

LIVING WATER

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst"
John 4:14

Your ID

Larry Morganti of Florence, South Carolina, is a Vietnam War Veteran. He served in the 311th Squadron of the Air Force as a crew chief on a C-123 cargo plane from October 1967 to October 1968. While serving in that capacity, Morganti lost his "dog tag" – a metal piece of identification for military personnel – during a rocket attack. Thankfully, even though he lost his military ID, Morganti survived the war.

Over two years ago, Morganti's dog tag came into the possession of a Swedish construction worker, Kristoffer Hansen. A friend from Vietnam had discovered the dog tag with his metal detector and sent it to Hansen to add to his collection of military memorabilia. Recognizing that there was a good chance that its owner was still alive, Hansen began looking for Morganti. He found him two years later through Facebook.

Last month, Morganti received his dog tag in the mail along with a letter from Hansen thanking him for his service.

"It was real surprising. In fact, for a second, I didn't believe it," Morganti told WPDE. "It's such a far-fetched idea to find tags 56 years old and then another two years to bring them to me." *

YOU may be surprised to learn that God is looking for you to give you a new identity.

You and every other person in the world have been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Each of us has marred that image due to our sin (Romans 3:23), and sin has separated us from our Creator (Isaiah 59:1-2).

But God loves us so much that He wants us to be reconciled to Him so that each of us can be a part of His family and have a new identity: child of God.

To be reconciled to God, our debt of sin had to be paid. God gave His Son Jesus to pay the price for our redemption. Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can be forgiven and be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save, add to His family, and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

The Apostle Paul wrote to Christians in Galatia: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27 NIV).

In Christ, we have a new identity that brings with it eternal blessings. We are children of God.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1 NIV).

YOU can be a child of God if you will accept His offer on His terms.

-- David A. Sargent

* Information gleaned from "Vietnam veteran reunites with lost dog tag after 56 years: 'I didn't believe it'" by Andrea Vacchiano of Fox News, www.foxnews.com.

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Sunday	Morning Worship	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Class	10:15 AM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM	Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM	6:00 PM

May 26, 2024

WELCOME TO CREEKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like to welcome all our visitors to Creekwood! Please sign the guest register in the foyer. We also invite you to stay for our Bible classes immediately following morning worship services.

TODAY'S MESSAGES:

AM – "The Eyes of Jesus"

PM – "To Be With You"

Listening Devices for the Auditorium are available in the Control Room.

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Know Your Bible on the WHBR station on Mediacom channel 13/Comcast channel 7; Sundays at 6:00 PM CT.

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Both of these broadcasts are co-sponsored by the Creekwood Church of Christ.

Please remember those listed below in your prayers and with other expressions of love (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)

OUR COUNTRY & THOSE SERVING: Chris Campbell - Navy, Nick Marcet - Air Force, Lt. James Chapman III (Kuwait), Harry Lehman – Coast Guard, Mitchell Englund – Marine Reserves, Dylan Butler – Navy, Jacob Jones – Navy, Pam Bradshaw - Air Force, Charley and Neezy Burch – National Guard, Kelly Leverett – Army, Parker Abila (Cassie Devitt’s grandson) – Air Force

EXPECTING MOTHERS: Britney Mitchell (boy) July, Haley Presley (boy) September

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jaya Paul (India), Michael Fordjour (Ghana)

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE WAR IN ISRAEL!

PRAYER REQUEST for Olen Millican who sustained serious head injuries while on a mission with the USMC. Olen spent several weeks in the hospital and is back in the hospital fighting an infection. Olen is a 2017 graduate of MCS.

PRAYER REQUEST for Ryan James who is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery on May 29 at UAB.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Joey Williamson in the loss of Joey’s father, Floyd. The funeral was on Friday. Please pray for Joey and his family.

PRAYER REQUEST for Bernice Fables who is at home and continues to struggle with her knee.

PRAYER REQUEST for Bennett Gibson as he recovers from surgery for an aneurysm on his aorta. He is at home and doing well.

PRAYER REQUEST for Lester Sellers who is battling some health issues. He will need surgery to correct a blockage in his carotid artery on June 10.

PRAYER REQUEST for Rick Gray, son-in-law of Bob & Alona Gobble, who suffered a stroke recently and is suffering effects on his right side. Rick is under hospice care.

PRAYER REQUEST for Jeremie Benzinger, son of Gayle Benzinger, who is struggling with a back injury.

PRAYER REQUEST for Pam Davis, the daughter of Nancy White, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery and a treatment plan are being formalized. Let’s pray for strength and success!

PRAYER REQUEST for Sandra Dowling who is now staying with her daughter, Dione Heusel, as she continues to regain her strength.

PRAYER REQUEST for Rowena Leekley, who is undergoing chemo treatments. Please pray for Rowena and Phil.

MEMBERS: Janet Oglesby, Carol Easterwood, Makenzie Hall, Betty Nichols, Ryan James, Sara Sargent, Bernice Fables, Kitty Morris, Betty Gunnells, Nancy White, John & Sharon Bogle, Valary Smith, Tom Busby, Patti Mitchell, Kathy Stacy, Ken Grisham, Richard McDonald, Martha & Bill Franks, Jeannie Aldred, Betty Thompson, Bennett Gibson (Omak, WA)

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS: George & Sandy Hunt (neighbors of the Fetners); Sandra (Ryals) Shell; Madeline Petite & baby (friend of the Buzbee’s), Jimmy Linder (father of Angie Bacon), Marie Waters (aunt of Kristy Adams), Julie Todd (friend of Brook Oglesby Grice), Diane Glover, Logan Moore, Kruz Kohrumel (1st grader at Mobile Christian), Rick Gray (Penny Davis’s brother-in-law), John & Betty King Fuller, Daniel Mitchell Brabham (the brother of Stephanie Hulon), Lisa & Albert Andrews (sister and brother in law of Sheila Marcet), Barbara Bradford (grandmother of Erin Cunningham), Larry Tart (brother of Jerrol Sawrey), Betsy McCaskill (friend of Larry Duncan), Nelda Carr (former member), Dawson Moorer (former member), Diana Pierce (Shawn Cobb’s mother), Vic Johnson (friend of John Bogle), Sally Tindell (sibling of Nancy Moorer), Boots Carson (mother of Gina Englund and Ka Kinman), Alona Gobble (Penny Davis’ mother), Kellen Franks (grandson of Bill & Martha Franks), Don White (brother of Celeste Chandler), George Smith (friend of John Bogle)

SHUT-INS – Martha Irvin Esther Boulanger Barbara Roley Hurley Crews

CASEY, JILLANN, DAISY, & WADE CRAWFORD are set to arrive in Mobile on June 1st! Let’s help them unload their truck and welcome them to the Creekwood family! We are also conducting an old-fashioned “Pounding” for the Crawfords. Please bring any of the following items and place them in the box in the foyer by June 2nd: paper towels, paper plates, mac & cheese, flour, sugar, seasonings, ketchup, mustard, boxed meals, Cheez-it crackers, rice, canned vegetables, noodles, disposable cups and silverware, dish soap, dish detergent, hand soap, trash bags, laundry detergent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS. Many are struggling with health issues.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL – We host a devotional on Sunday afternoons at Mobile Nursing & Rehab at 2:30 p.m. Please come and visit with the residents, sing a few songs, and have a brief Bible study.

SUMMER KICKOFF FOR THE KIDS, Thursday, May 30, at Creekwood parking lot, 6 to 8 PM. Bring water clothes for some water fun: giant water slide, splash pad, and more! Dinner provided: hot dogs, chips, drinks. Please bring drinks and desserts! All ages are welcome!

READING GLASSES NEEDED. Beth Brooks is collecting reading glasses to take to Honduras. Many adults there haven’t been able to read anything (including the Bible) in many years because they simply don’t have reading glasses. Please give your donations to Beth or Jonathan.

SUMMER BIBLE CLASS FOR ADULTS: We're excited to announce that several adult classes are combining to do a Bible class series called "Rooted Families" this Summer! The series will run from June-August. Some topics we'll be looking at include media management in the home, effective communication, building your house on the rock, and much more! We hope you'll be a part of this series starting June 5!

“LET THE GAMES BEGIN!” Come have a night of fun with your church family. It’s a night of **cornhole** and **fellowship**. Mark your calendars for **June 7, 6:30 – 9:00 PM**. Bring your cornhole game and snacks. Drinks provided.

MOBILE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be holding the **annual Corporate Meeting** on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:00 pm in the Mobile Christian Library (in the High School Building). During this meeting, a brief update on the school/school year is planned.

MEN’S BREAKFAST will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 8am in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite breakfast dish with you!

SUMMER EVENTS FOR THE KIDS

- **May 30** – Summer Kickoff
- **June 6** – Story time at West Mobile Public Library and lunch at the park
- **June 18** – Swimming at the Presley’s
- **June 29** – Make & take at Magnolia Soap Company and Lunch
- **July 9** – Get Air
- **July 14-17** – VBS
- **July 30** – End of Summer Bowling Bash

FROM THE FAMILY ROOM

Spiritual Wellness

“These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. You shall also tie them as a sign to your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead. You shall also write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” -- Deuteronomy 6:6-9

“. . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” -- Joshua 24:15b

Please Read: Psalms 78:4-7

In Old Testament times, God knew that the family was a key ingredient in training children to follow Him. The same is true today. Studies over many years clearly indicate that there is a strong positive relationship between spiritual wellness and family happiness. Families that follow the inspired commands written above will have faith in God, they will enjoy a sense of support, and they will have a sense of true purpose. Awareness of God helps a family to be more loving, more positive, more patient, and more forgiving.

Leaders in the family should clearly communicate that their family will serve the Lord. They will tell their family members the praises of God and what great things God has done in the past for their family. They should teach the great things and wondrous works God has done in general for His people. They do this so that their children will have hope in God. They will have faith in God's love and power. They will keep God's commandments. For generations to come their family will believe in God and trust in His salvation.

May we diligently teach our children at home this week about the wondrous works God has done in our lives and in the lives of family members in previous generations.

Ricky Butts
Family Minister