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BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study, led by Pastor Twymon, meets at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are encouraged to

attend.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018



The polls are **open** from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** for all elections. To get voter information. Visit **michigan.gov/vote**



"God is nigh"

The earliest official reference to using "Taps" at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier "was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods." Because it wasn't safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of "Taps" would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, "Taps" signaled the end of a soldier's work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim's lyrics remind us of God's constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky All is well, safely rest God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky As we go, this we know God is nigh.

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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

- October 7, 2018, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 "From Groaning To Glory" Romans 8:8, 28 Pastor Charles Twymon
- October 14, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
 "Taking God Seriously"
 Exodus 5:1-2
 Rev. Ronald Moncrief
- October 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
 "He's Done More Than Enough" Ephesians 3:16-20 Rev. Ronald Davis
- October 21, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
 "When We Look Like Jesus" 1 John 3:1-3 Rev. Clifford Register
- October 21, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
 "I Need Mo' Jesus"
 Philippians 2:5-8
 Rev. Phillip Herbert

 October 28, 2018, 8:00 a.m.
 "The Blessing and Benefits of Praying," Matthew 6:5-9 Rev. Ernest Houser

Sermons....Contínued

 October 28, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
 "A Life Changing Event" John 19:17-22 Rev. Brady Bennett



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.



Thankful

By Maxine Gardner

Thanksgiving should be a constant state of awareness, from the small everyday things to a surprising benevolence bestowed upon us when we would least expect anything.

I think sometimes our thankfulness becomes automatic, we are sincere, but without real emotion, for the day to day benefits we receive.

I've come to realize that an act of kindness benefits the giver as well as the receiver. Sometimes our actions or words mean so much more to a person than we can possibly know, and their response moves us to pay closer attention to others.

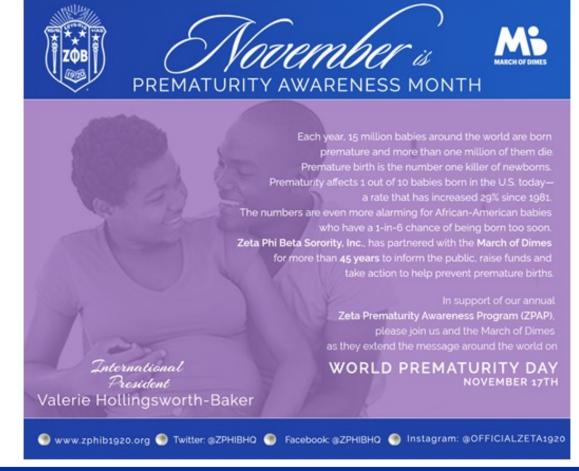
When we say, "Thank you Lord for all you do!," let's really feel thankful.

NOVEMBER IS PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH November 17 Is World Prematurity Day Submitted by Thelma Brown

Every parent wants a healthy baby, but it doesn't always happen that way. Every year, more than 15 million babies are born premature worldwide. Premature birth is the leading cause of death for newborns in the US and is the leading cause of death for children under 5 worldwide. African American women are among the most affected by premature births.

The joy of being a parent can quickly turn into a fight for survival that impacts millions of families every day. Please help me raise awareness about premature birth at <u>Facebook.com/worldprematurityday</u>. You can also visit <u>MarchofDimes.org</u> to learn about premature birth, the signs of preterm labor and ways it may be prevented. Tell someone you love and wear an awareness purple ribbon in support of





WHY I HUNT By Charles Jackson III



I think that hunting is a natural activity for humans. Our ancestors were hunters hundreds of years ago for survival, and for many people, hunting is still a family tradition.

It's natural to want to get away from the daily grind by relaxing and getting exercise outside. It's also natural to explore wild places, to feel the excitement of the chase and depend on outdoor skills to survive. Becoming a good hunter takes a lot of skills. You must learn to be a good marksman. It gives you a sense of accomplishment.

Hunting means many things to different people, such as friendship, nature lover, excitement, freedom, peaceful times, supporting conservation, and feeling good about oneself.

I don't know why I hunt—I just like it. I have some very deep feelings about hunting, but I often find it difficult to express those feelings in ways others understand. Hunting has nothing to do with violence or aggression. Almost every hunter will tell you they love animals.

Here's one question people ask all the time—Isn't hunting dangerous? But the excerpt below quote statistics that show otherwise. Article by Doris Lin, updated January 31, 2018:

According to the **International Hunter Education Association**, in an average year, fewer than 1,000 people in the US and Canada are accidentally shot by hunters, and of these, fewer than 75 are fatalities. In many cases, these fatalities are self-inflicted by hunters who trip, fall, or have other accidents that cause them to shoot themselves with their own weapons. Most of the other fatalities come in hunting parties, where one hunter shoots another accidentally.

Source: https://www.thoughtco.com/hunting-accident-rates-127877

Genesis 3: 21 - And the Lord God clothed Adam and his wife in garments made from skins of animals.

THANK YOU LORD

By Wendell Smitherman

I had another subject for this month. Then I said this is the month of Thanksgiving and this incident kept coming to me.

I was fourteen; my grandfather and I were sticking beans. I know not too many of you recognize what I'm talking about.

We had a bean patch and we would drive sticks in the ground and run strings along the rows where the bean vines would have support. I guess this is why they call them string beans.

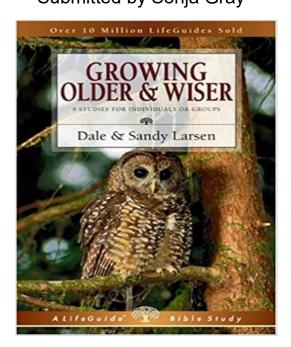
Well in my grandfather's garden we had piled the sticks from the previous year. We would pick up an arm full of sticks and carry them to the bean patch. We had made several trips and I had just picked up an arm full and carried them to the bean patch. When I returned to get another load, my grandfather had killed a rattle snake where I had just left from.

Well was I lucky or did God say, "the kid ain't too bad, I may use him later for something, like maybe taking care of his wife of 61 years."

It's been a few years since I was fourteen and I'm just now thanking God for saving my life. Now I thank God every day for my many blessings. I just thought I owed God a special thanks for this one.



MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER Submitted by Sonja Gray



Life expectancies have stretched, but the Bible reveals that human nature has not changed. Wisdom does not automatically come with age. However, we can get wiser as we get older, if we tap into the eternal wisdom of Growing Older & Wiser God. (LifeGuide Bible Studies) offers nine studies from a biblical perspective on aging and show how powerfully God can use those who have grown wiser with the years. You will read about older people who should have listened to younger people and vice versa. You will find honest expressions of fear and hope as the years accumulate and death looms closer. Throughout all of these stories you will find the constancy of God. Leader's notes are included.

This paperback book is available in the Bible and Book Corner.

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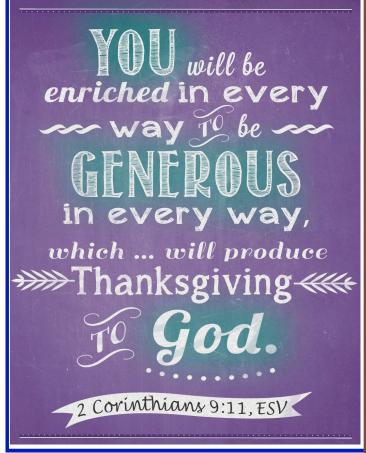
Invitation to: Macedonía Baptíst Church Sunday School

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 November 2018 includes the following:

Cataclysm and a New Beginning			
Date	Lesson	Scripture	
November 4	Preparation for Deliverance	Genesis 6:11-22	
November 11	Safety in the Ark	Genesis 7:1-10	
November 18	The Great Flood	Genesis 7:11-24	
November 25	Thanksgiving and a Promise	Genesis 8:15-22	



THANKSGIVING DIVORCE Submitted by Maxine Gardner

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

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