

Good News

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RESURRECTION SUNDAY April 1, 2018

The
**RIGHTEOUS ONE,
MY SERVANT, ...**
shall bear
their iniquities.

ISAIAH 53:11, NRSV



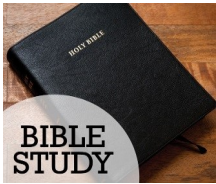
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY



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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.

Our-All-In-All

What the hand is to the lute,
What the breath is to the flute,
What is fragrance to the smell?
What the spring is to the well,
What the flower is to the bee,
That is Jesus Christ to me.

What's the mother to the child?
What the guide in pathless wild?
What is oil to troubled wave?
What is ransom to the slave?
What is water to the sea?
That is Jesus Christ to me.

—C.H. Spurgeon



WHY WE NEED EASTER

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way *out* of the unfairness, but rather a way *through* it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.



—Philip Yancey,
Disappointment With God

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

-  March 4, 2018, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Potholes,” 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  March 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
“Show Up and Show Out,” Matthew 14:22
Rev. Bernard Bell
-  March 11, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
“Winning With A Bad Hand,” Luke 6:6-11
Rev. David Ridgeway, Associate Minister of
Second Ebenezer Baptist Church
-  March 18, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
“Living or Existing?,” John 14:1-6
Rev. Clifford Register
-  March 18, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
“Answered Prayer,” Luke 1:13
Rev. Daniel Ridgeway, Associate Minister of
Oasis of Hope Christian Church
- 38th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration*
-  March 25, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
“Still Standing, But Not Standing Still”
Ephesians 6:10-11
Rev. Claude May, Senior Pastor of Oasis of
Hope Christian Church
-  March 25, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
“The Secrets of an Abiding Ministry”
John 15:1-8
Rev. Dr. Carl Livingston, Pastor of Walnut
Grove Missionary Baptist Church

NEW MEMBERS

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.



CELEBRATING 100 Years

Serving God and the Community

Plans for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Macedonia are underway. We need all of you to show your love by becoming involved in the makings of our commemorative souvenir anniversary journal.

Macedonia was organized on January 20, 1920. We will mark this monumental occasion at the gala in October of 2020. Pastor Twymon will also celebrate his 40th pastoral anniversary this same year. Praise God!

For information on the souvenir journal committee contact Sister Dorothy Stephens at (313) 835-6997; or by email at dotstep@sbcglobal.net. Looking forward to Macedonia's 100 years of service to God and the community.

SALVATION
is
found
in
no
one
else.”
ACTS 4:12, NIV

CELEBRATING PASTOR TWYMON'S 38th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

THE "SONS OF MACEDONIA" SHOWED UP AND SHOWED OUT!

By Gwendolynne Howell

On Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018, Macedonia celebrated the 38th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Charles Twymon and First Lady Loraine Twymon. The "Sons of Macedonia" are members of Macedonia who have gone on to pastor their own churches.



The 8:00 a.m. celebration was led by Dr. Carl Livingston, Pastor of Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville, TN. It began with the entrance of the Pastor and First Lady escorted by Imari Carl and Devin Gray. Rev. Raymond Willis is now Pastor of Williams Memorial Baptist Church. He directed the Mass Choir. The choir was awesome. Imari, representing the Teen Council, gave a tribute speaking from the perspective of our teens. After expressing his love and appreciation of Pastor Twymon, Rev. Claude May, Pastor of Oasis of Hope Christian Church, delivered a dynamic message on the theme, "Still Standing, But Not Standing Still." (Ephesians 6:10-11) "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (v. 11) He mentioned current events such as school shootings, gun control, and materialism. He emphasized the need to stop focusing on the "schemes of the devil" and concentrate on spending more time with our children and nurturing them in the Christian faith. Rev. James Jones, Pastor of First Glory Baptist Church, gave a wonderful tribute expressing his appreciation for Pastor Twymon.

Rev. May led the 11:00 a.m. celebration. The escorts were Deacon Major Clora and Sis. Denise Clora. Sis. Tammy Burkes expressed her appreciation to Pastor Twymon, especially for the youth programs, such as Pioneer Club and Teen Council. She said she loves Pastor Twymon because he tells the truth. Dr. Carl Livingston, delivered a scholarly message on the theme: "The Secrets of an Abiding Ministry" (John 15:1-8). The three secrets are: **1) Intimacy**—when Christ dwells in you, your values change; **2) Integrity**—the cutting or purging like on a fruit tree so as to grow new fruit; and **3) Identity**—striving to be "like Christ." There were many heart-warming tributes expressing the love and appreciation of Pastor Twymon and Sis. Twymon. Sis. Kimberly Seaton presented Sis. Twymon with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. If you were unable to attend one or both of the services, you will be truly blessed by purchasing the CDs/DVDs or by downloading the sermons via the Macedonia app.

The celebration ended with remarks from Pastor Twymon. He expressed his deep appreciation for such a great celebration and thanked all involved, especially Bro. Eccles McLittle for planning the celebration. Pastor said he was truly moved (as well as the congregation) when his son, Jason, sang and is so proud of his whole family.

POMEGRANATE JUICE AND DATES HELP HEART

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman



A daily snack of pomegranate juice and three dates can reduce plaque buildup on arterial walls by a third, according to researchers at the Technion-

Israel Institute of Technology.

Both contain antioxidants that protect the heart. Pomegranates contain polyphenolic antioxidants that reduce oxidative stress by slowing oxidation. Dates contain a different type of antioxidant that removes LDL or "bad" cholesterol from arterial cells.

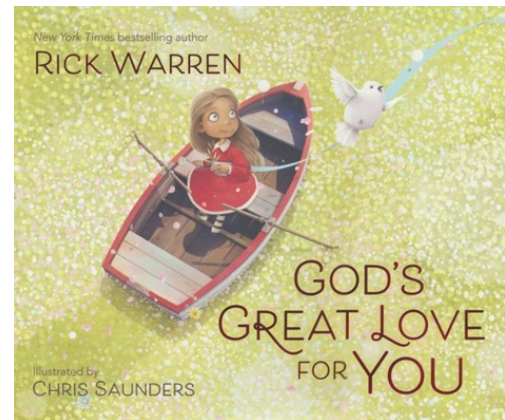


Researchers, whose study was published in the journal, **Food & Function**, said eating pomegranates and dates together is better than eating either alone.

Source: Excerpted from Health Radar, June 2015 issue

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



God's Great Love, He created the entire universe, and everything in it, including you.

God's Great Love for You, written by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and respected pastor, Rick Warren, takes children on a whimsical and heartfelt journey that lets them know God's love is with them wherever they go. With breathtaking illustrations by Chris Saunders, the simple yet poignant text comes alive as a child journeys to places far and near and discovers God's great love is perfect, and everywhere, and will never end.



MY
REDEEMER
LIVES!

FROM BLOODLINES TO BLOODLINE

Submitted by Timothy Peoples, Jr.

This article is an excerpt from a message by John Piper taken from his book *Bloodlines: Race, Cross, and the Christian*, chapter six, titled *From Bloodlines to Bloodline*. The prayer is that God would use that book to lead people from Bloodlines, the book, to the one bloodline of Jesus Christ, where the racial and ethnic suspicions and dislike and disrespect and hostilities are overpowered by the unifying blood of Jesus.

In his message, Piper mentions nine destructive forces that wreck efforts at ethnic-diversity and harmony, and that the gospel is designed by God to overcome:

Satan hates Christ-exalting racial harmony. He is a liar and murderer and relationship ruiner. And he is stronger than you are.

But the gospel is stronger still. "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" ([1 John 3:8](#)).

Guilt is a huge player in the way blacks and whites in America relate to each other. It's deadly when we deny it's there. It's deadly when we wallow in it. It's deadly when we exploit it.

If guilt is not dealt with more deeply, there will be no way forward. And that is why Christ died. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree" ([1 Peter 2:24](#)).

Pride may try to look cool in order to intimidate others. Or it may be meek and retiring for fear of offending others. It can look strong, and it can look weak. In either case, it is consumed with self and what a select group of others think of our self. The gospel of Jesus breaks the power of pride. "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)).

Hopelessness: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Romans 8:39](#)).

Feelings of Self Doubt: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called the children of God" ([1 John 3:1](#)).

Greed: "I count everything as loss for the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" ([Philippians 3:8](#)).

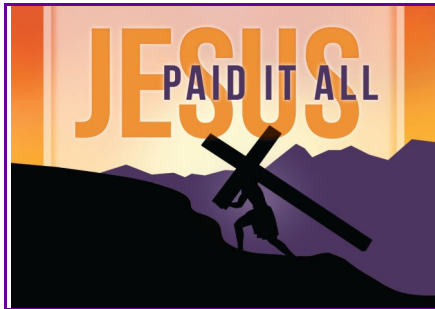
Hate: "Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you" ([Ephesians 4:32](#)).

Fear: "You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" ([Romans 8:15](#)).

Apathy: "Christ gave himself for us . . . to purify for himself a people . . . who are zealous for good works" ([Titus 2:14](#)).

These are the great obstacles that undermine the persevering pursuit of Christ-exalting racial diversity. And none of them is stronger than the gospel of Jesus Christ. So love the gospel, love Jesus, and love the Christ-exalting ethnic diversity and harmony. Christ died for this — to take us from our bloodlines to his bloodline.

Source: <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/from-bloodlines-to-bloodline>



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 April 2018 includes the following:

UNIT II: All Glory and Honor

Date	Lesson	Scripture
April 1	He Has Risen (Easter)	Luke 24:1-12, 30-35
April 8	Appearance of the Risen Lord	John 21:1-14
April 15	Follow Me	John 21:15-25
April 22	The Lord God Almighty	Rev. 4:1-6, 8-11
April 29	Blessing, Glory, and Honor Forever	Rev. 5:6-14

EASTER BIBLE VERSES ON THE RESURRECTION

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

A continuation from 2017. Numbers 1-10 were provided in the April 2017 issue.

11. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." **(Romans 8:11)**
12. "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." **(Romans 8:34)**
13. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **(Romans 10:9)**
14. "For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption." **(Psalm 16:10)**
15. "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces." **(Isaiah 25:8)**
16. "But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; on him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his stripes we are healed." **(Isaiah 53:5)**
17. "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth." **(Job 19:25)**
18. "God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power." **(1 Corinthians 6:14)**
19. "...who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God." **(1 Peter 1:21)**
20. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." **(1 Corinthians 15:17)**



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



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JEREMIAH 29:11

