

NORTONVILLE NEWS

“Do You Have the Time?”

by Pastor Josh Puett

Recently, we voted to change the start time of our morning service from 10:45 to 10:00. Why does this matter? Because our whole lives revolve around time. Time tells us when to wake up, when we eat, when we leave home, when we return home, when we go to bed. You wear a watch on your wrist or carry around your phone so that at a glance, you always know exactly what time it is. Clearly, time is very important! And not only is time important to us, but the Bible teaches us that it is important to God! That's not to say that He has the same relationship with time that we do, constantly running around to make sure that He is in the right place in the right time. Rather, that it is important to God how we use our time!

“See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15-16)

In this passage, God has called us to walk “circumspectly”, or as ones who are attentive. One of the things that we should be attentive toward is our use of time. We are called to “redeem” the time. In Galatians 3:13, it says “Christ has **redeemed** us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.” Just as Christ saved us from perishing, we are commanded to save our time from waste.

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Stay Connected

Sunday

10:00 am **Sunday** morning

6:00 pm **Sunday** night

6:00 pm **Sunday** Youth Group

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting 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.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that **“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”**. The Lord has not set us up for failure, calling us to do more than what is physically possible, so he has given us an invaluable resource. That resource is time! That time is sometimes best spent in prayer, or in proclaiming the gospel, or in rest, or in going to work, or in reading an article that found its way into the Nortonville News. So how should we go about redeeming the time? Go back to Ephesians 5, and there you will find your answer.

“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:17)

We can redeem our time by reading the Bible, by building your relationship with God, by finding God’s will, and by using your time to fulfill the calling of God in your life. So do not walk as a fool, blind to the world and his own circumstances, but carefully measure your time. Be aware how we have been spending it, and find how God wishes us to redeem that time!

Upcoming Events

6/12 Missionary Anna Sytsma presentation

6:00 pm

6/13 24 hour prayer opportunity

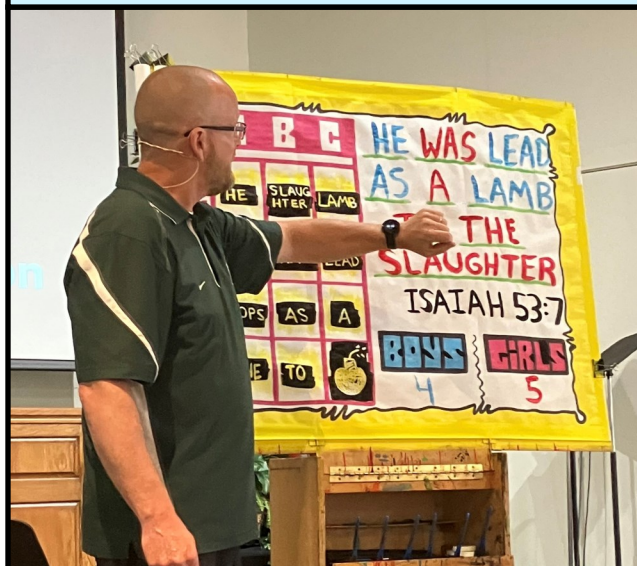
6/14 Board Meeting 5:30 pm

6/19 Fathers Day

ATTENTION!
SERVICE TIME
CHANGE!

Sunday morning service
will begin at **10:00**
am, June 12th

Evangelist Brian Harmon Teaching at Family Vacation Bible School 2022



Anna Sytsma

(CEF Kent and Ottawa)

Anna Sytsma will be giving a ministry update during Sunday evening services June 12th, 6:00 pm.



Spotlight: Brian Harmon, Open Air Campaigners

The past five nights at Family Vacation Bible School we have been learning from evangelist Brian Harmon. We thought you would be encouraged by learning about his life and the ministry the Lord has given to him.

Brian grew up in a faithful Christian home in the Owosso, MI. area. At age five he heard the gospel at an Awana meeting, and Brian had strong conviction of his own sinfulness. That night he talked with his mom and she lead him to faith in Christ.

At about age six, an evangelist named Eric Briscoe came to his church and proclaimed Jesus while using a "paintboard" as a visual aid. Brian really enjoyed that way of learning. Brian grew in the Lord and was baptized at age twelve. In high school he sensed a call from God to be a preacher, but he didn't know exactly how that would all come about or what that would really look like. He worked at Christian camps as a counselor, helped in his youth group, and continued to grow in the Lord.

After graduating from high school, Brian became a construction worker, building residential housing for eleven years. He married Kimberlee and the Lord blessed them with seven children. He also started his own construction business. During these years Brian was active in his local church and had opportunities to teach children, teens and adults.

In 2009 Brian remembered back on how he as a child had learned so readily from the man with the "paintboard". Brian decided that if he could learn that method of teaching, it would help him in ministry. He attended a week long training session with a mission agency called "Open Air Campaigners" and during that week of training the Lord spoke to his heart about becoming a full-time evangelist. A few months later, Brian sold his construction business to become the branch director for OAC in Michigan.

Brian is actively involved in evangelism at Michigan State University, Central Michigan, and Western Michigan, as well as several high schools and middle schools. He also takes his "paintboard" and starts up spiritual conversations at activities like festivals in Frankenmuth, or fairs in Minnesota, or places like the boardwalk in Grand Haven. He has taught on mission trips to Mexico, Russia and Africa. He has ministered to children at 5 day clubs, Vacation Bible Schools, in inner city backyards, and in Christian camps. He has been with us at Nortonville Chapel every year since 2017.



The Lord has blessed Brian's ministry to the point that in 2019 he became the Open Air Campaigners field director for the United States. Guess who he replaced? It was Eric Briscoe, the very man that came and taught Brian when he was sitting on a mat as a 6 year old! In his new position as national field director Brian now has the responsibility to minister to OAC workers in 17 areas, making sure they are doing well, encouraging them, as well as continuing his work here in Michigan. He trains people all around America in how to use a "paintboard" to proclaim the good news.

Brian has a passion to proclaim the gospel to lost people and to see people saved. He also delights in equipping individuals and local churches so that they may also be involved in the ministry of evangelism. He has great joy in taking Christians out to the streets to see for themselves that there are people all around who are open to talk about the things of the Lord. He helps Christians learn how to turn conversations from normal things to spiritual things, and from temporal things to eternal things.

Brian's views his ministry as similar to the one that the Lord gave to the apostle Paul, **"To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me" (Acts 26:18).** Let us pray for this brother and his family as they take the gospel forth. We are thankful that he has ministered God's Word to us and has been a good example of an evangelist to us.

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.

June Birthdays



June 2
David Ambrose



June 4
Bonnie Schultz



June 6
Luke Ambrose



June 6
Sue Brooks



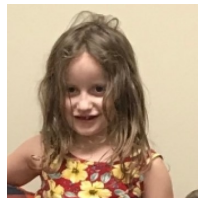
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Marcia Garrett



June 14
Cheri Young



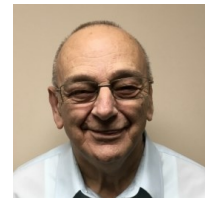
June 16
Dave MacKenzie



June 17
Harley Steadman



June 27
Linda Vink



June 29
Maynard Garner

June Anniversaries



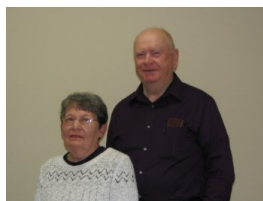
June 4
Ken and Janice Hoexum



June 14
Joe and Elaine O'Neill



June 16
Jim and Dee Dufford



June 18
Dick and Ann Vink



June 23
Bob and Mary VanDyke

Praises:

Family Vacation Bible School, thankfulness for the Lords Blessing!!!!

Elizabeth VandenBerg is doing better, and helping us out at Family Vacation Bible School Services have started at Robbinswood Nursing Home.

Guy Suchecki is home from the hospital and doing great! No paralysis!

Answered prayer for wisdom and guidance! Continued need for God's guidance. Little victories for all of us.

Pray for ...

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

Our Supreme Court Justices:

John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elana Kagan,

Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett.

Student of the Week: Braelynn English. Board Member of the Week: Pastor Joe O'Neill

Shut-in of the Week: Phil Troyer. Volunteer of the Week: Janice Hoexum

Missionary of the Week: **Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya** (Shelby, MI): See update on page 2.

Prayer Request:

Pastor Hopkins wife, Lynne fell and hit her head and has swelling of the brain. She is in the hospital and on a ventilator for several days now.

Families and Communities affected by the shooting in Texas and Buffalo, New York.

Lillian Johnson's grandson Brent and his teenage daughter; also, Lillian's son-in-law Tim.

Dick Vink experiencing lots of pain in his hip.

Chris, Tasha Ziegler's boyfriend, has a heart problem and depression.

Eric Walker, Dorothy Walker's son.

Dawn Vink is looking for a new job.

Mellisa Dalman and family.

Those who have recently lost their loved ones.

Pray that the Lord would open doors for ministry opportunities for our church, especially in nursing facilities.

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; Adelina; Charley; Anna; Margaret; Josh; Colton..

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

Those needing help & healing with health issues: Marilee Stroebe, Carla Bartow, Melissa Dalman, Paul Snyder, Bridget Gazlay, Vicki Snyder, Hammond's daughter Dana, Miranda Lunt, Sam and Lynne Hammond, Laurie Snyder, Chuck and Cindy Johnson, Mike Feistel, Pat Dawes, Linda Dood, Sam Gnuck, Kurt French

Those with cancer: Jim Dufford, Jim Postema, (Friend of the Hoexum's), Tarah, Belinda Klein (Linda Vink's friend), Norm Kaufman, Marge (Dianne Lunt), Kelly Vipond, Bob & Diane Brondyke, (Ken Brondyke and Cheri Young's cousins), and Bob Lunt (Greg's brother, needs Christ), Walt Curtis, Sam Gnuck

In need of the Lord: Collette, Kevin O'Neill (has cancer), 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 McMahon (friends/relatives of the O'Neill's), Bonnie Schultz' 3 sons, Al Gazlay, Brad Coon, Jerry Pellegrom, Renan, First, Jim, Mike & Amy (Anna's Dad & Stepmom), Sawyer (Robbie Snider), Mark Dean (Maureen Sherman),

Rob Marshall Jr., Ann (Georgia Kamphorst's sister-in-law), Maria, Abigail, Erin, Kevin, Mary, Jody (Karen Huggin's sister), Becky, John (Charlene Easey), Pam & Jean (Dottie), Ashley, Justin, Dale (Bev Jackson's son).

Caleb and Emily Arnold: (Ethnos 360): We have found a new location to live in town. Better suited for our family. Please pray the Rental house would be finished in a timely manner that we can get settled and begin to figure out next steps.

Rev. Dave and Dolores Bauer (BRM-Illinois): Praise God for the installation services of Pastor's in several of our churches. (Can be seen on our Facebook page). Please pray for the new pastors and their families.

***Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya** (Shelby, MI): Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya and Stony Lake retreat center exist together as a Christian youth camp and retreat center for all ages. Contact us at Ao-Wa-Kiya to volunteer and please pray for vital staff needs.

Nicole Condra (SWMI-Georgia): I am continuing to study the language here and serve in our church in all the ways I can. Please pray for the Missionary woman currently staying with me. She has left Odessa in the Ukraine for good because of the Russian bombings.

Reed & Donna Condra (SWMI-Georgia): Specializing in deaf ministry. Thank you for praying for us and for encouraging us much in 2021. Donna and I are so thankful to be healthy again and to be enjoying life, family, and Christmas.

John & Dee Cook (IM-Colorado): We had our 18th Graduation here at Grace Bible College on April 1. Grace Bible College now has a long-anticipated Accreditation Status! Future plans include developing the school into a Master's level educational institution and campus expansion.

Daniel & Karen DeVerna (BMW-Japan): We have enjoyed connecting with people in our neighborhood recently and it has been good to strengthen relationships at the church plants.

Love in Action (Tri-Cities): We appreciate your generosity. As we are seeing more and more challenges develop.

Joe & Ursula Morell (BMW-Sweden): Norm is enjoying his sabbatical. Please pray for church planting.

Mario Audai Shaba (IM Supported Child: Iraq): Mario fled with his family from the Islamic State in 2014 and are still refugees in North Iraq. He lives with his parents and sister. Mario would like to be a teacher, his favorite subject in school is Arabic and he struggles with English classes. See the back of the church for a picture drawn by Mario.

Andy & Michelle Shinabery (East-West Ministries International): The Lord opened up the door for a few of us from East West to go and see the work the Lord is doing. We are working on training and bringing on board more partners.

Tim & Karol Svoboda (YWAM-San Francisco): Our van was vandalized recently, the catalytic converter cut and stolen. Please pray for funds to take care of the unexpected expenses like this.

Anna Sytsma (CEF-Kent & Ottawa Counties): Pray for Campus Elementary as they began their Good News Club. Pray for the teaching team as they prepare and pray that kids will attend.

Norman & Karen Tober (GEM-Germany): Norman started a sabbatical on January 15th and there have been quite a few other things happening in January and February. We have been with GEM in Germany for almost 18 years and it seems that a short sabbatical time is way overdue. Norman continues to conduct counseling and coaching sessions online.

Todd and Carla Witters – CBN – (Children's Bible Ministries): Todd and Carla Witters are our Newest Missionaries. They are working at Christian Camp this summer and various Ministries. Home office is right here at Nortonville Chapel.