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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 2, 2020, 11:00 a.m. Live Stream
 "This Is Only A Test"
 Genesis 22:1-8
 Pastor Charles Twymon
- October 11, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
 "Building On The Sure Foundation" 1 Corinthians 3:9-16 Pastor Charles Twymon
- October 18, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
 "How Is Your House"
 Matthew 12:43-45
 Pastor Charles Twymon
- October 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
 "Looking Beyond Danger"
 2 Kings 6:15-17
 Pastor Charles Twymon



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in October.



ANTHONY WARDLAW





WILD LIGHTS AT THE DETROIT ZOO

Opens Saturday, November 21, 2020

Experience the magic of the Detroit Zoo in winter as you take in the lights and the sights and enjoy holiday entertainment and activities for guests of all ages. More than five million LED lights will illuminate trees, buildings and more than 100 animal sculptures throughout the front of the Zoo.

Wild Lights will be held nightly between 5:30 and 9 p.m.

NOTE – Wild Lights may sell out; advance ticket purchase is required. All guests and members visiting the Detroit Zoo, ages two and older, are required to have reservations. In an effort to maintain physical distancing among guests, there will be capacity limits over the 125 acres of the zoo.

THANKSGIVING 2020 Submitted by Gloria Crawford

The Bible commands Christians to give thanksgiving to God is because it keeps us in a right relationship with God and allows us to maintain a good perspective on life. When our hearts are filled with thanksgiving, we keep the sins and temptations of greed, selfishness, and self-sufficiency away. As Christians thank God **daily**, we are reminded of everything that God has given to us. Everything is from God. Thanksgiving reminds Christians of what they have and the blessings they have received from the LORD.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending people celebrate with family and friends <u>virtually</u>, but the online experience doesn't capture the holiday, said Merry White, a professor of anthropology at Boston University. "Sharing a meal — anthropologists call it 'commensality' — is the meaning of the day."

"On Zoom, you can't use all the senses that otherwise make it Thanksgiving — smells above all, from early morning, when the turkey starts roasting, to midmorning when the pumpkin pies go in, to the mulled cider cloves and nutmeg."

However, some people are getting a little creative. Saddened by the loss of his tradition, Jonas Bromberg of West Roxbury decided to roast two 25pound turkeys (down from his usual three) and make his famous stuffing and gravy anyway, and box up servings for guests to pick up curbside.

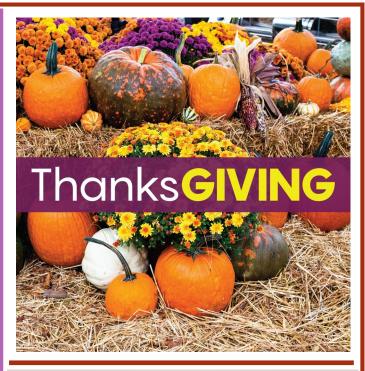
"We'll have 15 minute slots," Bromberg said. "I'm wrestling with SignUpGenius right now."

In Medford, Gloria McDevitt and her friends will each roast their own turkeys at home, and then meet in one of their driveways to swap sides.

"It was my friend Caroline's idea," McDevitt said. "Jackie's making sweet potatoes. Melissa's making mac 'n' cheese. I said I could make Brussels sprouts if we're going healthy, or I could make biscuits if we're not, but they said, 'Brussels sprouts don't need to be healthy.'"

Whether you share your thanksgiving meal with your entire family over Zoom, immediate family privately or alone, just remember to thank God for His blessings, as everyone will not have the food that we are worrying about preparing and sharing.

Source: https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/10/21/ nation/thanksgiving-2020-home-alone-edition/



MY KNEE HURTS

An old man limped into the doctor's office and said, "Doctor, my knee hurts so bad, I can hardly walk!"

The doctor slowly eyed him from head to toe, paused and then said, "Sir, how old are you?"

"I'm 98," the man announced proudly.

The doctor just sighed, and looked at him again. Finally he said, "Sir, I'm sorry. I mean, just look at you. You are almost one hundred years old, and you're complaining that your knee hurts? Well, what did you expect?"

The old man said, "Well, my other knee is 98 years old too, and it doesn't hurt!"

Source: http://jokes.christiansunite.com/

ENTITLEMENT

By Francine Jones

You're entitled to show love, peace, and respect to your fellow man.

You're entitled to treat people the way you would like to be treated.

You're not entitled to think that your material gain put you above anyone else.

And when people don't treat you accordingly, they are not entitled to your time.

You're not entitled to think the world owes you anything.

For when the undertaker comes to carry your soul, all your wealth will be used to bury your body. Your wealth may even blow in the wind carried away by the dust of your soul.

Entitlement shows a lot about the way a person feels and think about others.

You're entitled to learn and grow. You're entitled to show someone less fortunate than you kindness. For one day someone will have to show you some kindness.

You're entitled to use your blessings how you like. But never forget the One who allows you to wake up every morning or night.

It's the power and love of God that allows you to obtain wealth. In case you forgot or didn't know.

People with issues of entitlement, there's a lesson to be learned. No one owes you anything. Learn to appreciate what you have and be a blessing to the world around you.

Bible Quiz

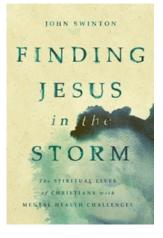
After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

A. five; blindness

- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy

Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER Submitted by Sonja Gray



People living with mental health challenges are not excluded from God's love or even the fullness of life promised by Jesus. Unfortunately, this hope is often lost amid the wellmeaning labels and medical treatments that dominate the world of mental health today. In *Finding Jesus in the Storm*, John Swinton

makes the case for reclaiming that hope by changing the way we talk about mental health and remembering that, above all, people are people, regardless of how unconventionally they experience life. This means accepting the reality and ramifications of suffering while also affirming that there is more to humanity than cells and synapses.

Finding Jesus in the Storm is a call for the church to be an epicenter of compassion for those experiencing depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and related difficulties. Part of this compassion means breaking free of the assumptions that often accompany these diagnoses, allowing for the possibility that people living within unconventional states of mental health might experience God in unique ways that are real and perhaps even revelatory. In each chapter, Swinton gives voice to those experiencing the mental health challenges in question, so readers can see firsthand what God's healing looks like in a variety of circumstances. The result is a book about people instead of symptoms, description instead of diagnosis, and lifegiving hope for everyone in the midst of the storm. This book is available at www.christianbooks.com

IT'S TIME TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

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 GOD WHO HAS RICH-LY BLESSED US WITH MORE ABUNDUNT-ANCE 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, like the homeowner who hired a real estate agent to prepare an ad to sell his home. The homeowner read the ad in the paper about his home's many attractive features. He called the real estate agent to say he no longer wished to sell. When asked what changed his mind, the homeowner said, "After reading your ad, I realized I already live in the house I always wanted to live in."

Even if it's not Thanksgiving, it's always time to count our blessings and pull out that simple phrase, "I thank you."

Source: Rich DeVos, 85

CHRISTIANS DON'T FEAR

Regardless of who wins the Presidential election on November 3, our fate is secure.

It doesn't matter the political party or social agenda, as our faith is anchored in Jesus and promised by God's Holy Word.

He that is in us, is greater than he that is in the world. We answer to a higher calling.



Invitation to: Macedonía Baptíst 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. Additionally, we have identified Sunday School teachers that will provide technical support to access the Zoom classes.

If you have questions on adding the Zoom app to your smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer, or need connectivity issues, feel free to contact our team.

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| Sister Mary Ann Windham | Juniors, Beginners & Primaries | Phone: 313-418-8830 Email: <u>maryann.windham@yahoo.com</u> | | |

We invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to join our Sunday School Classes, you will be blessed! All classes are being held onsite and virtually with the exception of the Beginners and Primaries. They are online only. The Meeting ID and Passcode for the Primaries Sunday School class have changed.

| Classes | Zoom Details | Time |
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| Adults & Men's Class | Meeting ID: 927 219 5591, Password: 4Y06SC | 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. |
| Adult Women's | Meeting ID: 801 855 9447, Password: 708270 | 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: 775 4028 7203, Password: 7DJiT2 | 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, Passcode: primary | 10:00 –10:40 a.m. |

The list of lessons for November 2020 includes the following:

| Preparation of a Nation: Correction | | | | |
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| Date | Lesson | Scripture | | |
| November 1 | The People Sin Against God | Exodus 32:1-14 | | |
| November 8 | God Confronts Sin | Exodus 32:15-24 | | |
| November 15 | God Judges the Sin | Exodus 32:25-35 | | |
| November 22 | Moses' Audacious Request | Exodus 33:12-23 | | |
| November 29 | Moses Reflects God's Glory | Exodus 34:27-35 | | |



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



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