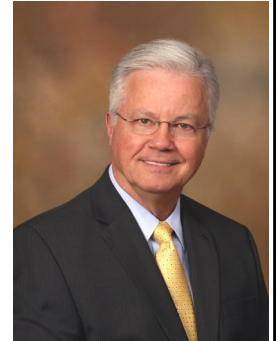




THE VISION

April 18, 2017

My heart is filled with thanksgiving to God and gratitude to you for your work of prayer, visits, phone calls, cards, letters, emails and other contacts you made leading up to Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday was a good and glorious day of resurrection emphasis. New contacts were established, new people came, and numerous ones in various ways experienced a new beginning. My sincerest appreciation goes to my church family. To God be the glory!! Let us be faithful, prayerful, and sincere in our follow-ups. The Lord may have plans to add significantly to our Morningside family and most of all add to the eternal family of our Lord. It is to this end that we pray.



Wayne Robertson
Pastor

It is now time to give prayerful attention to the 32nd South Georgia Bible Conference. We are three months away. The dates are Sunday - Wednesday, July 16 - 19, 2017. Special gifts for the conference have been coming in and I want to thank all who have already given to this annual spiritual highlight. Many of you will recall that every year I ask for 30 families to join me in giving a special \$500.00 gift to this conference by the start of July. You have been faithful through the years in doing so. I will share the program personalities with you soon. Prayer is one gift we all can give and the premium gift that is needed most.

There are approximately four more weeks before our area schools will be out for the summer. Because of changes in the state school calendar in recent years, the summer break is not as long as it was years earlier. Look again at your calendar and prepare for you and your family to be a part of Vacation Bible School and the South Georgia Bible Conference. I hope you will have some family time together. Stay safe and do not let your heart diminish in spiritual strength and sensitivity. As we all are painfully aware, it is very easy for any of us to quickly become carnal. If it is necessary for you to be away on Sunday while you are vacationing, find a place to worship, if possible, and pray daily for your pastor and church family.

I do not take for granted your prayers for me each week. They sustain me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. God bless you for holding up my hands.

I look forward to being with you on the Lord's Day. Let's continue to invite our neighbors and friends to Sunday School and Worship and ***"Start a New Beginning"*** with the Lord.

Brother Wayne



John Yates

Praise the Lord for a wonderful, God-blessed Easter at Morningside!! I can't help but believe one reason our Easter services were so blessed was the prayers of God's people. If that's the case, we could sense the Lord's presence in that way every week - IF we are faithful to pray and reach out to others. Keep praying and talking to your friends. Let's see what God will do this week!

College & Career Laser Tag

This Friday, April 21, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We registered for - and WON - a free Laser Tag session, provided by BattleGround Laser Sports. It's sure to be fun! Arrive early - the first 16 to sign in will play.

Vacation Bible School worker enlistment begins this Sunday, April 23. VBS will be Monday through Friday, June 5 - 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. The theme for this year's VBS is **“Operation Arctic - Exploring the Coolest Book on the Planet.”**

Could YOU Help?

We need MANY volunteers to staff our VBS. There are 2 primary requirements for working in VBS: you must (1) be a member of Sunday School, and (2) submit to a criminal background check. Worker enlistment begins Sunday. You can sign up in the Worship Center lobby.

Praying for another wonderful Sunday in God's house!

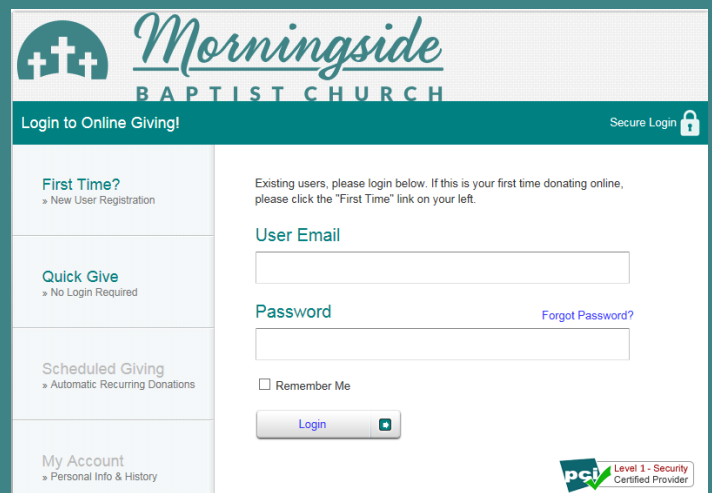
Brother John

Prayer - Outreach - Ministry - Fellowship

Online Giving

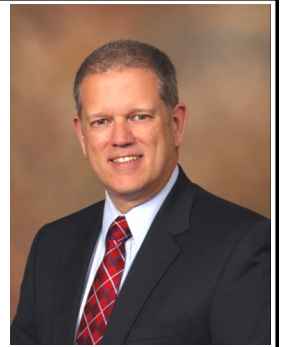
Go to our church website, morningside.ws, and click on the “Online Giving” link in the upper right hand corner.

Online giving is easy to set up and use. Use it for one-time gifts or recurring contributions.



It Was Finished On the Cross

Words and Music by Regi Stone & Kristie Braselton



David Tew

Once we all stood as captive slaves, the bonds of sin and death our chains.

But He, with blood, our freedom bought.

It was finished on the cross.

It was finished on the cross.

The weight of sin, the sting of death, was swallowed up by righteousness,

And vanquished by the Son of God.

It was finished on the cross.

Yes, it was finished on the cross.

And while our hearts have turned from sin, this flesh is waging war within.

Though sin remains, our guilt is gone.

It was finished on the cross.

It was finished on the cross.

His gift of grace our heart betrays, with urge to merit or repay.

We need not live to pay the cost.

It was finished on the cross.

Yes, it was finished on the cross.

Now we rejoice in victory; we lift our eyes to Calvary.

Before the battle has begun,

By Jesus' blood it has been won.

Yes, it was finished on the cross.

Thank you to the Morningside Chancel Choir and Orchestra for a wonderful night of celebration to the Risen King. If you missed Easter Sunday night, you missed a tremendous blessing. Our pastor shared his passion for our Lord by presenting scriptures and his thoughts on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. It was a night I will remember for a long time. We do have reason to rejoice; By Jesus' blood it has been won. It was finished on the cross!!

Because He Lives,

Brother David



Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Worship & Music Ministry

Presents Jubalheirs In Concert

Morningside Baptist Church

Valdosta, Georgia

7:00 PM Friday, May 12, 2017

Youth ArmLifter Information 2017

But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. Exodus 17:12 NKJV

Being an “ArmLifter” is investing in the youth of our church, the next generation. It is about building a relationship with your student.

The following are some examples “ArmLifters” can do...

- Prayer (calling the name of a specific youth during your quiet time)
- Frequent notes of encouragement (cards, texts, emails, etc.)
- Maintaining Contact (phone calls, attempt to speak with him/her each Sunday at church, etc)
- Accountability for Trip Requirements (attendance at church services, rehearsals, etc.)
- Taking he/she for lunch/dinner
- A care package that will be sent for his/her trip with some “favorites”
- Writing a note/card for each day while on his/her trip (each youth will receive a piece of mail at the start of every day they are gone)
- Each armlifter will receive a copy of the trip’s itinerary so that specific daily requests can be lifted in prayer while the youth are on tour
- Any activity that will result in the encouragement of his/her daily Christian walk

***2017 Summer Youth Trip
Laguna Beach Christian Retreat
Panama City, FL
July 9-14, 2017***

Sign up begins April 23, 2017
Sign up at the information table.



KINGDOM BUILDERS' CORNER



ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TURN IN YOUR TEN MOST FAVORITE PHOTOS (FROM BIRTH TO PRESENT) TO "MISS" SUE. YOU MAY PUT THEM ON CD OR THEY WILL BE SCANNED AND RETURNED TO YOU PROMPTLY.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY PM, MAY 21, 2017.

THE PHOTOS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE MEMORIES AND DREAMS DINNER AT THE END OF SUMMER.

LAGUNA BEACH, FLORIDA SUMMER TRIP JULY 9 - 14, 2017

THE COST OF THE TRIP IS \$200 (\$150 FOR THE SECOND CHILD).

THE NEXT PAYMENT OF \$100 IS DUE MAY 7.

THE BALANCE IS DUE JUNE 4.

THIS PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE TWO MEALS ON THE ROAD.

Nursery Team C for April 23 - 29, 2017



24 HOUR HOSPITAL HOTLINE..... 229-242-1344

Church Records April 17, 2017

Worship Service

Morning Worship	519
Nursery	<u>33</u>
Total	552
Evening Worship.....	315
Nursery	<u>24</u>
Total	339

Sunday School

Attendance:	
Preschool	39
Children	35
Youth	35
College & Career	34
Adults.....	<u>226</u>
Total	369
Contacts.....	1,581