

NORTONVILLE NEWS

“Offering Living Water to a Thirsty Soul”

“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10).

The last two Sundays we have been learning about the visit that Jesus made to a famous water well in the country of Samaria. Jesus purposely visited the well at a time when the only one who would come there was an empty Samaritan woman with an empty waterpot. Jesus started up the conversation with her by asking her for a drink of water, but soon Jesus told her that He had water for her! The water He had for her was "living water" and if she drank of the water that He can give she would never thirst again. The woman was honest with Him about her life and her concerns, and He spoke the truth to her about His life and His salvation. The conversation concluded with Jesus saying clearly that He was the Christ. The woman then left her waterpot at the well and immediately shared her new faith in Christ with the men in her village gate.

This passage teaches us that all people are important to the Lord Jesus. Jesus needed to go through Samaria because He wanted to save souls from death. He knows the hurts and fears and sins of all and He wants all to repent and come to a knowledge of the truth. Each individual is important to Him: our neighbors and friends; those who are struggling; those who are caught in the snares of the devil. He came for individuals like this Samaritan woman who had a quite different political and religious view. Jesus came for those who were without strength. He died for the ungodly. He died for his enemies (Romans 5:6-8). Why? Because all people are important to Him and need to be saved.

We also learn from this passage that the Lord may use our testimony in the lives of others. The Samaritan woman left her waterpot at the well and immediately went and told the men in her town's gate, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ" (John 4:29). She simply shared what Jesus meant to her. She wanted others to know and experience the truth that she now knew and experienced. She had tasted and seen that the Lord is good and that He does quench the thirsting of our souls. And her testimony helped many in Samaria go out to Jesus at the well and see for themselves that He indeed is "the Savior of the world" (John 4:42).

The Samaritan woman shared her love for Jesus with people she knew, and you and I get the wonderful privilege to do the same. The fields are white [ready] for harvest! When is the last time you shared with someone what the Lord Jesus has done for you? Why don't you tell someone that you have drank from His living water and that you have not thirsted again. Tell them to see for themselves that He is the Christ. Your testimony of faith in our Lord Jesus may be used by Him to bring many to repent and believe. So put down your old empty waterpot and share the Living Water with a thirsty soul.

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

6:00 pm Sunday 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.

“Olympians Start With a bang!”

The Olympians youth program kicked off, to the joy of both children and their parents, last Wednesday. The program is for kids pre-K through 6th grade and will meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Kids are treated to songs and games, along with a child oriented lesson from God’s word. Each attendee is given a daily quiet time and is encouraged to develop the habit of daily reading God’s words.

Olympians is themed as an Olympic runner, and as they faithfully complete their quiet times, attend meetings, memorize scripture, reading books, and service activities, they earn medals which will be presented to the kids at the end of the program.

Our goal is not just to have a good time, but to teach children about God and His Word, and to encourage them to run the Christian race, and to run the race well!



Widow’s Luncheon

A special meal for widows will be hosted at Pete and Dottie Pellegrom’s house on Tuesday the 19th at 1:00 pm. Contact the church office if you need a ride. We hope to see you there!

October 10, 2021 Morning Message Outline

"Half Faith, Three Quarter Faith, or Whole Faith in Christ?"

John 4:43-54

I. There is a _____ faith that believes in Jesus as a _____, but that type of faith alone doesn't result in _____.

John 2:23-25; John 3:1-15; John 4:43-48

II. There is a _____ faith that believes in Jesus as a miracle worker and a _____, but that type of faith alone _____ in eternal life.

John 4:49-50

III. There is a _____ faith that believes in the _____, and that faith alone _____ in eternal life. John 4:51-54

Important Upcoming Events:

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| Mon: 10/11 | Prayer Focus, 12 pm—12 am. |
| Tues: 10/12 | Board Meeting, 5:30 pm. |
| Wed: 10/13 | Ladies Mission Circle 9:30 am.
Olympians 6:30 pm.
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm, West room. |
| Sun: 10/17 | Pastor’s appreciation day card box |
| Tues: 10/19 | Widows Luncheon 1:00 pm. |
| Thurs: 10/28 | Women at Risk: an SOS Event 6:30—8:00 pm. |

Pastor Josh's Personal Testimony

Joshua Puett was born on Christmas Day in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is a pastors son, and is proud to be a 5th generation worker in the ministry. He has an older Sister currently residing in the Grand Rapids area. Josh was saved at age 5 while living in Sawyer, Michigan.

His family moved several times to work at different churches in Southwest Michigan during his lifetime, including Howardsville Baptist church, Fellowship Baptist church of Sawyer, and Faith Bible church of Canonsburg. He was baptized at age 16 at Faith Bible church, in an above ground swimming pool on the parsonage property.

It was around the age of 15 that Josh first felt called to enter the ministry as a pastor. While several generations of ministry workers have proceeded him, their dedication to service did not influence his calling. It is God's own calling to him personally, not a decision to "follow his family's footsteps."

Josh graduated from Rockford High School in 2017 and attended Pensacola Christian college from 2017 to 2021. He worked summer jobs, first for his grandfather to finish his condo in Belding, then at Meijer as a cashier.

In the spring of 2020, Josh was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. His poor physical condition was extremely distressing to both him and his loved ones, but he used his time in recovery to grow closer to God.



With proper medication, Josh manages his diabetes, and is in excellent physical shape. Every day he thanks God for allowing him to be a servant in the ministry, and for his experiences which helped him grow closer to God.

Josh sings with the praise team on Sunday morning, and plays both the guitar and trumpet. His favorite hymns are "In the Garden" and "Take Your Burden To The Lord and Leave It There."

His favorite verse is:

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:15



WAR Chest Boutique Pop-Up

You're invited to a Pop-Up Boutique with a purpose. On Thursday evening, October 28th, Sisters of Sarah will be hosting a unique shopping experience featuring products from over 50 countries, made by or sold in support of survivors of human trafficking!

The evening will begin at 6:30 with refreshments and an opportunity to shop. Shelley Marinus from Women At Risk International (WAR) will be with us to inform us how prevalent the problem of human trafficking is & how we can bring hope & healing to victims.

There will be necklaces, bracelets, earrings, scarves, purses, and other accessories for sale. Every \$300 in sales can sustain a woman in a safe house for a month!

Come learn more about this wonderful ministry! Cash, credit & debit cards will be accepted. Bring a friend!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2021



Oct 4
Benton Young



Oct 12
John Bar



Oct 12
Joe Hawkey



Oct 13
Hannah Heinrich

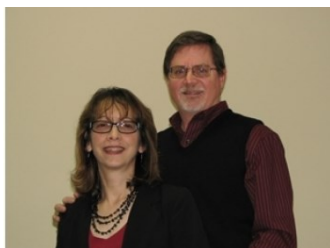


Oct 23
Phil Troyer



Oct 26
Earl Chittenden

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARYS 2021



Oct 5
Greg and Dianne Lunt



Oct 19
Leonard and Lois Noell

COMING SOON

THE
FORESTERS
WWW.FORESTERSGOSPELMUSIC.COM

DATE: Sunday, October 24th

PLACE: Nortonville Gospel Chapel
14528 Leonard Road, Spring Lake, MI

TIME: 10:45 AM





INSPIRED

EXHIBIT



INSPIRED Exhibit shares the story of the greatest book ever written: the Bible, and how the most banned book in history became the world's best seller. One-hundred items rarely seen outside a museum tell this incredible story. Hands-on activities reinforce the teaching and include the operation of a working replica of Gutenberg's printing press.

INSPIRED EXHIBIT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 — THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Monday through Saturday: 11 AM to 8 PM

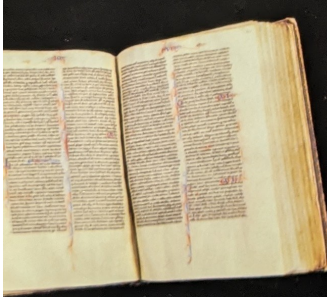
Sunday: 2 PM to 8 PM

FINAL DAY: Thursday, November 4: 11 AM to 3 PM

MARANATHA BIBLE & MISSIONARY CONFERENCE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

4759 Lake Harbor Drive, Muskegon, MI 49441

SPECIAL LECTURES BY:



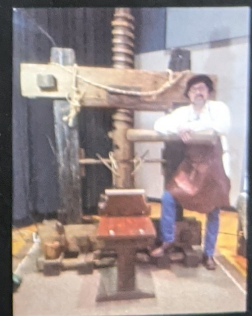
JOSH McDOWELL, World-renowned Christian Apologist
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

SCOTT CARROLL, Director of Inspired Exhibit
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

JOEL BEEKE, President, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

For **MORE INFORMATION**, to **PURCHASE TICKETS**
or to make a **GROUP RESERVATION**, please visit

InspiredExhibit.org



The exhibit *inspires* the mind and
stirs the heart because **SEEING IS BELIEVING!**