



# Good News

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**CHRISTMAS DAY! – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019**

**“TODAY IN  
THE TOWN  
OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR HAS  
BEEN BORN  
TO YOU;  
HE IS CHRIST  
THE LORD.”**

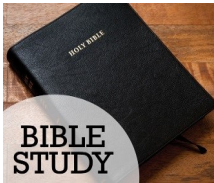
**LUKE 2:11, NIV**

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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.



The biannual business meeting will be **held** on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This meeting is reserved for **church members only**.

Evening Bible Study class will be **canceled** on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019**, and will **resume** on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**.



## AT GRANDMA'S

By Tab Nettleton

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...  
I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO...  
I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "**No, but Gramma is!**"



HEBREWS 13:2, NRSV






Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

## SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit [www.mbcdet.com/media](http://www.mbcdet.com/media) or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons.



**Pastor Charles D. Twymon**

-  November 3, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
**"A Still Small Voice,"** 1 Kings 19:8-12  
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  November 10, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
**"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"**  
Matthew 10:28-31  
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  November 17, 2019, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
**"It Could Be Worse,"** John 5:8-14  
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  November 24, 2019, 8:00 a.m.  
**"Let Us Return and Thank God"**  
Luke 17:11-19  
Rev. Terry Minor
-  November 24, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
**"Blessed,"** Matthew 5:45  
Rev. Ronald Moncrief



## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in November.



**WELCOME** TO  
**MACEDONIA**

**RICHARD LUCAS III**  
**GLEN NEELY**  
**SHARNICE OWENS**

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.**





## *If You Look For Me at Christmas*

You won't need a special  
star—I'm no longer in  
Bethlehem, I'm right there  
where you are.

You may not be aware of Me  
Amid the celebrations -  
You'll have to look beyond  
the stores and all the  
decorations.

But if you take a  
moment from your list  
of things to do  
And listen to your  
heart, you'll find  
I'm waiting there  
for you.

...You're the one I  
want to be with  
You are the reason  
why I came.  
And you'll  
find me in  
the stillness  
as I am  
whispering  
your name.

*Love, Jesus*



## CONVERSATION CORNER

By Maxine Gardner

Welcome to this space which is available to all Macedonia members to provide information, share your questions or excitement or start a conversation that you would like others to share in.

My conversation for this month is about patience; mine has been under fire for a while. Patience is called a virtue, described as the capacity or endurance to tolerate or endure and remain calm. "...a quality of self-restraint or of not giving way to anger, even in the face of provocation..."

I've discovered that it is a quality that must evolve over time with the situation that requires it. Sometimes the situation changes, other times the change is with the person or others involved and so patience evolves to meet the changes. In addition, the mental, physical and emotional health require maintenance to remain stable and prevent uncontrolled deterioration.

Primary caregiver for my mom who is 95 years old has been added to my list of jobs. This is no walk in the park, but sometimes there is a lighter side to the daily drama.

My mom's current primary interests are Chips Ahoy cookies, hard butterscotch candy, grapes and bananas. Although fruit is good for the body, eating all you buy in a day is not! She doesn't think she does that, but if so, I can go to the store and buy more. My brain gets a great workout trying to hide cookies and candy when she is not looking in places she can't reach and eliminating tools that she may use to devise a method to search for them. On one occasion, following her earnest explanation for a long knife on the kitchen counter, dustings of what was revealed to be pancake flour on the counter and floor and the rearrangement of an entire upper cabinet, mom finally concluded with "It must have been the ghost." (ghost?) Patience, a work in progress.

Feedback on this topic is welcomed!

# A PERFECT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

Submitted by Newsletter Staff

He it is  
Tired, weary from trav'ling;  
Homeless and on their own.  
Needing so, a place of rest;  
They felt so alone.

Mother with child, suffering;  
Needing a place to lay.  
The new born king would come;  
Born to the world that day.

No room was found in the inn;  
No shelter from the night.  
But God provided a star;  
And many followed the light.

Though it seemed a need unmet;  
God provided that day.  
A stable, a manger bed;  
And a soft place to lay.

He sent angels to shepherds;  
To announce this great birth.  
A birthday celebration;  
The day God came to earth.

Emmanuel was His name;  
The Christ, the new born King.  
Jesus, promised child of God;  
A perfect offering.

God provided the angels;  
God provided the praise.  
Glory to God in the highest;  
The greatest of birthdays.

If God so celebrated;  
The birth of Christ the King.  
If angels glorified Him;  
And many heard them sing.

If wise men followed the star;  
Baring gifts of great worth.  
Should we not celebrate;  
The day that Christ came to earth?

Is He not worth the honor?  
For He was born for us.  
Wasn't He a beautiful gift;  
A perfect gift for Christmas?

Our lights and our candles;  
Our carolers praising.  
Our pageantries of Christmas;  
Our instruments raising.

The bells and the whistling;  
Joyful songs always sung.  
And Christmas decorations;  
Swooping, twinkling and swung.

The evergreen and it's lights;  
The Christmas story read.  
A birthday celebration;  
A cake of gingerbread.

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Source: <http://www.voicesnet.com/displayonepoem.aspx?poemid=218465> , Susan Y. Nikitenko  
December 20th, 2010

## INTERESTING STATISTICS ON CHRISTMAS SPENDING IN THE US

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Let's face it, we all love Christmas. We get so caught up in the festive frenzy that we forget about the crazy prices (*spending*) that can build up over the course of the month of December.

Avant Credit recently looked into the state of spending over the Christmas period in the US and came back with some interesting statistics.

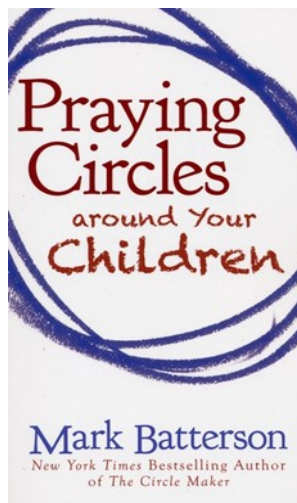
- Over **50%** of the gifts are clothing and accessories with only 22.8% of the gifts being electronic items
- Over **50%** of millennials want experiences rather than physical gifts
- **58.8%** of Americans would prefer a gift card at Christmas
- The most popular gift cards are from restaurants, followed by department stores, and coffee
- **22%** of Americans were waiting for the best deals before purchasing
- **56%** spent their money on gifts for family, with **10%** spending money on friends at Christmas.
- **\$1779** is the total amount spent on Christmas per family in the US
- Insanely, **66%** of people planned to shop in the week **AFTER** Christmas!

Source: <https://moneyqanda.com/christmas-spending/> Hank Coleman, Money Q&A



## MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



Become a praying parent! Based on his bestseller ***The Circle Maker***, Mark Batterson shares five key lessons in ***Praying Circles Around Your Children*** to help you become extraordinary influences in your children's lives. With biblical insights and practical advice, he

illustrates how to create prayer lists unique to your family, claim God-inspired promises for your children, and discover their individual life themes.

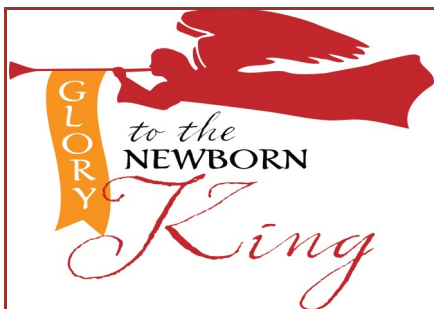
Mark shares a perfect blend of biblical yet practical advice that will revolutionize your prayer life by giving you a new vocabulary and a new methodology. You'll see how prayer is your secret weapon. Through stories of parents just like you, Batterson shares five prayer circles that will not only help you pray for your kids, but also pray through your kids.

He not only tells you how, he illustrates why. As Batterson says, "I realize that not everyone inherited a prayer legacy like I did, but you can leave a legacy for generations to come. Your prayers have the power to shape the destiny of your children and your children's children. It's time to start circling."

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 December 2019 includes the following:

### Prelude to Discipleship

| Date        | Lesson                           | Scripture           |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| December 1  | Prophecy of Jesus' Birth         | Luke 1:26-38        |
| December 8  | Mary's Praise to God             | Luke 1:39-56        |
| December 15 | Birth of the Forerunner          | Luke 1:57-64, 67-79 |
| December 22 | Birth of the Saviour (Christmas) | Luke 2:1-14         |
| December 29 | Forsaking All to Follow Him      | Luke 5:1-11         |

## ?? Bible Quiz ??

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)



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



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## Watch Night Service At Macedonia

Usher in the spirit of a new year; usher in the spirit of the Lord! Macedonia's Watch Night Service will be held on **Tuesday, December 31, 2019**. Doors will be open at 10:30 p.m. Service will begin at 11:00 p.m. The mass choir will be singing (no concert) and Pastor Twymon will deliver the message.

Come and worship with family and friends as we welcome 2020!

Welcome,  
2020!