

NORTONVILLE NEWS

"God's Power Over Pharaoh In Years Past and Over the Nations Today"

The war in the Ukraine is rightly on our minds. Because it is, I want us to be reminded of one of the holy truths about the living God: He has power and authority over all things. Since He alone is eternal and He alone is the creator of all things, He has the right and the power to do whatever He desires with the world and everything in it. Furthermore, He can direct His creation to fulfill His will and purpose, even though some of the creation has a will of its own.

We see this truth about God's sovereignty over all things in the book of Exodus and the account of the ten plagues on Egypt. The LORD spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, that He must allow the LORD's people to leave Egypt for the purpose of worship. The Pharaoh didn't want to obey the LORD. So God sent the plagues to show Pharaoh and the Egyptians that He alone is God. The LORD controlled the rivers of the Nile by temporarily turning them into blood. God dramatically increased the frog population and the lice population. God showed the difference between the Egyptians and the Israelites when He sent an outbreak of flies, then an outbreak of boils, then a livestock disease, directly on the Egyptians and their possessions but not on the Israelites. Then God sent the plagues of hail, of locusts and then of darkness on Egypt and Pharaoh's people but not on Goshen where the Israelites lived.

You probably remember that though each plague was a clear demonstration of the power of the LORD, Pharaoh stubbornly refused to obey God's command, "Let My people go." Pharaoh wasn't willing to do God's will. Pharaoh's heart was hard. But listen carefully to these words which the LORD spoke to the king of Egypt:

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.

"But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth" (Exodus 9:16).

Let us learn well, beloved, that first of all, God raised Pharaoh to his high worldly position. It is God Himself who allowed that little man to be king over Egypt. And it is God who has placed President Putin, President Zelensky, President Biden and all the other presidents and kings into their positions of power. The Bible tells us that, "The authorities that exist are appointed by God" (Romans 13:1). We need to remember these unchanging facts about those human powers: they are given power by God and they, like the rest of us, are accountable to God.

Let us also learn that even though human leaders make their own choices, God is able to use their choices to work out His plan. For example, Pharaoh made several choices to disobey God, yet God used the wicked king's choices to show His own power. Though Pharaoh wanted to do his own will, God used him to show how great His own name was. Though Pharaoh was responsible for being so stubborn against God, God revealed His own authority by demonstrating that Pharaoh had no ability to stop His mighty hand. And this principle is true regarding President Putin, President Zelensky, President Biden and all the rest. These men are all making decisions which they are responsible for, but God can use them to show His own power and can use them to fulfill His ultimate will.

Also, let us remember that right now the Lord Jesus Christ is building His Church. The Lord is calling a people unto Himself out of Russia, Ukraine, the United States, and the uttermost parts of the earth. Right now the Lord is gathering His sheep into the fold through the proclamation of His gospel. Our Lord will not be stopped by nations, or by wars, or by human atrocities. One day we may hear the testimonies of men and women and children who came to faith in Christ during this time of war. Our Lord is the Lord of all.

Finally, beloved, remember that we are commanded to pray for all leaders. We pray to God that we might live in peace, and we pray for people to come to Christ for salvation. Let us then be faithful to the Lord, trusting in Him, and praying as He has told us through the beloved apostle Paul. Let us not be troubled or anxious, but prayerful saints of God. God is working out His plan.

"Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4).



Nortonville Spotlight

Joe & Elaine O'Neill

Joe O'Neill was born the 5th of 6 children in an Irish Roman Catholic family, and was baptized at 14 days old. From a young age, he felt that God was calling him to serve Him. Having grown up Catholic, he began to think about entering the priesthood. After attending a public high school, he enrolled in Canisius college, majoring in Religious Studies.

Elaine also grew up in a devoted Catholic family. She recalls that on her way to a rock n' roll concert, a street preacher asked her "If you were to die tonight, where would you go?" She also attended a non-denominational Bible study and heard more of the gospel, but was still not ready to make a decision for Christ.

Joe and Elaine met in their senior year in college, and were married 5 months later in June of 1980. After marriage, they were both confused about the truth. Their first two years, they were not living for the Lord, and were struggling with their marriage.

In college, Joe had learned liberal teachings about the Bible, and was questioning it's authority. Joe's brother had trusted in Christ, and shared with him an article about Jesus and the cross, and Joe read and re-read it several times. He came to the conclusion that either it was all true, or all false! He spent three days fasting and reading the Bible, and while watching a Christian Television Program, he heard and believed the gospel on November 16, 1981.

Joe and Elaine's second child was born with colic, and cried night and day. Elaine was still not saved, and she was desperate. This was a dark time for her.



Elaine read a book on the rapture, which she had never heard about before. She realized that she was not ready. In September of 1982, she fell to her knees, and asked Christ to save her. Two weeks after Elaine was saved, Joe and Elaine were baptized.

Once they were both saved, their lives took a complete 180. They were attending a church in Detroit, and were growing in their faith. By October, Joe knew that he wanted to attend a bible college. He enrolled in Grand Rapids School of the Bible in 1983. The Lord carried them through and provided for them, and Joe graduated in 1989.

After graduation, Joe pastored Mt. Hope Bible Church from 1989 to 2016. After 27 years serving there, they came to Nortonville Gospel chapel, where they are still serving today. Elaine serves the Lord as a teacher in ladies ministry, and as a RN at a HIV clinic in Muskegon. God has blessed them with 6 children and 15 grandchildren. They are thankful for the goodness of the Lord, and for allowing them to be with the saints at Nortonville.

Important Upcoming Events:

- 3/11 Church Game Night
- 3/13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/14 24/7 Prayer Focus, Noon—Midnight
- 3/20 Olympians Meeting
- 3/27 Elders Meeting
- 4/3 Communion
Deacon's Meeting

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.

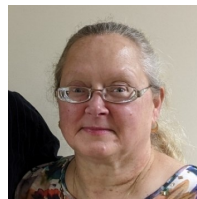
March Birthdays



Mar 1
Alice Shumake



Mar 9
Robbie Snider



Mar 9
Nancy Coon-Hawkey



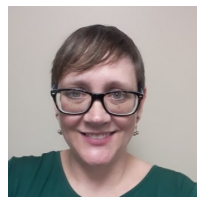
Mar 10
Dorothy Rose



Mar 16
Jim Stellema



Mar 27
Jim Dufford



Mar 28
Melissa Dalman



Mar 31
Emily Hildebrandt

March Anniversaries



Mar 21
David and Dorothy Rose

Songs for Sunday

How Majestic is Your Name (Hymn #30)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store.

Take my-self and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of thy love

Take my feet and let them be

Swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing

Always, only, for my king.

Take my lips and let them be

Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,

Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use

Every power as you choose.

[Chorus]

There Is None Like You

[Chorus]

There is none like You

No one else can touch

My heart like You do

I could search

For all eternity long and find

There is none like You

[Verse]

Your mercy flows like a river wide

And healing comes from Your hands

Suffering children are safe in Your arms

There is none like You

[Chorus]

Here am I, all of me.

Take my life, it's all for Thee.

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire
To honour You
Lord with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore is in You

[Chorus]

Lord I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for You alone
Ev'ry breath that I take
Ev'ry moment I'm awake
Lord have Your way in me

I Have Decided (Hymn #376)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.

Prayer and Praises Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Praises to God!

For the unending grace imparted to us from God!

Ken Brondyke is recovering well from his surgery on the 8th.

Our Baby Bottle campaign for Positive Options has collected \$1,312.53 as of March 7th!

Pray for...

President Biden, World Leaders, 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

Board Member of the Week: Dick Vink

Shut-in of the Week: Joan Thompson

Student of the Week: Collin Hildebrandt

Volunteer of the Week: Sue Brooks

Missionary of the Week: **Reed & Donna Condra** (SWMI-Georgia)

Prayer requests

John O'Neill, Pastor Joe's dad, is getting weaker, and his family is not sure of his salvation.

Joe and Maureen Czinder-Sherman's step son has Covid and double bacterial pneumonia.

Bonnie Schultz is having surgery soon

Dawn Vink is looking for a new job.

Ruth Nietering's mother Flossie was moved back to Lansing.

Linda Dood has a lot of back pain which requires surgery.

Joan Thompson will be having back surgery on March 11.

Bev Jackson is recovering from her fall and Covid 19. She is at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon.

Jennifer (Jackie Wilson's granddaughter) age 47 is suffering with brain cancer in Texas, and is in her last days.

Caralie Nietering (Dave Nietering's sister in law) is in poor health.

Tom Dykstra broke his arm and is in a cast. The Lord has provided him a desk job for the interim. Pray 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; Adelina; Charley; Anna; Margaret.

2022 Ministry plans for the church.

For those who have recently lost loved ones: Cheri Young, Tricia Barnes, Ron Anderson, Sue Brooks, Betty Holman, Dave Suchecki, etc.

Collette and her children for church support, love, guidance, and healing.

Emily Ambrose' grandmother is struggling with assurance of salvation.

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

Those needing help & healing with health issues: Marilee Stroebe, Carla Bartow, Melissa Dalman, Joan Thompson, Paul Snyder, Bridget Gazlay, Lillian Johnson, Ken Brondyke, Vicki Snyder, Hammond's daughter Dana, Miranda Lunt, Sam and Lynne Hammond, Laurie Snyder, Chuck and Cindy Johnson, Mike Feistel.

Those with cancer: 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.

In need of the Lord: 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 Huggins' sister), Becky, John (Charlene Easey), Pam & Jean (Dottie), Skip & Judy (Vince Blake's brother-in-law and sister), Ashley, Justin, Dale (Bev Jackson's son).

Missionary prayers and praises

Caleb and Emily Arnold (Ethnos 360): We made it back to Chihuahua from BG with no problems and have had a good couple week figuring out our next steps. Pray for our time in BG. Pray for the Tepehuan people. That God would soften their hearts to the message of God's Grace!

Rev. Dave and Dolores Bauer (BRM-Illinois): Continue to pray for the many churches needing pastors. Please pray for those who are still viewing online. Pray that they will have peace, good health, and confidence as they return to God's house to worship and fellowship together.

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.org to volunteer and please pray for vital staff needs for summer 2022.

Nicole Condra (SWMI-Georgia): There are still many Covid restrictions in Romania. However, I am learning and preparing lessons in Romania for teaching children in Sunday School.

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 and family.

John & Dee Cook (IM-Colorado): God is using nationals to reach nationals with the gospel. The two new areas of ministry (North and Eastern Iraq) we are expanding into are rich in history, culture, and heritage. What an opportunity God has laid out.

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 plant.

Love in Action (Tri-Cities): Please pray for spiritual growth in our staff, and the many needs of food, clothing, medical care, shelter, or another needs. Thank you for sharing in our vision to offer help, hope, and love to anyone who wants or needs it.

Joe & Ursula Morell (BMW-Sweden): We rejoice over the many blessings, and commit to prayer new challenges. We thank Him for your part in the gospel going forth in Sweden.

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 with national partners and set up strategy and goals for the future. We are working on training and bringing on board more national partners for 2022.

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 a number of counseling and coaching sessions online each week.