

Good News

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HONORING 41 YEARS OF SERVICE PASTOR CHARLES D. TWYMON January 13, 1980—January 13, 2021

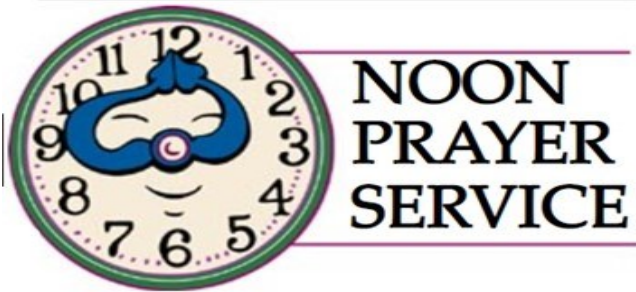


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our newly elected Church **Officers** will be installed on **Sunday, January 10, 2021**, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.



PRAYER SERVICE is held every **Wednesday** at 12:00 noon in the Chapel.



Monday, January 18, 2021

Commemorative Pens—The pandemic of 2020 brought a halt to all the celebratory plans of the year which included a day dedicated to the ministries of Macedonia. Preparations included imprinted writing pens to commemorate the event. They are reminders of all the ways our Pastor championed members to be in service and in fellowship! **Pick up your pen at the information table across from the courtesy desk.**

2021 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Registration is extremely important! However, due to the pandemic, Macedonia **will not** be hosting a membership registration this year. We will carry-over all members on-roll from 2020.

Please contact the church office to notify us of changed addresses, phone numbers, and in some cases, last names. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Positive and kind
Astute and enlightened
Spiritually-led
Thorough and detailed
Owns his vision
Respects other views

Teacher/preacher: a man of God
We'll truly miss you
Your legacy will remain
May God's grace surround you
Own your life's next chapter
Now and always you will remain in our hearts.

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

📖 December 6, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

"Frustration"

Numbers 11:10-15

Pastor Charles Twymon

📖 December 13, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

"Rejecting Bread"

Numbers 11:19-20

Pastor Charles Twymon

Christmas Message

📖 December 20, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

"Take Me To The King"

Matthew 2:1-8

Assistant Pastor Terry Minor

New Year's Message

📖 December 27, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

"The Power of God's Protection"

Psalms 124:1-8

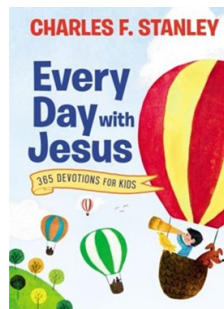
Rev. Eric Shumate

See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

Isaiah 55:4, NIV

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



In Every Day with Jesus: 365 Devotions for Kids, Dr. Charles Stanley makes his message of walking closely with God every day accessible to young readers. Adapted from ***Every Day in His Presence***, ***Every Day with Jesus*** is an

easy-to-understand, inspirational devotional that parents and grandparents will love to share with the children in their lives. Each entry features a devotional reading, Scripture, prayer, and daily takeaway about how to know Jesus more fully. Recommended for ages 6 to 10 years. This devotional is available at www.christianbooks.com.

Pastor Twymon

*Never Underestimate the difference
You made and the lives
You've touched.*

*Thank you for all your years of service
With us!*

Your Macedonia Family

Our Pastor

You *lead* our congregation by opening God's Word, and then you live your life reflecting all we've heard.

You *care* for others deeply and lift them up in *prayer*, and when we face misfortune, we know that you'll be there. We really love you Pastor, for *everything* you do.

And we thank God for giving us a
Pastor like you.

~Anne Peterson

PASTOR CHARLES D. TWYMON

LETTING GO IN GRATITUDE

God chose the time to call Charles D. Twymon into ministry.

Raised by godly parents under the leadership of his grandfather, Pastor J.A. Watson, God began to mold the man who would carry on the legacy begun by his great grand-father, Pastor Forrest D. Mills, in 1920.

Born December 13, 1945, saved at age 32 and called to preach, he was ordained in July 1979. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather who passed in 1979, Rev. Charles D. Twymon was elected to pastor Macedonia Baptist Church and assumed his duties on January 13, 1980.

Our pastor is a born-again, spirit-filled, dynamic preacher/teacher who tells it like it is. He has a genuine love for the Lord and people. He served the Lord for 41 years with gladness - tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion for His flock, while raising a family. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Loraine, for 51 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Pastor Twymon announced on Sunday, December 13, 2020, that he will be stepping down from pastoring, but not preaching to focus on a more private aspect of his life, effective January 13, 2021, his 41st Pastoral Anniversary.

Macedonia has been blessed to have had the caring and yes, the discipline freely given by Pastor for us to achieve the financial and most importantly, spiritual growth experienced by our church.

Pastor Twymon you have thanked us for allowing you to lead this congregation, but we are grateful for the pouring out of yourself into the work of leading us toward maturity in Christ.

One definition of grateful is, "The state of being grateful." We know that we must let you move on as God leads, so we must let go in gratitude of what you have given us.

May the God of peace grant you peace now and always.





Multifaceted





A 'Hallelujah Night' tribute to Pastor from Kyle Sammy!





*Poem by Pastor to son:
A Black Father's Advice*

<http://www.mbcdet.com/sermons/a-black-fathers-advice-poem/>





*Pastor
Preacher
Teacher
Writer/Editor
Poet
Son of God*



Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2, NIV

GOOD NEWS

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the *Lord Jesus*, giving thanks to *God the Father* through him. ~*Colossians 3:17*

Did you know that this very newsletter that has been produced for over 20 years was inspired by Pastor Twymon's sister, Joyce Davis, and Donna Heywood in the late 1980's. It was established to keep the church families connected and their hearts tuned to God when they were not together.

The newsletter name, **Good News from Macedonia**, was changed to **Macedonia Baptist Church**, when Pastor Twymon wrote and published the newsletter himself during 2002. In early 2003, Pastor put together a new team; Deacon James Ross (Chairman), Wilma Parham, Gwen Howell and several others. In April of 2003, the first **MBC Connection** was published. The staff increased as more members volunteered as editors, writers and to assist with production and mailing activities.

In 2006, the newsletter name was changed to **Good News**. Three years later it was posted to the macedonia-bc.com website.

The mailing distribution was discontinued in January 2010.

The newsletter staff has reduced to a dedicated few to write and edit, but the goal of creating quality publications that are reflective of Pastor Twymon's requirement that the church put its best foot forward in everything that we do in God's house has remained unchanged.

Thank You Pastor Twymon for 41 Years of Preaching, Teaching and Leadership of the Good News.

THE GIFT OF VISION

There is not a place within or around Macedonia that Pastor Twymon has not left his imprint. From the hand-crafted pulpit in the sanctuary to the beautifully designed East Entrance, including the furnishings and art work throughout the church—main and north campus. To the ministries that were established to fill the need of our members.

The Pastor's love and passion for children promoted the development of the Pioneer Boys and Girls youth ministries, Teen Council, Children's Church and Hallelujah Night.

To connect with the seniors of church The Silver Saints of Macedonia ministry as opportunity for those 70 years or older to meet with Pastor and Sister Twymon.

Expansion of our church campus to include the MBC North Campus Educational Center located at 14450 Ashton, just a block north of the main campus.

The gold-colored cross that now adorns the highest point of our church. Envision as the sun rises in the East and the morning light transcends the darkness as the rays of the sun kiss the cross.

Remember, as you drive past the church on Southfield Freeway, that this cross both represents Christ's suffering and symbolizes the glory of the Christian gospel. This cross, that stands more than sixty feet high, is the symbol of Jesus' love, God's power to save, and the center and circumference of the preaching that is associated with the Macedonia Baptist Church. The horizontal arms of the cross sweep back through the limestone pillars that support it. According to Pastor, this signifies that the preaching of the cross can penetrate any barrier and every stony heart that it encounters.

"Pastor, thank you for your gift of vision and for being a steadfast example of how to live for and serve Christ. You are truly a priceless treasure that cannot be replicated, but a gift from God."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP

**From the Howell Family:
John, Gwen, Erica, Nola, Jon,
and Aaron Sky**

Each one of us has benefited from your sermons, programs, and special prayers, especially programs benefitting children. Your mission has always been to speak the truth based on what is in the Bible to help save souls. You have done this while delivering uplifting and powerful sermons sprinkled with a little humor (sometimes a lot!)

We know the good Lord has been supportive of your decision to step down from the pulpit. But we will miss your powerful sincere messages, which have been so meaningful to me and my family. Macedonia members will have big shoes to fill when selecting the next pastor.

These programs are the reason the Howells love and appreciate everything you, your wife and children have done for our family.

May the good Lord continue to bless and keep you and your entire family.

John Howell

We remember before our God and Father
your work produced by faith, your labor
prompted by love, and your endurance inspired
by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV

Our First Lady

As we commemorate Pastor Twymon for serving Macedonia for 41 years, we also thank you Sister Twymon for being his constant support, his ever-committed cheering section and calm in the mist of his storms:

We often hear of Heroes
on the news at night,
how someone went into a fire
To save someone else's life.

But, there's another hero
that we never hear about,
though her love and dedication
are never in a doubt.

Often took for granted...
never glorified,
still she keeps on going
for the person by her side.

She stands beside him everyday
no matter what ... is thrown their way,
For he was called from above
To spread the message of "GOD'S LOVE."

And just as he was called...
She was hand picked too.
for it takes someone Special
to do what she must do.

And thou he may get the Glory
and he may get the Fame,
she will stand beside him in Love
and Help him just the same.

She's the person he turns to
when he needs a friend,
she will always be there till the
"Glorious End",,,

~Donna Golden, Georgia, USA

One thing we know for sure is without his wife our pastor would not be half the minister...half the man...he is.

Thank you, Sister Twymon for your 41 years of serving with *strength, dignity and grace.*



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. 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.

Macedonia Baptist Church Zoom Technical Support Contacts:

Rev James O'Rear	Adults & Men's Class	Phone: 734-308-0056 Email: jjalo@hotmail.com
Sister Terry Mann	Adult Women's	Phone: 313-801-4765 Email: temaka79@hotmail.com
Brother Michael Moore	Teens & Young Adults	Phone: 313-312-4044 Email: mmore@3lconsulting.info
Sister Mary Ann Windham	Juniors, Beginners & Primaries	Phone: 313-418-8830 Email: maryann.windham@yahoo.com

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. Please note the new Zoom ID for the Adult Women's Class.

CLASSES	ZOOM ID'S	PASSWORDS	CLASS TIMES
Adult Men and Women	927 219 5591	4Y06SC	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Adult Women	801 855 9447	646902	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Teens and Young Adults	314 202 2102	503816	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Juniors (10-12 yrs.)	775 4028 7203	7DJiT2	10:00-10:40 AM (ET)
Primaries (7-9 yrs.)	830 6987 0617	primary	10:00-10:55 AM (ET)
Beginners (4-6 yrs.)	246 295 5225	5TykPq	10:00-10:40 AM (ET)

The list of lessons for January 2021 includes the following:

Preparation of Jesus' Disciples: Getting to Know Jesus

Date	Lesson	Scripture
January 3	Jesus' First Miracle	John 2:1-11
January 10	Jesus Walks on Water	John 6:15-21
January 17	Jesus: The Bread of Life	John 6:25-40
January 24	Jesus' Hard Saying	John 6:53-54, 60-71
January 31	Jesus: The Light of the World	John 8:12-27



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



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**New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2021**



Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)