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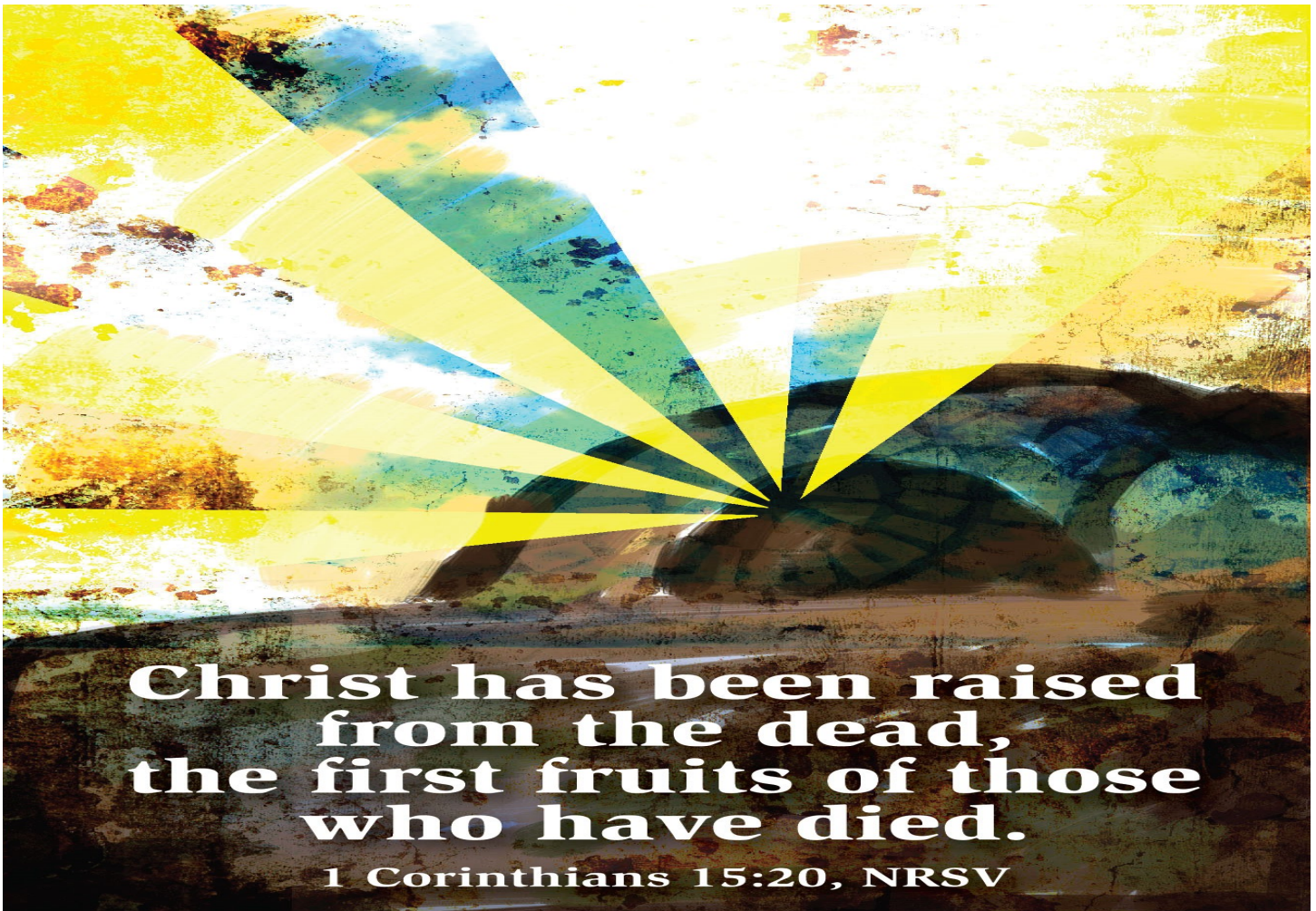
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RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 21, 2019



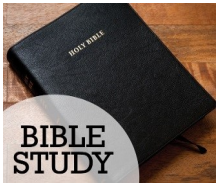
**Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV

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BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Twymon's 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Bible Study classes will resume on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Class will continue with Daniel and Revelation.

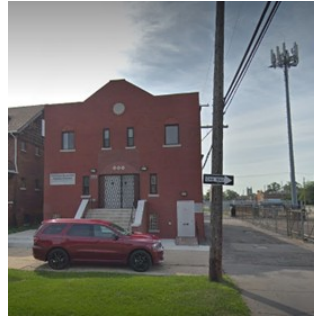


Friday, April 19, 2019
GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, April 21, 2019



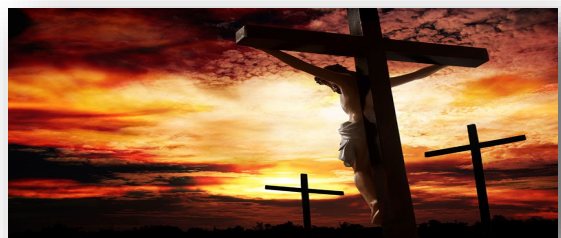
RESURRECTION SUNDAY



MACEDONIA— We will be in fellowship with the Williams Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

This fellowship is in celebration of Pastor Raymond and First Lady Arkena Willis' First Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Twymon will bring the message and all are invited to attend. The address is 2565 Elmhurst, Detroit, MI 48206.

Attention! The Souvenir Journal Committee is in the progress of creating a commemorative book to highlight the 100 years of Macedonia Baptist Church. If you are a ministry leader and have not returned your ad form, please do so to secure a space in this keepsake journal. All members can participate by buying an ad, soliciting for ads, being a patron or in loving memory of a loved one. Ad forms are available at the Courtesy Desk. If you have questions, please see Sis. Dorothy Stephens.








"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)

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 3, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 1),” Genesis 3:2-7
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  March 10, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 2),” Genesis 11:1-9
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  March 17, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 3),” Genesis 16:1-6
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  March 24, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 4),” Numbers 16:8-11
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  March 31, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 5),” 2 Samuel 6:5-8
Pastor Charles Twymon

NEW MEMBERS


We welcome our new members who joined in March.



JANICE EVANS
JANICE WOODS

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.**

ACTS 10:43



‘EVERYONE
WHO BELIEVES in him
RECEIVES FORGIVENESS
OF SINS THROUGH HIS NAME.’

PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

Help is available for eligible homeowners struggling to pay property taxes in the City of Detroit. Current applications for property tax exemption should be submitted at least two weeks before December 9, 2019.

[For Income Guidelines and more Info and application: clearcorpsdetroit.org/wp-content/.../04/Property-Tax-Hardship-Exemption-Flyer.pdf](http://clearcorpsdetroit.org/wp-content/.../04/Property-Tax-Hardship-Exemption-Flyer.pdf)

There are organizations available to assist with the application process, offering workshops throughout the city:

Southwest Solutions

Ford Resource and Engagement Center (FREC)
2826 Bagley, Detroit, MI 48216
First Friday of Every Month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

United Community Housing Coalition (UHC)

St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Center
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228
Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

UHC Office:

2727 Second Ave at Temple, Ste. 1313
First come, first served walk-in tax assistance every Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Every First Tuesday of the month 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for the Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP).

Homeowners seeking assistance at the workshop must bring certain documents required for the exemption application:

- Deed for the home in your name
- Current ID for all adults over 18 years
- Proof of income for everyone over 18 years (W2's, pay stubs, SSI/SSD, food stamps, etc.)
- Proof of expenses (current utility bills, tax payment plan, medical bills, credit card, etc.)
- Proof of assets (bank statements, 401k, insurance settlement, etc.)
- Report cards for school age children
- 2018 Federal and State tax returns

SIX KEY CHANGES UNDER THE 2018 TAX REFORM PLAN

Submitted by Gwendolynne Howell

Have you filed your 2018 taxes yet? If so, did you get a refund, or did you owe? Whatever your situation, here is some information that might help you this year or next year in filing your return. Also, the **tax filing deadline has been extended to April 18.**

1. Standard Deduction Increases

No matter your filing status, the standard deduction increases in 2018.

- Single and Married Filing Separately: \$12,000
- Married Filing Jointly: \$24,000
- Head of Household: \$18,000

2. Personal Exemption Eliminated

Under the tax reform, taxpayers can no longer claim the \$4,050 personal exemption for each of their dependents.

3. Child Tax Credit Rises

The Child Tax Credit increases in value from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The tax reform bill also introduces a new \$500 credit for non-child dependents.

4. State and Local Capped

Taxpayers can deduct up to \$10,000 in state and local income taxes. Previously there was no cap.

5. Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) Individual Mandate Repealed

Beginning in 2019, individuals who choose to go without healthcare coverage for the year will not have to pay tax penalties.

6. Mortgage Interest Deduction Drops

Individuals who purchase a home in 2018 can only deduct interest up to \$750,000 in mortgage debt (previously \$1 million). The interest deduction on home-equity loans is eliminated.

Source: TaxAct

CELEBRATORY EASTER TRADITIONS

Easter Eggs: A Holiday Tradition

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

Though Easter is a Christian holiday, Easter eggs might have pagan origins. Long before Christianity even existed, eggs symbolized [new life and the rebirth of nature](#) in festivals and spring celebrations. When Easter began, Christians adopted the egg symbol, but this time they related it to Jesus, comparing the broken shell of the egg to the opening of Jesus' tomb during his resurrection, thus symbolizing the rebirth of mankind. The Easter egg tradition may have been born out of practicality as well. It was custom for Christians to abstain from eating eggs during Lent. Since eggs were easier to preserve without refrigeration in the old days, not to mention that there would be a surplus of eggs since no one had been eating them for 40 days, they were often [eaten to break the fast on Easter Sunday](#).

Though dyeing Easter eggs is a big activity for families to do before the holiday, [it doesn't have the most whimsical origins](#). Some say that the tradition began in memory of Simon of Cyrene whose basket full of eggs had miraculously turned different colors when he returned to pick it up after carrying the cross of Jesus. Another theory is that Mary, the mother of Jesus, placed a basket of white eggs on the ground when she went to visit her son on the cross, and they turned red as his blood dripped onto them. Others say that Mary Magdalene brought a basket of eggs with her when she went to visit Jesus' tomb, and they all remarkably transformed into different colors of the rainbow.

However, dyeing eggs for decorative purposes has been a part of many cultures for

centuries, in addition to dyeing eggs for Easter. King Edward I of England is said to have popularized the custom of dyeing eggs for Easter when he reportedly had 450 eggs boiled and decorated to give to members of the royal household for Easter in 1307. Faberge, the maker of those extremely opulent decorative eggs, [created a series of Easter eggs for the Russian Tsar](#) and his family between 1885 and 1916.

Source: <https://www.techtimes.com/articles/41969/20150402/easter-2015-the-history-of-easter-egg-dye-hunts-and-more.htm>

WEAR and WORSHIP

Submitted by Gloria Cunningham



Traditionally, An Easter bonnet (or hat) is any new fancy or quirky Christian head covering worn on Easter by men or women. It symbolizes the renewal of the sea-

son, with the promise of spiritual renewal and redemption. The history of the bonnet goes back before the 1870's and became most popular during the 1940's after the first New York Easter Parade attended by one million bonnet wearing Americans and friends.

Source: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/easter-ideas/g191/history-easter-traditions/>

CITY OF DETROIT & FCA

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman



The city of Detroit signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) that could see the company making the single largest investment in its U.S. manufacturing operations since 2009 to construct an all new assembly plant within the city limits and retool an existing plant, creating nearly 5,000 new jobs.

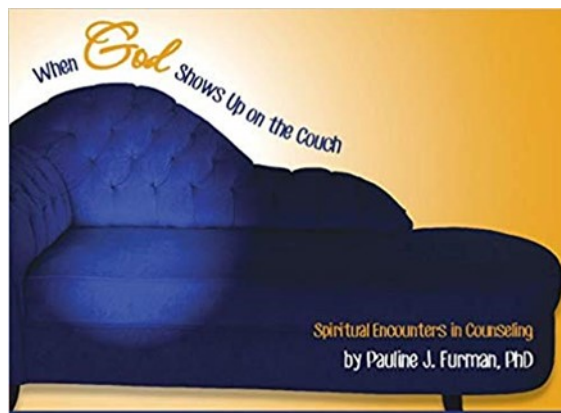
Subject to the execution of the terms outlined in the MOU, the city expects FCA to invest \$1.6 billion to convert the current Mack Avenue Engine complex into a vehicle assembly plant for production of the next generation Jeep Cherokee and an all new 3-row full-size SUV along with plug-in hybrid (PHEV) models. Construction of the new facility could begin in the second quarter of 2019. In addition, the company would invest \$900 million to modernize its Jefferson North Plant. The total investment is expected to add nearly 5,000 new jobs in the city.

“This opportunity is unlike anything we have seen in decades, and it’s going to be crucial that we come together in the interest of the city and our residents over the next 60 days to bring nearly 5,000 new jobs to this neighborhood,” said Mike Duggan. “Over the next two months, we will be out in the neighborhoods every day working with the residents to make this happen for the city. Most importantly, we’re going to bring these jobs to Detroit without displacing a single resident.”

Source: <https://detroitmi.gov/es/node/17396>

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



This is NOT your momma's book on counseling. Dr. Pauline J. Furman is on a mission. She wants to shout her message from the rooftops: There is no shame in seeking help from a therapist. And there is no contradiction in seeking that help if you are a person of faith. **When God Shows Up on the Couch** depicts the real, sometimes raw stories of Christians who are deeply challenged by mental health issues. When they come to Dr. Furman, she does not check her faith at the door...nor do they.

This book will walk you through the most intimate details of the lives of Christians in crisis. You will step into their pain and travel with them as they move through from trauma to victory. And you may just find yourself in one of these stories. Come on this journey, and see for yourself how God can meet a person at their deepest need, and show them a way out...and yes, with the help of a therapist.

Please inquire on availability with the 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 April 2019 includes the following:

New Growth

Date	Lesson	Scripture
April 7	A Growing Awareness	II Thessalonians 2:1-12
April 14	A Growing Resolve	II Thessalonians 2:13—3:5

The True Gospel

April 21	Remember the True Gospel! (Easter)	Galatians 1:6-9; Matthew 28:1-7, 18-20
April 28	The Source of Paul's Gospel	Galatians 1:10-24

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)



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



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Calling all Macedonia Members. Are you a Small Business Owner? Skilled Tradesman/Self-Employed? Artist/Creative? Work in a profession that can assist and help others?

Macedonia will be putting together a new listing of services comprised from our members into a form of a directory resource. Please send your Name, Business/Job Title, Phone, Your Picture, Email Address & Website and a brief synopsis of your business, trade or profession to Hayward Crawford at hcrawf88@gmail.com

