev Jackson's son).

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**\*Caleb & Emily Arnold:** (Ethnos 360): The Arnolds would like everyone to watch a short video to share some of the exciting things that the Lord has been doing in Chihuahua. <https://youtu.be/tifiTPk94I8>. Their Sundays are full of teaching and worship beginning with van pickup for people in the surrounding areas. The rest of the week is filled with full time language and culture acquisition.

**\*Rev. Dave & Delores Bauer** (BRM-Illinois): Rev. Dave says: “We know summer is over, when church boards start meeting again and our phone is ringing and messages are plenty!” He is also reminding us that fear does not come from God. \*Note fear’s origin and absolute release from its bondage see Hebrews 2:14-15.

**Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya** (Shelby MI): Pray for Mike and Paula as they are preparing for their fall Ministries.

**Nicole Condra** (SWMI-Georgia): “Recently I took a four-day online Bible counseling intensive to strengthen my understanding of how to use the Word in different circumstances. This study is helping me counsel four women”.

**Reed & Donna Condra** (SWMI-Georgia): “For 2023, look for more online teaching. (Fantastic Saturday, ASLI and online). We are now scheduling meetings to reach newer and unreached areas”.

**\*Indigenous Ministries** (IM-Colorado): Our U.S. and Egypt teams worked together this month to help children in IM’s Child Sponsorship Programs in Cairo, Upper Nile and Alexandria, visiting families, distributing food, backpacks and sharing Christ. The programs in Cairo and Alexandria are only 15 months old, and already bearing much fruit.

**\*Daniel & Karen DeVerna** (BMW-Japan): The DeVernas have returned to Japan and are asking us to pray for them as they endeavor to plant a church in Moroyama, Japan.

**Love in Action** (Tri-Cities): Donations are appreciated more than ever, as needs have increased sharply.

**Joe & Ursula Morell** (BMW-Sweden): God has blessed the small group ministry we started this spring.

**Mario Audai Shaba** (IM Supported Child: Iraq): Mario fled with his family from the Islamic State in 2014 and they are still refugees in North Iraq. He lives with his parents, and he struggles with English classes.

**\*Andy & Michelle Shinabery** (East-West Ministries International): The Shinabery’s ask that we pray for field workers in Latin America. Pray for their team unity, spiritual growth, and protection against persecution. Pray that God would raise up new national partners in Southeast Asia so that they can reach 25 new unreached groups.

**Tim & Karol Svoboda** (YWAM-San Francisco) Tim says: “Steve, our ministry leader is doing better! Please pray for funds to fix a beam that has rotted out under our building. It will need to be replaced at a high cost”.

**Anna Sytsma** (CEF-Kent & Ottawa Counties): Anna says: “Praises the Lord for \$500.00 donation, this will help pay for new tires for our van. Pray for wisdom as we are once again working on a website created for our chapter.

**Norman & Karen Tober** (GEM-Germany): We started the month of August going to GEM’s Annual Conference (AC). All together we had almost 700 missionaries, staff, short-termers, board members and children attending. Pray for GEM leadership that God would give a clear vision of how to move forward with future meetings.

**\*Todd & Carla Witters** (CBM-Children’s Bible Ministries): Todd says: “Release Time starts up in one week! Book Club has started and we are looking for a third location for this ministry”.