



Morattico Baptist Church  
**MBC2028**  
*Celebrating 250 Years 1778-2028*

**APRIL 2025**

**MORATTICO BAPTIST CHURCH**

# THE HILL



**FROM THE  
PASTOR**

When I received the theme for this month's newsletter I chuckled to myself because it is a topic that I never would have thought of. I think you will find it interesting and engaging and I also expect that you have used several of these sayings over the years!

There are 66 books, 1,189 chapters and 31,102 verses in the King James Bible. Scholars believe that Genesis or Job are the oldest books, dating back to 1450 BC, which makes them about 3,500 years old. The "newest" book in the Bible is Revelation which dates to 90 AD so it is a mere 1,935 years old. No book has been in print longer than the King James Bible, nor has any book sold as many copies as the Bible (all translations.)

So, it isn't surprising that the Bible is quoted and misquoted as often as it is. As you read through the quotes, consider how often you have heard them and how often you may have used them.

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## NO THAT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE

Which of these quotes are found in the Bible?

- Ashes to ashes; dust to dust
- The apple of my eye
- Eat, drink and be merry
- Like mother, like daughter
- Eat sour grapes
- The prodigal man
- A drop in the bucket
- The Lord's Prayer
- This, too, shall pass
- Confession is good for the soul
- Honesty is the best policy
- The skin of my teeth

(answers found on page 4)

There are dozens of popular sayings floating around that sincere people, including Christians, think are from the Bible but they are not. You have likely heard many quotations ascribed to the Bible when, in fact, the Bible doesn't say that. For example, your parents may have warned you as a child to wash your hands before eating because the Bible says "cleanliness is next to godliness".

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# PRAYER LIST

## PLEASE GIVE US UPDATES

*Do we keep praying or rejoice in being able to remove someone from this list? When adding someone, please provide an address so we can send a card.*

**Mae Shelton ~ 804-366-3817**

**Margaret Ambrose**  
**Lewis Brothers**  
**Page Carlson**  
**Jennifer Routt Clark**  
**Eddie Dawson**  
**Ralph Doth**  
**Willow Drinkwater**  
**Charlotte Evans**  
**Wilson and Sandra Evans**  
**Bill and Mary Fletcher**  
**Douglas Garrett**  
**Johnny Gilbert**  
**Berkley Grass**  
**Terri Groh**  
**Suzanne Henry**  
**Mary Herndon**  
**Greg Howell**  
**James Jackson**  
**Cathy Kellum**  
**Donald Morgan**  
**Richard, Rosie and Rich Pruett**  
**Sylvia Saunders**  
**Paul Stone**  
**Fran Stout**  
**William and Patricia Taylor**  
**Clint "Scooby" Walker**  
**Lynn Keane Walls**  
**Dennis Whitcomb**  
**Those who are struggling**  
**United States of America**



1 Ronald Hudson  
 4 Eddie Dawson  
 5 Richard Abbott  
 6 Matthew Grigsby  
 6 Justin Hudnall  
 15 Lindy Jett  
 19 Anke Longest

April 5, 1975

Tom and Terri Groh

April 15

Eddie and Beth Gay



Terri Groh welcomes her first great grandson! Mack Wilson Hemmer was born on February 10, 2025 in Jefferson, Indiana. He weighed 6 lbs 8 oz. His parents are Kristy and Gabriel Hemmer. The family lives in Madison, IN. The whole family went to their church the Sunday after he was born as they are members of Worthville Baptist Church in Worthville, Kentucky. They have a wonderful church community and were very active and will be again as soon as they can.



If you are a member of the church, child or grandchild of a member and would like to apply for a college scholarship, please contact Charlotte Swaffin for an application.

[cswaffin@gmail.com](mailto:cswaffin@gmail.com) or 804-761-1057

**DEADLINE: June 1, 2025**



## Altar Flowers

Spring is here with a message of renewal and new beginnings. Everywhere the seasonal changes are evident. You may have noticed that the Flower Committee has undergone a few changes as well. Page Carlson and Anita Hart will continue to serve and have been joined by new members Beth Gay, Ginny Barnes, Shelly Ritter, and Wendy Deihl. Also, we will be doing things a little differently. Each of the committee members will be assigned a month during which she will ensure that flowers adorn the sanctuary for Sunday services and help you if you wish to provide an arrangement for a Sunday. So, you will be hearing from each of us during the year.

We are always ready to accept your floral arrangement donation to celebrate a special occasion, to remember a loved one, or to let someone know they are appreciated. Please contact Beth Gay when you wish to provide that special floral arrangement. She will be able to help by answering all your questions about the process. Simply email Beth at [bethg0215@gmail.com](mailto:bethg0215@gmail.com) or text her at 804-436-5724 to start the process.

The Committee hopes you continue to enjoy the flowers. Please consider sharing a celebration or remembrance by providing flowers for the sanctuary. Remember, no matter what our circumstances, *a flower is a smile from heaven.*

~Flower Committee

## The Flower Committee wishes to thank the following who provided flowers for the sanctuary January, February and March:

### In celebration of:

Eddie's 65th birthday and Beth's 63rd birthday

by Eddie and Beth Gay

Amy and Ray Britt's anniversary  
by Terri Groh

William Taylor's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
by Patricia Taylor

The birth of their great grandson  
Mack Wilson Hemmer  
by Tom and Terri Groh

### In remembrance of:

Her father, Rolland Simmons, on  
his birthday by Jan Abbott

His mother, Ruby Abbott, on her  
birthday by Richard Abbott

Her father, Howard Whay, on his  
birthday by Crystal Whay

Lewis Shelton's birthday and  
passing by Mae Shelton

### In appreciation of:

Debbie Dodson for the many  
ways she shares her talents and  
serves our church by Ginny and  
Brian Barnes

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*Flowers speak from the heart*



Altar Flowers

## NO THAT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE

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This however was probably a Hebrew proverb that had been around for centuries. It first appeared in print in a sermon entitled "On Dress" by John Wesley in 1769.

"Money is the root of all evil" ~ Money has a way of changing people who have wandered from the faith because of their love for money. What the Bible really says is: *For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 1 Timothy 6:10* So you see, money is not evil, just the "love of money" when you love it more than God.

"To err is human, to forgive divine" ~ Although not in the Bible, it is a true statement. We are all sinners. It is as much part of our human nature to "err" as it is part of God's divine nature to forgive. So, even though this phrase is not in the Bible, the principle it teaches is very biblical.

"To thine own self be true" ~ Again, not a phrase found in the Bible. It comes from William Shakespeare's Hamlet, in which Polonius is giving some fatherly advice to his 18 year old son. "To thine own self be true" Is that true? Or should we say, "To thine own God be true?" No, we should hear the words of Jesus when He said, "if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will *know the truth* and the truth will set you free!" John 8:31-32

There are several other "sayings" often mistakenly quoted as coming from the Bible. Sayings such as "This too shall pass; Good things come to those who wait; Let your conscience be your guide.

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## NO THAT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE

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It's been said that what you don't know can't hurt you. But that is not necessarily true when it comes to understanding what the Bible teaches. Sometimes what we don't know about the Bible can hurt us. There is a great deal of biblical illiteracy in the world today. However, even more incriminating is the fact that many Christians have an equally shaky foundation of biblical knowledge that often confuses something that "sounds like it came from the Bible" with actual biblical truth.

Discover the truth for yourself. Read the Bible. It is fascinating.

~Excerpts from *No That's Not In the Bible*  
by David O. Dykes

## Answers from page 1

The six phrases actually found in the Bible are:

"the apple of my eye"  
Zechariah 2:8

"eat drink and be merry"  
Luke 12:19

"like mother, like daughter"  
Ezekiel 16:44

"eat sour grapes"  
Ezekiel 18:2

"a drop in the bucket"  
Isaiah 40:15

"the skin of my teeth"  
Job 19:20



You may have heard this once or twice 😊 but this is your reminder.

The History Committee is collecting ALL THINGS related to Morattico Baptist Church. Nothing is too big or too small. Don't think the newspaper clipping you have tucked away in your Bible is insignificant. It is IMPORTANT to the preservation of the history of MBC. Do you have a photo from an MBC event? We would love a copy.

The Committee is happy to make copies and return the original to you. Please reach out to one of our members for assistance:

Carolyn Foster  
Roxy Fisher  
Charlotte Swaffin  
Kathy Pittman



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“Spare the rod, spoil the child.” “God will never give you more than you can handle.” “This too shall pass.” While there are biblical reference the quotes are not completely biblical, so enjoy this thought-provoking look at some popular non-biblical, biblical quotes!

~ Blessings  
Richard

# CHURCH YARD SALE

## MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

8 am to 1 pm

Please bring donations to the church.

**Donations will be accepted**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

There will be no pick up service.

For a drop off appointment call

Linda Herring ~ 804-580-1612

OR

Debbie Dodson ~ 804-436-4453

We are accepting household items, art work, collectibles, small furniture and more.

We ARE NOT accepting clothes, books, large furniture or exercise equipment.

*All donations should be clean and in good working order.*

Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund



Sunday: 8:45 am Sunday School (adult)  
10 am Sunday Service

**Calendar events:**

<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday with special music byMBC Band</b>
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter with special music by MBC Band</b>
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MBC Yard Sale 8am to 1pm</b>
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MBC Business Meeting 7pm</b>

**Bold = MBC event**

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