

NORTONVILLE NEWS

"God Provides In His Own Way"

"For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth'" (1 Kings 17:14).

On Wednesday nights we are learning about God's servant Elijah the prophet. By learning about Elijah's faith and obedience to God, we are encouraged to be people of faith and obedience to God as well. Elijah certainly was **"a man with a nature like ours"** (James 5:17), yet his walk with God and his prayer life is anything but ordinary. Also, we see in Elijah's life how God takes care of His servants by providing for their needs.

As Elijah obeyed God, God provided for him. First, God told the prophet to go hide himself by the Brook Cherith. Elijah obeyed and was fed by ravens every morning and every evening (1 Kings 17:6). Imagine if your food came to you by way of birds flying it in every morning and evening! That was God's provision for Elijah for a period of time during the three and a-half year famine. Some of us might feed the birds, but God used birds to feed Elijah. This tells us that the Lord who has all authority in heaven and earth can use any means He chooses to take care of His own. He shows us His greatness and wisdom by the means He uses to provide for us.

After a while, the Brook Cherith dried up as a result of the prayer-induced famine, but God's provision for Elijah didn't dry up! God told Elijah to go to Zarephath in the country of Sidon because He had commanded a widow in Zarephath to provide for him (1 Kings 17:9). When Elijah met the widow, she was gathering sticks for a fire. The man of God asked her for water and then he asked her for something to eat. The poor widow told Elijah that she only had enough flour and oil to make one more meal for herself and her son, and then she and her son would die of starvation.

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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But Elijah told her to first make a small meal for him, and then feed herself and her son. Elijah declared to her the Word of the LORD: **"The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth."**

The widow believed the Word of the LORD and did as Elijah had spoken. And her small amount of flour didn't run out, and her small jar of oil didn't run dry. It was truly a miracle. She had enough to feed herself, her son, and Elijah. Day after day they ate to the full. Day after day God provided enough for their needs. Because she put the LORD first and obeyed His Word, God blessed her with an unending supply of flour and oil. And this provision of God for her was during a time when many others were wanting because of the famine. She obeyed God and all of her needs were met.

God always provides for His people. The Lord Jesus told us: **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).** God has promised this daily bread for those who put Him first.

So let's seek His kingdom first! Let us obey the Lord and seek those things which please Christ and help His kingdom. If we do this, we won't have to worry about tomorrow. God will provide for our needs by His own wisdom. He has in His hands more than just the ravens and the poor widows. He has in His hands our very next breath. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him!

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: 9/5	Communion
Wed: 9/8	Ladies Mission Circle 9:30 am.
Thurs: 9/9	Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm.
Tues: 9/21	Annual Congregation Meeting 7pm.
Wed: 9/29	Children's Ministry Kick-Off 6:30-8 pm.

Lillian Johnsons Journey with the Lord

Lillian (Christensen) Johnson was raised on a 40 acre farm and had wonderful memories there. She was raised in the church with her 5 brothers and was the baby of the family. Lillian came to the Lord at around the age of 11 years old. She was saved at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon.



The family went to Little Black Lake Church off of Pontaluna, where the minister explained baptism to her. She was baptized by emersion at the age of 19.

Lillian was married at age twenty to Charles Johnson and God blessed them with six children. One son and five daughters. (Chuck, Cathy, Sally, Dena, Diane, Darla)

Lillian met Dick and Cathy Chittenden at Meijer's one day. She was not attending a particular church at the time. Dick invited her to come to Nortonville and she so she did. She was very impressed and has been coming ever since.

Lillian has been with Nortonville Gospel Chapel since September, 2003. She has served in both the Mission Circle and with our children's program, and often volunteers where there is a need within the church.

To Lillian, the most changing truth she has learned about the Lord is that "God's Spirit lives in me, and will never leave me".

What you may not know about Lillian is that she plays the piano by ear. She says it is a gift from the Lord and she loves to play.

Her favorite songs are:

The Tribute

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

Her favorite bible verses are:

"Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation." Isaiah 12:2

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Lillian says " the love of God's family" has helped her to grow in faith. She would like all others to know that

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2021



Sept 1
Ken Hoexum



Sept 2
Greg Lunt



Sept 4
Mary Vandyke



Sept 5
Jan Hoexum



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Georgia Kamphorst

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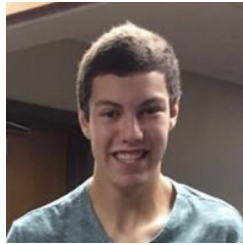
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Sept 5
Paul Snyder



Sept 10
Dee Dufford



Sept 17
Hunter Czinder



Sept 22
Char Peterson



Sept 25
Sally Chittenden

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Sept 26
Sidney Czinder



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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S 2021



Sept 12
Ken and Nancy Brondyke



Sept 18
Sam and Lynne Hammond



Sept 22
Ken and Sandy Cott