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HAS
DONE

GREAT THINGS

FOR US, AND WE REJOICED.

PSALM 126:3, NRSV

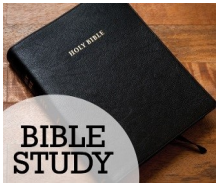
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BIBLE STUDY



The Pastor's Wednesday afternoon and evening Bible Study Classes are held at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Macedonia family please show your support for the **Commemorative 2020 Anniversary Souvenir Journal** being created for the 100th anniversary year celebration. We're quickly approaching the deadline to submit an ad for your business or family to commemorate this historical event. For more information on volunteering or submissions, please contact Sister Dorothy Stephens at (313) 835-6997, or by email at dotstep@sbcglobal.net.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
ELECTION DAY



Monday, November 11, 2019









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 6, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“A Prophet, Dirty Birds, and A Widow”
1 Kings 17:1-14
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  October 13, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
“Satan’s Hit List, Jesus’ Prayer List”
Luke 22:31-34
Pastor Raymond Willis
Williams Memorial Baptist Church
Detroit, MI
-  October 13, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
“Come and See,” John 1:35-46
Rev. James O’Rear
-  October 20, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
“I Need The Fire,” 1 Kings 18:19-21, 37-39
Pastor Robert Mills
Puritan Avenue Baptist Church
Detroit, MI
-  October 20, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
“A Body of Divinity,” John 1:1-14
Rev. Andre Pickens
-  October 27, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
“The Audacity Of Hope,” Job 13:15
Rev. Eric Shumate
-  October 27, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
“The Path To Greatness,” Luke 22:31-34
Pastor Carl Livingston
Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Clarksville, TN

TURKEY HUMOR

Submitted by Gloria Crawford

THE SCRAWNY TURKEY

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door.

"Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."

"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.

"That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man.

The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.

"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"

DUH!!

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

TAMING A CUSSING PARROT!

Martha had a parrot called Brutus, the only problem was that Brutus cussed something awful.

Now Martha was having her in-laws over for Thanksgiving, and so she needed to train Brutus quickly not to swear.

Just before her Mother-in-law was due Brutus cussed terribly, so Martha but him in the freezer for 2 minutes to literally cool off. Then she opened the door and took out the parrot along with the turkey.

'And have you learned your lesson about cussing?' Martha asked the parrot.

Brutus the parrot took one look at the dead turkey and said: 'I sure have. But I have one question, "What did the turkey do?"'

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

By Gloria Cunningham

October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in 1985. It started as a collaborative effort between the American Academy of Family Physicians and many others, to gain awareness, and funding for research for a cure.

In 2016, two years after her personal battle with breast cancer, Sister Tamika-Haliburton approached Pastor Twymon with her desire to organize walk participants. Without hesitation, he gave his immediate and future support, cradled in prayer. God led her to receive doctor-directed, Stage 2 Breast Cancer treatments. She is now a God Praising Survivor. Her personal experience also put her in touch with others as they battled the same dreaded disease.

In support of the mission of the National Cancer Society (NCS), Macedonia sisters, and a few brothers, joined hands and took the 5K walk around downtown Detroit, in winter-like temps, to promote Breast Cancer Awareness.

Tamika Haliburton led Macedonia's members and friends. She was assisted by Sonja Gray and Mattie Bush who registered people, spread the word, ordered shirts (designed by Tamika) and participated. Together, this team encouraged 60 concerned citizens to walk 5 miles, from Hart Plaza and back. Joined by thousands of others, they braved the water-cooled, 40-degree winds, for the cause.

At the 8 a.m. start, survivors were given sashes with tags denoting their years beyond diagnosis, and every attendee received a pink bag loaded with trinkets and lifesaving information. And, the giveaways did not end there. Along the chilly route, walkers received water bottles with lanyards; and all you can eat granola bars donated by Kroger, the walk presenter. This October 12th fundraising event was also supported by many other area businesses and organizations.

Tamika has driven three Stride walks through Macedonia. The first was in 2016 with Cathy Cato and Sharon Christian, followed by the 2017 and 2019 walks. Her personal connection with the National Cancer Society drives her passion to continue her quest to walk next year. The NCS supported her, and she plans to support them.

Nationally, nearly 25 million people will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. There are several risk factors that may lead to breast cancer. Become knowledgeable, talk to your doctor, and get a mammogram after 40, or before if you are concerned.

Finally, money is always needed to expand the fight for a cure. Macedonia supported a great cause while getting in step.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Submitted by Newsletter Staff

With promises of really great deals on Black Friday littered between college football timeouts, the meaning of Thanksgiving sometimes gets missed. We pause to give thanks for the food, family members and friends gathered around the table in the midst of preparing elaborate meals and navigating family relations. But giving thanks isn't a practice reserved for a single day each year. It has deeper spiritual significance and benefits that ring true long after the leftovers are consumed.

Gratitude is a heart tenderizer. It keeps our eyes focused on God, the source of all good gifts. It keeps our hearts open, and with open hearts, the fruits of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control — have ample room to grow.

Here are five examples of thanksgiving in the Bible that have nothing to do with pilgrims or Native Americans, turkey, or touchdowns:

1. Thanksgiving When Something Big Happens

The Red Sea just parted. Pharaoh's army disappeared in its waves. And the Israelites stand in awe on the other side of slavery — free at last, free at last. Moses and his sister, Miriam sing a song (the "song of the sea") about the victory, including the lines from [Exodus 15:2](#) (NIV)

2. Thanksgiving in the Face of the Unknown

In times of uncertainty, it may seem strange to turn to gratitude, but think about it: when else do we need to rely on God most except when faced with the unknown? Mary's song, recorded after her encounter with her cousin Elizabeth, is a perfect example of the kind of praise we can give when the future looks uncertain. For being pregnant out of wedlock, Mary could have been shunned. Mary could have been cast out by her family. Mary could have been condemned to death. And yet Mary gives thanks for this new thing, this unexpected gift. You can read her song in [Luke 1:46-55](#).

3. Thanksgiving in Lament

Over and over again, the psalms show us what it means to be thankful, even in times of fear, sadness, and grief. Gratitude draws our eyes away from the pain, terror, and anxiety of loss and helps us focus on the gifts of this world, moving us forward along the healing process.

After he loses his family, his wife, his property, and his health, Job, the sufferer of sufferers, cries out, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." [Job 1:21](#) (NIV)

4. Thanksgiving When You Don't Feel Like It

Sometimes God feels distant or silent. When this happens in my life, the full emotions of joy, empathy, grief, and anger seem to level out to monotony, routine, and boredom. If God seems distant, the desire to praise him and give thanks for the routine just isn't as exciting as the other seasons, when things are good, life is full, joy is easy.

Yet again, the [Bible](#) shows us thanksgiving as a response to God, even when he's silent, even when we don't feel like it. This sacrifice of thanksgiving — and it is a sacrifice, mustering up the habit of praise if your heart isn't in it — drags you, step-by-step, back into the presence of the Lord.

Read [Psalm 13](#) if you're feeling distant from God.

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5. Thanksgiving in Contrast to Our Current Circumstances

There are also times when life just doesn't seem like a season for gratitude. Maybe you have a chronic illness. Maybe you're caring for an elderly parent or a special needs child. Thankfulness for these circumstances — even when each day brings fresh challenges — helps us to find hope and meaning. Paul writes to the church in Rome, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the **Holy Spirit**, who has been given to us" (**Romans 5:3-5**).

Source: <https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/thanksgiving/9-examples-of-thanksgiving-in-the-bible.html>

THANKSGIVING

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Whether it's Thanksgiving Day or not, we should focus on one powerful phrase: "I thank you." It should always be on the tip of our tongue if we are truly grateful to others who help us each day, and to God who has richly blessed us with more abundance and freedom than any other country in history.

Despite God's abundant blessings, we're often too slow to give thanks and too quick to complain. Maybe we're so focused on ourselves and busy with our lives that we forget to give thanks. Or maybe we in America have become complacent with a level of luxury and leisure beyond the imagination of much of the world's population.

We tend to take our blessings for granted.

Source: Thanksgiving 2018, Arthur history.com

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After reluctantly agreeing to coach cross-country, John and his wife, Amy, meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a newfound friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.

Overcomer is from the creators of **War Room** and a novelization by Chris Fabry.

This paperback is available in our MBC 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 November 2019 includes the following:

Deliverance Accomplished

Date	Lesson	Scripture
November 3	Out of Egypt	Exodus 12:29-42
November 10	Pursuit of the Slaves	Exodus 13:17– Exodus 14:9
November 17	Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14:10-22
November 24	Deliverance from Pharaoh's Army	Exodus 14:23-31

Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)



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



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Sunday, November 3, 2019

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour

*Fall
Back*
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

