

NORTONVILLE NEWS

Important Upcoming Events

Sun. 12/12 Children's Christmas Program 10:45
Evening service at 6:00 pm

Mon. 12/13 Prayer Focus

Tue. 12/14 Quilting 1:00 pm
Board Meeting 5:30

Wed. 12/15 Olympians Christmas Caroling 6:30
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed. 12/22 No Olympians
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

Fri. 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

Wed. 12/29 No Olympians
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

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

No Internet? Simply call **616-846-7309** at 10:45 am on Sunday and you can listen to the whole morning service.

Poinsettia Memoriam / Honorarium

The reason we associate poinsettias with the holidays comes from an old Mexican legend around the early 1800's. A child was sad that she didn't have a gift to leave for the baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services. Her cousin tried to comfort her and said that Jesus would love any present from her, even the smallest one.

With no money to buy a real gift, she picked a bouquet on the way to church. When she got there, she left them at the bottom of the nativity scene. Green for the new life, white for the pure sinless life of baby Jesus, and red for the blood that was shed on the cross for our sins.



This is why Christmas colors are green, white and red.

Would you like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, and in so doing, help us decorate the chapel for Christmas?

If needed, you may also call the church office and reserve over the phone. 616-842-4285.

Please fill out a form at the Welcome Center

Cost is \$10 per plant payable to Nortonville Gospel Chapel.

Order deadline is Friday, December 17th

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Donated by:

You may include a Sentiment:

Plants may be taken home December 24th after the Christmas eve service.

November 7, 2021 Morning Sermon Outline

"Hearing Christ and Believing God"

John 5:24-29

- I. Those who hear Christ and believe God have _____.
- II. Those who hear Christ and believe God have _____.
- III. Those who hear Christ and believe God have _____.
- IV. Those who hear Christ and believe God have a _____ of _____.
- V. Those who refuse to hear and believe have a _____.

“Thanking God For His Forgiveness”

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities...(Psalm 103:1-3a).

God has given us 150 Psalms in the Bible. Psalms are songs that help us reflect on the good nature of God and the life He has given to us. They help us to consider deeply the things of the soul and the spirit, where true worship takes place. They are for us to read, sing, and meditate upon, in order that we may worship God, learn from God, and draw from their deep waters, given to us by the inspiration of God Himself.

Psalm 103 is written by King David. In this Psalm, David expresses his desire to bless the LORD with everything that is within him. David has a desire to glorify the LORD from his very soul, so he encourages his soul to bless the living God. David had to have a talk with himself in order to give God the blessing He so rightly deserves.

Do you ever find yourself talking to yourself? I talk to myself quite often! Last week I tried to fix a leaking toilet at our home. I will spare you my long story of woe, but suffice it to say that I had a lot of words to say to myself. I would tell myself to hold a specific part steady, and be careful not to drop another part, and to make sure I didn't under-tighten or over-tighten nuts and bolts. I was trying to convince myself to do a good plumbing job without losing my cool. After three trips to the store, four internet "how to" videos, five attempts and five failures over a period of five days, I was able to complete a job that an experienced plumber would have done in about 10 minutes. Yes, I did a lot of talking to myself.

Just as we talk to ourselves about things we want to accomplish, sometimes we should talk to ourselves about our worship of God. Does our very self want to bless God's holy name? Do the depths of our soul want to honor God for His benefits? Does our heart want to make sure we don't forget any of His benefits? We can encourage ourselves to give God the glory He deserves for giving us so many benefits.

The first benefit David mentions is God's forgiveness. David encourages his own soul to bless God for the forgiveness of his iniquities. Because sin is such a big issue, God gave us 14 different words for "sin" in the Old Testament and 15 different words for "sin" in the New Testament. The Hebrew word translated "iniquities" in Psalm 103:3 describes a crooked behavior or a deviation from God's ways. David here encourages his own soul to bless the LORD for forgiving him for his crooked behavior.

Notice that God doesn't just forgive some of David's iniquities, but according to Psalm 103:3, the LORD forgives ALL his iniquities. Now we know from God's Word that David had some serious iniquities: adultery and lying and murder and disobedience to name just a few. But we also know from God's Word that David was totally forgiven from all those crooked behaviors. And David wants his soul to bless the LORD for the undeserved grace of total forgiveness.

God is merciful and He forgives all who repent of their sin and believe on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of God is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He bore on sins in His own body on the tree (1 Peter 2:24). All those who trust in Him for salvation are totally forgiven of all of their transgressions against God. God no longer remembers the sins of those who love our Lord Jesus Christ. He forgives our sins based on the holy sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Are you a forgiven sinner? If not, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved (Acts 16:31). If you are a forgiven sinner, when is the last time your very soul blessed God for His forgiveness of your many iniquities? Perhaps forgiveness from God is the greatest benefit He has given to us. Encourage your soul to give God the holy thanksgiving that He so rightly deserves! Join with David in beautiful praise to His holy Name!

A CHANCE to HEAR *Journal*

Nicole Condra Reaching the Deaf in Romania and Beyond



“Sharing the Message of Christmas”

“So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.” (Luke 2:15-18)

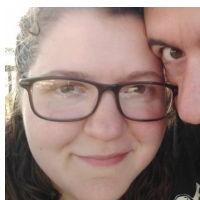
Nicole Condra is one of our 14 missionaries who lives out this passage daily, spreading the good news of the gospel to the deaf in Romania. Her goals are to establish and facilitate deaf ministry in local churches of Romania, to see deaf people in Romania reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to teach and train others how to reach the deaf. By serving the deaf, she comes into contact with many people who would never have heard the gospel, who may have been overlooked by other missionary efforts.

While serving in Romania, Nicole meets people from all different ethnic backgrounds, and gets to share the gospel with them. “This past month a young Serbian woman joined our church” wrote Nicole, “So we now have Germans, Romanians, Americans and this one Serbian. Please continue to pray for God to unite us, refine us, and cause us to know His perfect will for the work here in Timisoara.” People of many different ethnicities and cultures dwell in Romania, but all people have this in common; their need to hear the gospel.

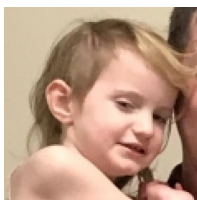
As the Christmas season comes around, we are reminded about the reason for the season, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This wonderful gift from God isn’t just for us celebrating here today, but for all mankind! We have the opportunity to reach others with that same message that the shepherds shared over 2000 years ago. Nicole wrote, “I am thankful for each opportunity God gives me to plant Gospel seeds. Thank you for giving and praying so that people from this unique people group can ‘hear’ the message of salvation!” Let us seize the opportunity to reach people near and far with the message of the gospel!



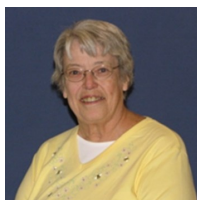
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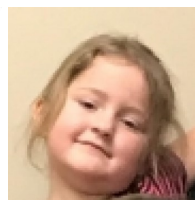
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Emily Ambrose



Nov. 17
Allison Steadman



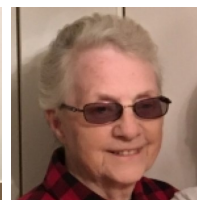
Nov. 20
Norma VanOordt



Nov 21
Susan Ambrose



Nov 22
Clayton
Hildebrandt



Nov 25
Dottie
Pellegrom

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY



Nov 26
Phil and Shar Peterson