

Good News

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Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2019

There is no blessing
Quite so dear...
As a mom like you
To love year after year.
~ Anon.



Wishing all the Amazing Women of Macedonia a Happy Mother's Day!

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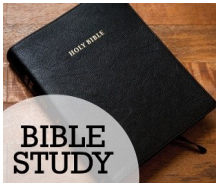
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



THURSDAY
MAY 2, 2019

Macedonia Women's Ministry

Annual Brunch

*Christian Women Wearing Shoes
That Fit*

Ephesian 6:15 LASB

Saturday, May 18, 2019
10:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

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Please sign-up across from the Courtesy Desk or
Call by **MAY 12th, 2019**

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

Month of May

For all the diapers
that you changed,
For all the playdates
you arranged.

For all the trips
back and forth to school,
For cleaning all the spit up
and the drool.

Why is there only
one Mother's Day?
You should have at least gotten
the ENTIRE month of May.

Happy Mother's Day Mom!
~Anon





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

-  April 7, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
"Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 6)," Acts 5:1-5
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  April 14, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
"Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way (Part 7)," 1 Timothy 2:8-15
Pastor Charles Twymon



-  April 21, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
"The Christian Hope"
1 Corinthians 15:21
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  April 28, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
"The Benefits of Seeing The Invisible"
2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Rev. Eric Shumate
-  April 28, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
"In God We Should Trust"
Proverbs 3:5-8
Rev. Terry Minor



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in April.



SANDRA BRECKENRIDGE
ARMANI EVANS
DOROTHY GOZA
SHARON JOHNSON
DA'VIYON MURRY

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.**

GRANDMA

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.

While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.

We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see...

For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

~ Anon

MY MOM

By Maxine Gardner

My mom will be 95 years old next month and she insists on living in her own home. She says that she thanks God every day for her health and strength and her daughters. My sister and I provide support, although I'm trying to bring this era to a close. She fought giving up her drivers license last year and now remembers this loss as a voluntary action just before her birthday. She tells everyone that she may not have passed the test. She also says, if there was an accident, she would be blamed because she was too old to drive. Truth, in March she hit the back wall of her garage searching for something in the car. Why was the car turned on and in gear? After this, unknown to mom, my sister disabled the battery cable.

Now it's spring and she wants to clean the trash from the vacant house across from her neighbor, along with her corner lot and begin caring for the flowers that are peeping up from the ground in the back yard. With some agreed upon rules in place (many of which she will not follow), yard work will commence soon. Meanwhile, operation spend more time with your daughters and rest your aching knee has picked up speed. Her pushback, she doesn't want to tire us out.

We took her to the aquarium along with the children and she loved it, although somehow, she thought she was going shopping. (Shopping, I don't think so!) She enjoys going to church and outings in general.

My mom is gutsy and persistent, but strong willed and stubborn as well, oh and don't forget right more often than wrong. Talks non stop and must be the center of every gathering or conversation. She drives me crazy and makes me laugh uncontrollably at her antics and yet I can't imagine my life without her. It breaks my heart to watch the toll aging is taking on her, but my sister and I get to give back, to show love and appreciation for the love and care our mom gave us.

Thank God for one more Mother's Day with mom!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MOTHER

By Deretha Green
(From Our Archive)

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, (and to be) a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 113:9)

Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women.

The woman who learns to love God and trust Him to provide all that she needs to give her children an unconditional, never failing love. Becoming a mother means accepting a tough, around the clock, never ending job. A mother is so gentle, yet so strong, a master of many tasks, and a dependable source of comfort. A cushion when her child falls and a source of support when she gets that distressed call. She works her fingers to the bone for her children and will come to their rescue no matter what the cause. A mother is on duty every hour of every day. Make no mistake about it, sometimes she really feels taken for granted, but knowing how much that child is counting on her, touches her heart. Mothers are overworked and underpaid, but they don't complain. A quiet prayer, a deep breath and then move on.

Mother seeks guidance from the word of God to say the right word at the right time, to lead in the right direction, to teach God's Word and to be the example the children should follow.

Mother asks God for the strength to complete the task of raising the children and grace for them until they really understand that they must seek God for themselves.

But as we love, we must also set them free. God expects mothers to raise and nurture her children so that they can become the best they can be in this world. Being a mother is a tough act to follow for she is truly amazing!!

God, I thank you for this opportunity at motherhood, because I know we cannot do this without you. Please continue to guide and **strengthen** us as we seek your direction. Continue to guide the path of our children through an uncertain and frightening life. It is amazing what a mother can endure and accomplish through Christ that **strengthens** her.

BLACK MOTHERS

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

The Negro mother has had the bitter job of teaching her children the difference between the white and Colored signs before they are old enough to attend school. She had to train her sons and daughters to say "sir" and "ma'am" to those who were their sworn enemies.

She couldn't tell her husband "a white man whistled at me, or insulted me, or touched me," unless she wanted him to lay down his life before organized killers who strike only in anonymous numbers. Or worse, perhaps to see him helpless and ashamed before her.

Because he could offer no protection or security, the Negro woman has worked with and for her family. She built churches, schools, temples, and college educations out of soapsuds and muscle.

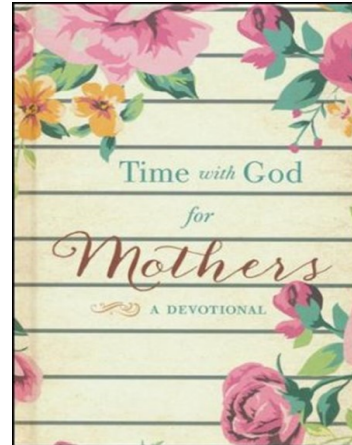
No amount of gratitude can repay our debt to the African American mother. She has stayed the course through times both good and bad-always keeping her eye on the prize. She has made endless sacrifices to preserve the black family. Her selflessness for our people is legendary. Without much acclaim or praise, she has often served as the moral compass for our race.

Understanding the demands of the white world, the African American mother acted as the mediator between her children and an often hostile environment. When a biased society sought to demean and humiliate her man, she became his buffer, his counsel, his comfort. We cannot measure the worth of what she has done to keep us alive and defiant as a people. When we consider our mothers' historic contribution to the black community, we realize that no praise is too great.

Source: **Alice Childress**, from *The Wisdom of The Elders*, By Robert Fleming, 1966 - Random House Publishing

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



Time is a precious commodity for hard-working moms . . . but spending even just a few minutes with God each day is critical! "***Time with God for Mothers***" has 90 heartfelt ready-to-read devotions, this collection offers prayers; insights on God's promises, blessings, and responsibilities for mothers; and examples of dynamic parents in Scripture. 112 pages, hardcover from Thomas Nelson.

This devotional is available in our MBC Bible & Book Corner.



HAPPINESS

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep.

She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

Epilogue:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

~Author unknown



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 May 2019 includes the following:

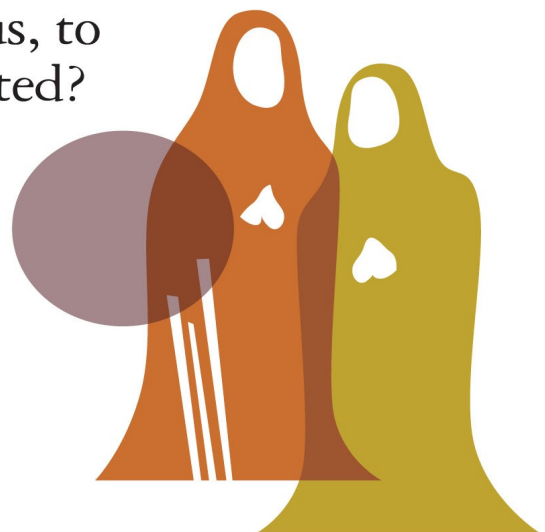
The True Gospel

Date	Lesson	Scripture
May 5	The Gospel of Faith Foretold	Galatians 3:1-14
May 12	The Gospel: Faith in Christ	Galatians 3:15-25
May 19	Heirs Because of the Gospel	Galatians 3:26-4:7
May 26	The Gospel in Action	Galatians 6:1-10

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, to what two women is Boaz connected?

- A. Rahab and Ruth
- B. Tamar and Rahab
- C. Ruth and Bathsheba
- D. Bathsheba and Mary



Answer: A (See Matthew 1:5.)



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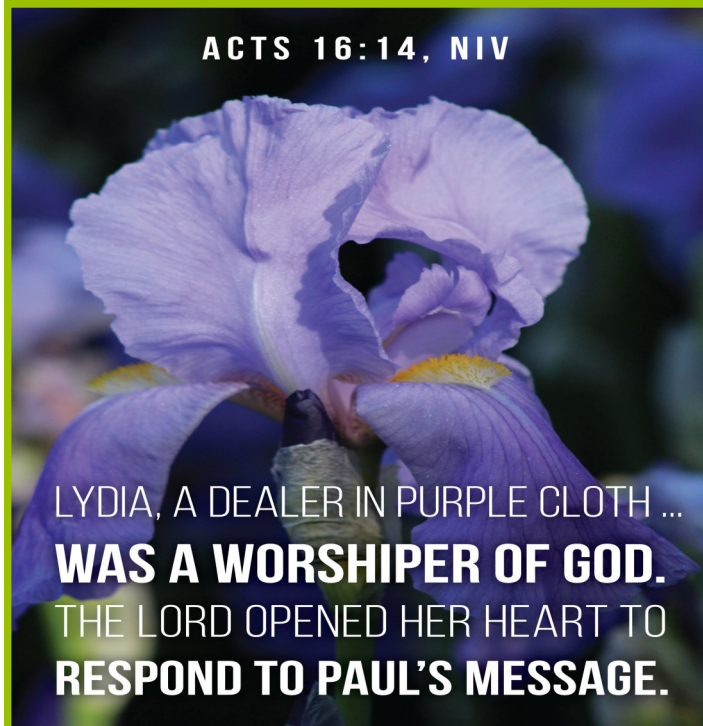
"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9



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ACTS 16:14, NIV



LYDIA, A DEALER IN PURPLE CLOTH ...
WAS A WORSHIPER OF GOD.
THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO
RESPOND TO PAUL'S MESSAGE.



*"Love
each other
as I have
loved you."*
JOHN 15:12, NIV