

Good News

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TO THE ONLY
WISE GOD BE

glory
FOREVERMORE
THROUGH
Jesus
Christ!

ROMANS 16:27, ESV

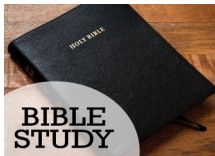
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BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS



Pastor's afternoon Bible Study class has resumed. The class meets at 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall.



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.



The Bi-Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This meeting is reserved for church members only.

Evening Bible Study class will be canceled on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, and will resume on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.



HAPPY 72nd
BIRTHDAY
Pastor Twyman

Wednesday, December 13, 2017



<http://Nubiagroup.blogspot.com/>

SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit www.mbcdet.com/media or via the **MBCDET** app to listen to archived sermons.



Pastor Charles D. Twymon

- 📖 November 5, 2017, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
"From The Pit To the Palace"
Genesis 37:18-20
Pastor Charles Twymon
- 📖 November 12, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
"The Same God, But A Better Covenant"
Hebrews 8:6-13
Rev. Terry Minor
- 📖 November 12, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
"When Midnight Becomes Day"
Psalm 30:1-5
Rev. Clifford Register
- 📖 November 19, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
"Psalm 100," Psalm 100:1-5
Pastor Charles Twymon
- 📖 November 19, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
"God Knows," Genesis 18:16-21
Rev. James O'Rear
- 📖 November 26, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
"From Eternity and Beyond"
I Corinthians 3:11-15
Rev. Philip Herbert
- 📖 November 26, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
"Leftovers," John 6:11-12
Pastor Charles Twymon

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in November.



JACQUELINE EVANS
BRITTANY JACKSON
QUENDALE SIMMONS
JEAN WILLIAMS
WILLIE WILLIAMS

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.



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

By Maxine Gardner

Many of us begin to think more about others as Christmas approaches and make plans to celebrate the birth of Christ with family and friends. Most often our thoughts turn to what gifts to buy for whom, how much to spend on each one and cash or credit to complete the purchase. We give to charities, food banks and toys for kids. Does your joy lie in this?

We hear the conversations every year regarding the commercialization of Christmas and how this has become the greatest spending holiday, but this year we have advertisements suggesting spending time instead of money and giving the company of one another instead of gifts. Will your joy lie in this?

I have an additional suggestion: take the time to really pay attention to the people in your life, listen to them, look at them and take note of their comments and actions. Someone may need help and you may miss the opportunity to be in the right place at the time because you missed the subtle signs of distress. In this you will find joy, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year because you are loving and compassionate. You may become tired, a bit stressed, but at the end of the day there is nothing like caring for someone who thought no one noticed their need!

The foretold birth of Christ was a gift from God to humanity and we call the unknown day, Christmas; we also try to emulate the first gifts given to Christ by buying gifts. But Christ was giving to us during his life on earth, teaching love and compassion for others, preparing us for His gift of salvation by His planned death and resurrection. So celebrate, just keep the **JOY** in **Christmas!**



THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

The colors of Christmas are bright and they're true; they tell of God's great love for me and for you.

Blue is the sky where the angels appeared as they sang, "Peace on Earth," to the shepherds who feared.

Silver is for the bright Christmas star which guided the wise men from countries afar.

Gold tells of their gifts for the Baby that day who they found in a manger, asleep on the hay.

Purple is for suffering and death on a hill.

Red is the Blood, which Jesus did spill.

Green shows that Jesus arose from the dead and saved us and freed us, just as he said.

~Author Unknown~

Then you shall see
and be radiant;
your heart shall
thrill and exult...

Isaiah 60:5, ESV



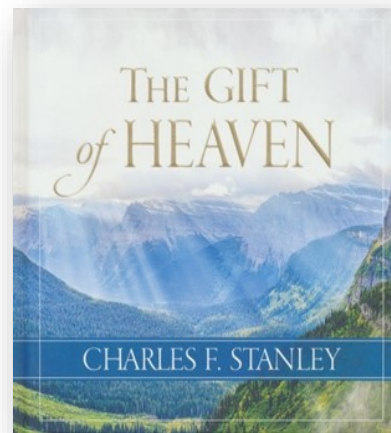
Watch Night Service At Macedonia

Usher in the spirit of a new year; usher in the spirit of the Lord! Macedonia's Watch Night Service will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2017, between 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Bring praises into the new year with the combined choirs. The service will close out the year with a prayer.

Come and worship with family, friends, and church members, and be prepared to be blessed in 2018!

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



The Gift of Heaven, Dr. Stanley's first book on heaven, offers biblically based teaching and insights for anyone who has questions about God and what happens after we die.

God has traced the outlines of a lovely blueprint of heaven through His Word. Dr. Charles Stanley provides biblical insights to comfort and encouragement as he explores these questions and more:

- How do I know I'll go to heaven?
- Who will be in heaven?
- What is life in heaven like?

Take a moment to reflect on life beyond this world, and anticipate the greatest hope of all – the day you see the face of God welcoming you into His fullness. This book is available in the Macedonia Bible and Book Corner.





Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

Pastor: *Reverend Charles D. Twymon*

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 December 2017 includes the following:

UNIT I: Faith In Christ

Date	Lesson	Scripture
December 3	Faith in Jesus	Acts 3:11-21
December 10	Faith to Discern	Acts 13:1-12
December 17	Faith to Persevere	Acts 14:8-11, 19-23
December 24	Faithful Seekers of the King (Christmas)	Matthew 2:1-12
December 31	Faith to Unite	Ephesians 4:1-16



“Who can add to Christmas?”

**THE PERFECT MOTIVE IS THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.
 THE PERFECT GIFT IS THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.
 THE ONLY REQUIRMENT IS TO BELIEVE IN HIM.
 THE REWARD OF FAITH IS THAT YOU SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.”**

~CORRIE TEN BOOM~

2018 Membership Registration

Registration is extremely important! Since our last registration, members have left our church, changed addresses, phone numbers, and in some cases, last names. We must update our records to reflect these changes. In addition, members may need to take a new photo.

If you value your membership with this church, please make every effort to preserve it. Registration will be held in the Atrium beginning Sunday, January 7, 2018, after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services each Sunday for six weeks. A \$1.00 fee will be assessed to defray the cost of registration.

The By-Laws pertaining to annual registration, Article 1, Section 7, are as follows:

Every member must register in person during the first six (6) weeks of every new year. Provisions will be made for members who are unable to register in person due to illness, military duty, and educational leave.

Any person desiring to register whose name is not found on the current membership list, must offer themselves as a candidate under Article 1, Section 2.

Your failure to register in person by Sunday, February 11, 2018, will indicate that you no longer consider yourself a member of this congregation.

Registration



The termination of individuals from the church role will include the forfeiture of all rights and privileges associated with membership, including weddings and funerals.

PSYCHOLOGY OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Submitted by Wendall Smitherman

- In one study of children's letters to Santa, it was found that in all cases children asked for only material items in the 855 letters that arrived in a Seattle post office.
- A study found that children often received more gifts than requested, especially preschool children, who requested an average of 3.4 toys and received an average of 11.6 toys for Christmas.
- Decking the halls with the spirit of the season is also an important year-end tradition, as 87 percent of people surveyed say decorating improves their spirits during the holidays.
- Decorations account for about \$46.73 of spending, greeting cards average out at \$26.52, floral arrangements hold at \$18.23, and cherished Christmas trees average out to \$42.00 in consumer costs. Surprisingly, gift-wrapping costs for consumers equates to \$2.6 billion worldwide. Lastly, a generous slice of holiday costs is allocated to food and candy, contributing to \$96.75 of holiday expenses.
- 86 percent of adults surveyed believed in Santa Claus as a child, with the average age being at 8 years old when Santa is revealed that he "isn't real." Only 15 percent of children believe in Santa past the age of 10.

Source: Data on Black Economics & Christmas Spending—<http://noirg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/EconomicsofChristmasResearch.pdf>





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



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