



Good News

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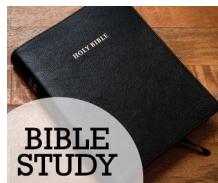
I call on you,
My
God,
for you will
answer me.

Psalm 17:6, NIV

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BIBLE STUDY



The Pastor's Wednesday afternoon and evening Bible Study Classes are recessed until further notice.

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said.

"The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good", he answered.

~Unknown



FOR GOD HAS
DESTINED US
NOT FOR WRATH
BUT FOR
OBTAINING SALVATION
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST ...

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

CELEBRATING

1920 **100TH** 2020
Church Anniversary

"One Hundred Years...A Great Start"

Macedonia Baptist Church had big plans to commemorate our **100th** Church Anniversary from January through October of this year, but things have not gone as planned. COVID-19 or aka, Coronavirus presented its ugly head in March and caused the cancellation of our activities. Our Anniversary Gala is still in limbo. The virus may have canceled activities we had planned, but it cannot cancel our commemoration of 100 years of service to God.

Macedonia is not the building that we meet in to praise and worship God. Macedonia is the members that continue to praise and worship God via Live Stream services and over Zoom Sunday School Lessons each week. Macedonia has a strong Pastor who is grounded in the Word of God and continues to preach and teach on that foundation.

Yes, we still have cause to celebrate. **"One Hundred Years...A Great Start,"** but our service is not finished.

Each member is asked to give \$100 towards the anniversary offering. If you are unable to give \$100, please give according to how God has blessed you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
MACEDONIA

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

-  July 5, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Live Stream
"The Cost of Freedom," John 8:30-36
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  July 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Live Stream
"The Name of Jesus," John 16:22-28
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  July 19, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Live Stream
"Shout While The Walls Are Standing," Joshua 6:20
Pastor Charles Twymon
-  July 26, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Live Stream
"Don't Bend, Don't Break, Don't Bow"
Daniel 3:16-18
Pastor Charles Twymon

After the revival had concluded, the three pastors were discussing the results with one another.

The Methodist minister said, "The revival worked out great for us! We gained four new families."

The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families."

The Presbyterian pastor said, "Well, we did even better than that! We got rid of our 10 biggest trouble makers!"

A BETTER LIFE: PART 2

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

African Americans have long valued education as the key to greater achievement. No sacrifice was too great for our parents and grandparents to make for our education. When the salaries earned from their service jobs were insufficient, many parents worked two or three jobs to cover the financial burden. The legacy of their sacrifice and hard work increased the ranks of black teachers, black doctors, black scientists, black engineers, black lawyers, and black journalists.

Today, the commitment to black academic and professional achievement has slackened. The numbers of black youth attending college have significantly declined while the importance of higher education has never been greater. Many believe that we should no longer be required to sacrifice anything to reach our goals. Many of us are no longer willing to work twice as hard to guarantee our success. Both sacrifice and hard work are critical to keep black people moving forward.

Source: The Wisdom of the Elders by Robert Fleming, Random House Publishing Group, Nov 18, 2009

Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



WHAT DO MICHIGAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE PLANNED FOR THE FALL AMID THE PANDEMIC?

Submitted by Gloria Crawford

Individual districts establish reopening plans for Michigan schools during coronavirus pandemic

In-person instruction has been put on hold for K-12 schools in Michigan since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic hit in March.

As COVID-19 cases increase at a rapid pace again in July, school districts are deciding how -- and if -- they will resume in-person classes in the fall.

The process for reopening schools amid the pandemic has been widely debated, and there is no one final ruling on how it should be handled -- however, we do know that the onus is on states and individual school districts to determine what the upcoming school year will look like.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released guidelines for reopening K-12 schools and child care programs, though the federal government explicitly disagreed with their suggestions. U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration have been pushing for schools to reopen in the fall while health officials are worried that it may not be safe.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer said in a Facebook post that she will "not send our kids and our education workforce into our schools unless it is safe to do so, plain and simple."

Whitmer released her own guidelines on June 30 meant to help schools prepare for the upcoming academic year. The Return to School Roadmap requires all school districts to develop learning plans for the six coronavirus phases identified under the MI Safe Start Plan.

Most of the state is currently in "Phase 4" of the plan, meaning that in-person instruction will be allowed but with a number of restrictions in place to ensure safety. Regions experiencing phases 1-3 of the plan cannot offer in-person learning at all. Regions experiencing phases 5-6 can also offer traditional in-person learning with fewer protocols in place.

All Michigan school districts are required to finalize plans for the academic year that follow state guidelines and have them approved by their board of education in August.

Most districts have not finalized reopening plans for their K-12 schools, but rather have shared some details on what students and families can expect in the fall.

Detroit Public Schools Community District has released a Board of Education-approved plan for the upcoming school year.

The district has prepared for in-person, online and hybrid learning options for the fall. Learning options will be implemented based upon the region's coronavirus "phase" at the time of reopening.

Officials say classrooms will have a maximum capacity of 20 students per class.

The district will offer a full-time virtual option for any students interested. Officials expect a large percentage of registered students will elect to participate in the virtual learning program in the fall.

As schools, teachers and parents prepare for back-to-school, it will most definitely have a different look and feel.

Source: <https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/michigan/2020/07/16/heres-what-michigan-school-districts-have-planned-for-the-fall-amid-the-pandemic/>

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AS STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Submitted by Newsletter Staff

With the deadline to make decisions about returning to school quickly approaching across the United States, many experts are looking overseas for guidance.

More than 20 countries reopened their schools in June and some--including Taiwan and Sweden--never fully closed them.

In recent weeks--hundreds of millions of students across the globe have returned to school, but almost every country is doing it differently.

Some have imposed strict limits on contact--schools in Denmark started out with pods of four or five children.

South Korean schools opened, then closed and then reopened with temperature checks, plastic dividers and masks.

Some schools stayed open as infections cropped up, but in Israel, when outbreaks swept through more than a dozen schools two weeks after opening, they were shut. The country's overall infection rate was also on the rise and that's key.

Science Magazine studied reopening strategies around the world and found some common patterns.

Effective tools included keeping student groups small, requiring masks and using some social distancing.

There is still great debate over the rate at which children can transmit the virus to each other and to adults.

A study from Berlin suggested children may be just as infectious as adults, but several other studies have found that children do not appear to play a big role in spreading the virus.

In one study in Geneva, researchers found that of 39 children infected with the virus, in only three cases was another child the first suspected case.

A study in China that followed 68 children with the virus and found that 65 likely got it from adults.

In another study in France, a boy exposed more than 80 schoolmates. Not one contracted the virus.

Researchers stressed, the risk will also depend on how widely the virus is circulating in a given community... And how quickly cases can be identified.

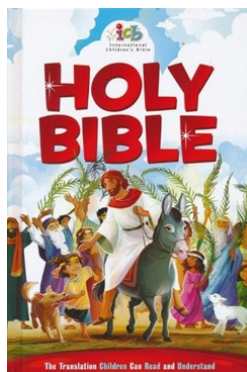
The United States Department of Education is pushing for all schools to fully open with face-to-face classes. With seemingly unchecked positive numbers on the rise in some areas, it is highly unlikely. In addition, there is a strong push from some parents that they do not want to traumatize or require their children's social development stunted with mask requirements. We have a little more than a month to see how this will unfold across the United States.

Source: <https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/michigan/2020/07/17/what-we-can-learn-from-other-countries-as-students-go-back-to-school/>



MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray

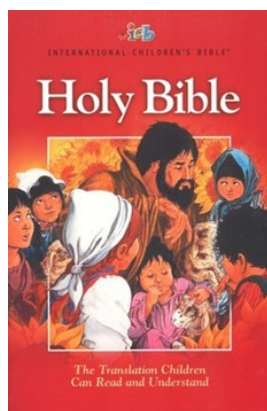


The International Children's Bible, the first Bible translation created specifically for children, has been updated and newly typeset in a large readable layout with a 3rd grade reading level. This is the Bible children can read and understand. The Bible text is set in ten-point type, with bold in-text

subject heads that help kids easily find the passages they are looking for. Also included are boldface words that correspond with a dictionary and concordance entry to explain word definitions.

A great new feature in this updated setting is more than 300 verses that are highlighted throughout the Bible for kids to read and learn. The beautifully illustrated Bible story insert pages are in a style that children love and will delight their imaginations as they read and "see" popular Bible stories. Recommended for ages 7 to 10 years.

The International Children's Bible is the Bible children can read and understand. Most children don't understand adult words like "atonement," "redeem," or "oracle". Dozens of such difficult words are commonly found in the modern versions of the Bible. In this proven translation of the complete Bible, the words have been carefully selected just for children. Now available in a special economy edition! Written at a third-grade reading level, ages 10 – 12.



Features

- Difficult and abstract expressions are replaced by easier words
- Children's dictionary/index, with more than 200 entries, explains difficult words and phrases
- Simplified footnotes explain Bible names, customs, and phrases
- "Where Do I Find It" guide
- "What God Promises About..." guide
- "Memory Verses for My Life" list
- Blank, lined pages for My Favorite Things, Prayer Requests, and Notes
- Colorful maps show key cities and lands
- Presentation, Church Record, and Family History pages

Things to explore. Now current, but always check to verify the status.

Historical Tours

The Henry Ford: The American Revolution. The Underground Railroad. Birthplace of the automobile. The Civil Rights movement.

<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/plan-your-visit/tickets-and-hours>

Musical Tours

Every Detroit tour must include a visit to [Motown Historical Museum](#) where you will literally walk the hallways once frequented by Motown legends.

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Free Tours

The GM Renaissance Center is the place to be in Downtown Detroit. Visitors can enjoy convenient shopping, enhanced parking, fine dining, 1,100 seat Food Court, relaxing spa services, first-run movies, a top-notch fitness facility, outdoor and indoor concerts, the new Detroit River Walk, professionally guided tours and exciting special events.

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Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

Pastor: *Reverend Charles D. Twymon*

The Sunday School classes will be conducting lessons via Zoom for the time being. We invite you, your family and friends to enjoy the wonderful lessons that can be applied to your everyday life.

Classes	Zoom Details	Time
Adults & Men's Class	Meeting ID: 927 219 5591, Password: 4Y06SC	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Adult Women's	Meeting ID: 812 6657 9368, Password: 7ZaZbd	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Teens & Young Adults	Meeting ID: 567 992 3441, Password: 503816	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Juniors	Meeting ID: 756 6710 3044, Password: 5nKWKn	10:00 – 10:40 a.m.
Beginners	Meeting ID: 246 295 5225, Password: 5TykPq	10:00 – 10:40 a.m.
Primaries	Meeting ID: 764 3488 2047, Password: 7HSqXa	10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

The list of lessons for August 2020 includes the following:

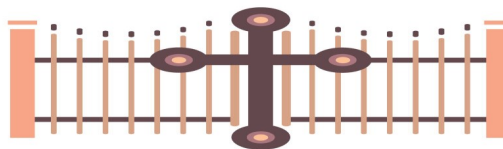
Kings and Leaders: David: A True King

Date	Lesson	Scripture
August 2	Saul's Disobedience Under Pressure	I Samuel 13:5-14
August 9	David Against Goliath	I Samuel 17:40-51
August 16	Saul's Attempts on David's Life	I Samuel 19:8-17
August 23	David's Grief for Saul and Jonathan	II Samuel 1:11-12, 17-27
August 30	David—King over All Israel	II Samuel 5:1-10

Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)



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



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GET READY FOR



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**