



# Good News

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*Theme: Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord*

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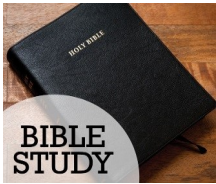
**Celebrating**  
Our  
97th  
**Church**  
Anniversary  
September 24, 2017  
During Both Services

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**Scripture:** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV)*

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## BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study, led by Rev. Willis, meets at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

**HE** HAS REMOVED OUR SINS  
AS FAR FROM US AS

THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST.

Psalm 103:12, NLT

## METROPOLITAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION



"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17

The Walter Cade Jr. Nine State Regional Laymen Workshop will be held **October 20-22, 2017** in Brookfield, Wisconsin at the **Sheraton Brookfield Milwaukee Hotel**. Please see **Brother Timothy Peoples** or **Deacon James Ross** for more details.

## Happy 48th Anniversary September 6, 2017

Pastor Charles D. and Mrs. Loraine Twymon



Love bears all things,  
believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
Love never fails.  
*1 Corinthians 13:7*

This month marks the 48th year of wonderful wedded bliss for Pastor and Mrs. Twymon. Please remember to wish them 'Happy Anniversary' and God's richest blessings for many more years to come!



*Celebrate Our Anniversary*

**M**acedonia Baptist Church will commemorate its **97th** Church Anniversary on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Under the leadership of Pastor Twymon and his predecessors, the church has grown both physically and spiritually.

From 1920 to 2017, Macedonia has stood on the Word of God. Prepare to show your continued love, support, and appreciation of our church. Each ministry is asked to contribute \$200 and each member has been asked to give \$100 towards the anniversary offering.







For the complete history of our church, please visit our web site at [www.macedonia-bc.com](http://www.macedonia-bc.com).

## SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit [www.mbcdet.com/media](http://www.mbcdet.com/media) to listen to archived sermons.



**Pastor Charles D. Twymon**

-  August 6, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**“Living Rapture Ready”**  
1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  August 13, 2017, 8:00 a.m.  
**“A Bypass Christian Landmark”**  
Jeremiah 6:16-17  
Rev. Brady Bennett
-  August 13, 2017, 11:00 a.m.  
**“Devine Detours,”** Exodus 13:17-18  
Pastor Carl E. Livingston  
Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church
-  August 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m.  
**“Total Eclipse of the Son,”** Isaiah 6:1  
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  August 20, 2017, 11:00 a.m.  
**“The Supremacy, The Sufficiency and The Urgency of the Gospel,”**  
Romans 1:15-17  
Rev. Clifford Register
-  August 27, 2017, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**“Storms Keep Coming”**  
Psalms 83:13-18  
Pastor Charles Twymon.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in August



**JAMES HUNT III**  
**BRITTANY LEWIS**  
**EDITH MACK-O'REAR**  
**SHA-RON MCGORE**  
**REV. JAMES O'REAR**  
**RHIANNA ROBINSON-HARRIS**

The New Members Orientation Class meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on the second floor in the Upper Room.



# DISTRICT LAYMEN GLENN DARDEN YOUTH RETREAT

Submitted by Timothy Peoples, Jr.



Once again the Metropolitan District Laymen hosted more than 50 young men at Carver Camp in Grass Lake (near Jackson), Michigan for the annual Glen Darden Retreat. The weekend activities included breakout sessions with Bro. Richard Bell, founder of Kids First, from Pontiac, Michigan. Brother Bell lectured on career choices, emphasizing the field of architecture, and included hands-on participation.

Also, Rev. Ingles led classes on Biblical Studies. Rev. Ingles is a member of Sec-

ond Ebenezer Church, Bishop Edgar Vann II, Senior Pastor. The boys joined forces with other youth from the district during the weekend and enjoyed horseback riding, fishing, and other physical activities for the body.

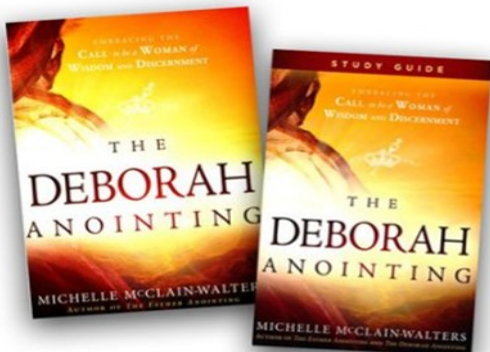


Nutritious meals prepared by the brothers were served daily. Testimonies from the youth and adults were exchanged each evening at the bon-fire. The Metropolitan District Laymen thanks all the churches and chaperones that helped make the weekend memorable.



## MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



The Old Testament describes Deborah as a mighty combination of judge, intercessor, prophetess, mother of Israel, and military strategist. Deborah broke outside of her culture, not out of rebellion, but in obedience to God to set her people free. As in biblical times, God is calling today's women to a purpose greater than themselves. ***The Deborah Anointing*** shows you that although you may have been trapped in tradition and locked into captivity by cultural and gender prejudices, God desires for you to break through these barriers. Now is the time to embrace the fullness of your purpose.

In the book, ***The Deborah Anointing***, Michelle McClain-Walters challenged women to discover a purpose greater than themselves, in this companion study guide she will help you walk in the call God has on your life and become a modern-day Deborah who leads and lives boldly.

The books are available in the Bible & Book Corner.

## FIREFIGHTERS ARE WARNING PEOPLE TO NEVER LEAVE BOTTLED WATER IN YOUR CAR

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

A battery technician with the Idaho Power Company was on lunch break when he noticed smoke coming from beneath the center console of his truck. The culprit, he was surprised to learn, was a bottle of water. "I looked over and noticed light was being refracted through a water bottle and starting to catch the seat on fire," said Dioni Amuchastegui in a video shared on the company's Facebook page on July 13.

The evidence shows how dangerous leaving a plastic bottle in one's car on a sunny day can be. Two burn marks were left on the seat of Dioni's vehicle.

Firefighters are warning drivers about the hazard, too. In a test conducted by Oklahoma's Midwest City Fire Department, sunlight magnified by a water bottle reached 250 degrees.

News channel KFOR reports. "The sunlight will come through, when it's filled with liquid, and act as a magnifying glass as it would with regular optics," said MCFD's David Richardson.

"It uses the liquid and the clear material to develop a focused beam and sure enough, it can actually cause a fire, a combustion," Richardson explained.

The risk of a disaster occurring is low, but officials say taking your water bottle with you when exiting the car is the best way to prevent this type of car fire.

**Source: Country Living, Maria Carter**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/healthtrending/firefighters-are-warning-people-to-never-leave-bottled-water-in-your-car/ar-AAqcrM>

# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

By the Newsletter Staff

Church membership is often thought of like belonging to a select club, or like the old American Express commercial where *membership has its privileges*.

That is not the way the Bible refers to membership. In fact, in 1 Corinthians Paul doesn't say the church is like a body. He says the *church is a body*. The phrase he uses to describe the individual connectedness is, "*We are members of the body*."

Membership is often misunderstood, misapplied or not applied at all.

The word *member* in the Bible is more closely related to the medical word "member" than it is to the common cultural term.

## Biblical Membership

Why then do we have membership? Because regardless of how the culture sees it or Christians misunderstand it, membership is not simply an opportunity to say, I'm a part of a club, but rather a scriptural expression of covenant connectedness to a church.

Everyone wants healthy relationships, but sometimes we assume that such relationships just blossom spontaneously. If they thrive, it's wonderful; but if they suffer, oh well—there's not much we can do about it! But the reality is that healthy relationships entail responsibilities. For relationships to flourish, all of the parties involved must understand and work at fulfilling their mutual responsibilities. This is true in our marriages, our families, and in the local church. Healthy churches don't just happen. Healthy churches require that both leaders and members fulfill their responsibilities.

## Biblical Responsibility

The Bible teaches us that we will be blessed because we give of our time, talent and treasure. Oftentimes Christians focus on *the because we give*, looking for the promise and not giving from the heart.

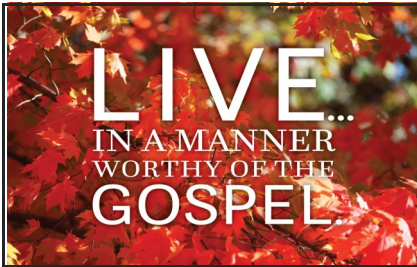
To the extent we are able; it is the responsibility of the members to share in the church's work. Many denominations raise money through bingo games, bake sales, rummage sales, raffles, etc. These methods are **not Biblical**, so the Lord's church never uses them.

**Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (Matthew 21:12 NIV)**

If members fulfill their responsibility to share, the church can do its work without such methods. However, let us remember that the more we can give in time, talent and treasure, the more the church can accomplish.

The main job of a faithful pastor is to preach the word, which involves reproof, rebuking, and exhorting (2 Timothy 4:2). Paul explains (2 Timothy 4:3-4), "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths." That means that when you choose a church, don't pick one where the pastor always gives *feel good* messages. If a pastor's sermons never step on your toes, then he isn't doing his job, because the Bible often steps on our toes! It never does that to harm us, but

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**Invitation to:** *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

**Superintendent of Sunday School:** *Rev. Ronald Davis*

**Pastor:** *Reverend Charles D. Twyman*

The Sunday School Ministry invites you, your family and friends to attend Sunday School classes. The classes begin at 9:30 a.m. We know you will enjoy the wonderful lessons that will be reviewed, and can apply these teachings to your everyday life. The list of lessons for September 2017 includes the following:

**UNIT I: Signs of God's Covenants**

Date	Lesson	Scripture
September 3	The Rainbow	Genesis 8:20-22; 9:8-17
September 10	Circumcision	Genesis 17:1-14
September 17	Sabbath Observance	Exodus 31:12-18
September 24	A Spirit-Filled Heart	Ezekiel 36:22-32

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rather to correct us so that we will be blessed by lives that conform to the image of Jesus Christ. Church leaders have the responsibility to use God's word to admonish the flock.

Remember, the church has many important works it needs money to accomplish, and your eternal destiny is involved. To accomplish this mission at Macedonia, the Biblical concept of tithe and offering has continued to meet the ongoing needs of the church, members, support of the community and charitable groups. Macedonia is a beautiful representation of those who attend and just like our physical body requires care; our church building requires the same.

Like with your personal residences the utilities, cleaning and maintenance of the edifice requires money and physical labor. Macedonia only requests two donations during the year (Pastor's Anniversary and Church Anniversary), so please take this opportunity to support our church.

When Christ came to build His church, He reminded the people that loving God included caring and doing for those around you. Obedience is following God's instructions and sharing His Word to build the body of Christ.

Sources: <https://www.gospelway.com/church/giving.php>  
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<http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2015/july/membership-matters-3-reasons-for-church-membership.html>

**HAPPY 97TH ANNIVERSARY MACEDONIA!**



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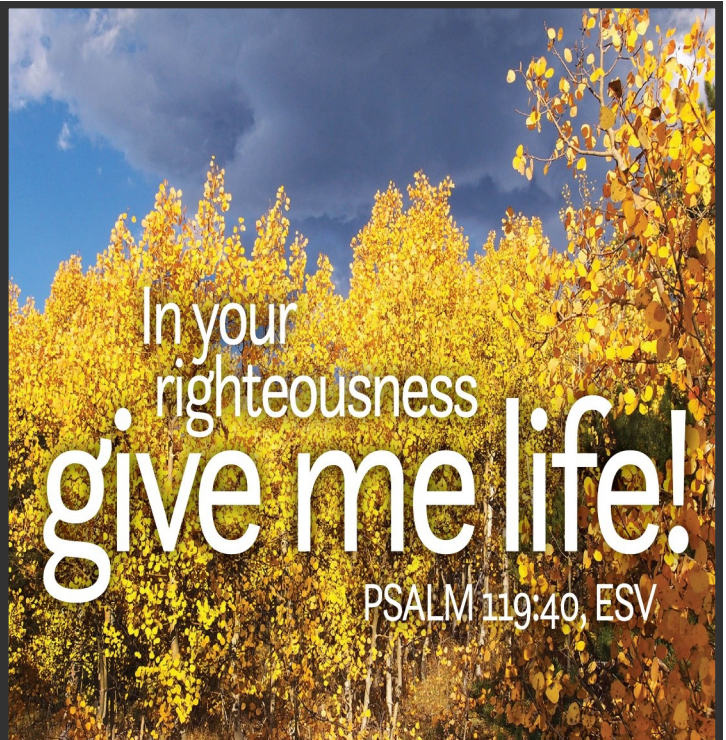
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*"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9*



**Monday, September 4, 2017**

**LABOR**  
*Day*



In your  
righteousness  
**give me life!**

PSALM 119:40, ESV