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CHARLES D. TWYMON PASTOR EMERITUS



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A green rectangular sign with a white outline of a church roof at the top. Inside the sign, there is a small white icon of a church steeple. Below the icon, the text "CHURCH OFFICE HOURS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



NOON PRAYER SERVICE

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

A graphic with the words "SPRING FORWARD" in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. The text is surrounded by several orange and yellow flowers and a green leaf. A large green arrow points from the text towards the right.

SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour

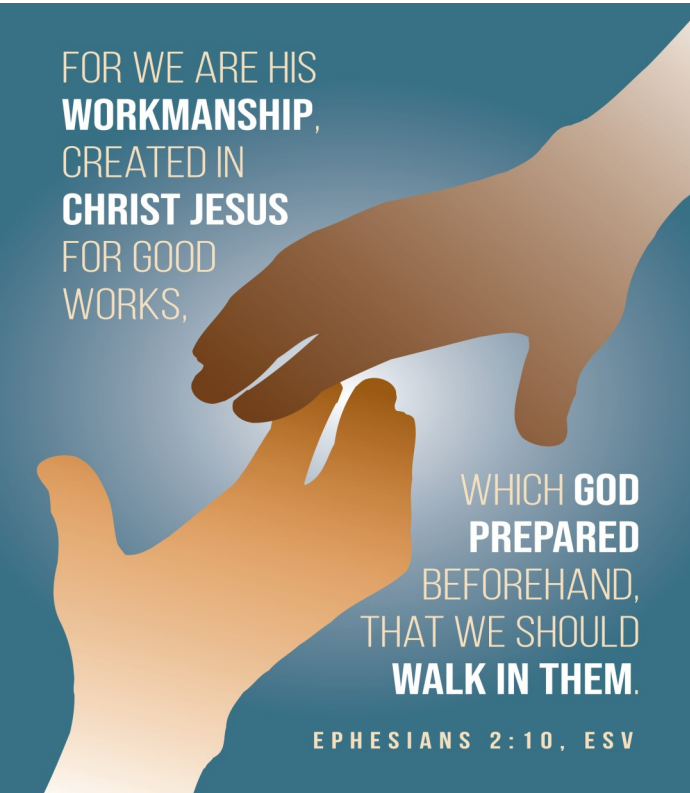
First Day of Spring
Saturday, March 20, 2021



Our Pastor's **RETIREMENT**

Charles D. Twymon announced his retirement as Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church after 41 years of dedicated service, effective January 13, 2021. Macedonia grew spiritually and financially with over 700 parishioners and two debt-free church buildings.

In appreciation of the leadership, stewardship, sacrifice and dedication of Pastor Twymon and Sister Loraine Twymon, Charles D. Twymon was unanimously voted Pastor Emeritus with an honorarium during a special business meeting on February 3, 2021.

A graphic showing two hands, one light brown and one dark brown, reaching towards each other against a blue background. The text "FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS," is written in white, sans-serif capital letters to the left of the hands.


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EPHESIANS 2:10, ESV


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.

-  January 31, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"Jesus Has Left The Building"
Matthew 24:1-2
Rev. Brady Bennett

-  February 7, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"The Christ, His Church and The Cross," Matthew 16:13-21
Rev. Ronald Davis

-  February 14, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"Endless Love," John 13:1
Rev. Terry Minor, Assistant Pastor

-  February 21, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"The Unmasking of Judas"
John 13:21-30
Rev. Terry Minor, Assistant Pastor

-  February 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
"When I Think About His Goodness"
Ephesians 3:14-21
Rev. Eric Shumate

The old time pastor was galloping down the road, rushing to get to church on time. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, the pastor called out, "All you saints in Heaven, help me get up on my horse!"

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell off the other side.

Once again on the ground, he called to Heaven, "All right, just half of you this time!"

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

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined in February.



KAMRON FORD
KHALIL JABBAR FORD

A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle of it on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful.

When the guest finally was able to speak, he gasped, "I've heard many ministers preach hell-fire, but you are the first one I've met who passed out a sample of it."



As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

PASTOR CHARLES D. TWYMON EMERITUS CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

By Gwendolynne Howell

As the third pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in over 100 years and serving as Pastor for 41 of those years, you have earned the distinctive honor of being named **Pastor Emeritus**. **Emeritus** comes from the Latin word *emereri*, which means to earn one's discharge by service. It is an honorary title bestowed upon one who has retired from a position (pastor, professor, or other professional position) as a way of honoring the individual's service.

During the church membership Business Meeting on February 3, 2021, your new title was bestowed upon you, and as a token of our appreciation, an honorarium was also given. The members of Macedonia thank you for being our shepherd and we wish you and your family a happy retirement with sincere appreciation for your service.

You have exemplified the Biblical qualifications of a Pastor. These qualities include the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine and one that ruleth well his own house (*1 Timothy 3:7*)

Over the years you have personified these qualities to lead His flock and help save souls. You have had a very positive impact on the lives of so many people. Because of your outstanding leadership and teaching ability, several previous ministers of Macedonia are now pastors of their own churches. You also leave a legacy of many accomplishments which have been mentioned previously.

You have made a lasting impression on those who have heard your powerful sermons. To give you an idea of what they thought of you, I asked several members as well as non-members who have attended Macedonia the following question:

What do you like most about Pastor Twymon Emeritus? Here are some of their responses:

He keeps it real
He's very relatable to real life situations
Not fake
Humor
Sincerity
Lives the life he preaches
Leads by example
He walks the walk and talks the talk
He's the first pastor I really liked and didn't mind coming to church
He speaks his mind; he sticks to the truth that is in the Bible.
Family man

As you can see by the above comments, you have made favorable impressions on many people.

Again, we are praying that you will have God's favor in all your future endeavors!

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17

TIPS FOR SENIORS IN PREPARING THEIR TAXES

Submitted by Gloria Crawford

Current research indicates that individuals are likely to make errors when preparing their tax returns. The following tax tips were developed to help you avoid some of the common errors dealing with the standard deduction for seniors, the taxable amount of Social Security benefits, and the Credit for the Elderly and Disabled. In addition, you'll find links below to helpful publications as well as information on how to obtain free tax assistance.

Standard Deduction for Seniors - If you do not itemize your deductions, you can get a higher standard deduction amount if you and/or your spouse are 65 years old or older. You can get an even higher standard deduction amount if either you or your spouse is blind. (See Form 1040 and Form 1040A instructions.)

Taxable Amount of Social Security Benefits -When preparing your return, be especially careful when you calculate the taxable amount of your Social Security. Use the Social Security benefits worksheet found in the instructions for IRS Form 1040 and Form 1040A, and then double-check it before you fill out your tax return. See Publication 915 PDF, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits.

Credit for the Elderly or Disabled - You must file using Form 1040 or Form 1040A to receive the Credit for the Elderly or Disabled. You cannot get the Credit for the Elderly or Disabled if you file using Form 1040EZ. Be sure to apply for the Credit if you qualify; please read below for details.

Who Can Take the Credit: The Credit is based on your age, filing status and income.

You may be able to take the Credit if:

Age: You and/or your spouse are either 65 years or older; or under age 65 years old and are permanently and totally disabled.

AND

Filing Status: Your income on Form 1040 line 38 is less than \$17,500, \$20,000 (married filing jointly and only one spouse qualifies), \$25,000 (married filing jointly and both qualify), or \$12,500 (married filing separately and lived apart from your spouse for the entire year).

The non-taxable part of your Social Security or other nontaxable pensions, annuities or disability income is less than \$5,000 (single, head of household, or qualifying widow/er with dependent child); \$5,000 (married filing jointly and only one spouse qualifies); \$7,500 (married filing jointly and both qualify); or \$3,750 (married filing separately and lived apart from your spouse the entire year).

Source: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/seniors-retirees/tips-for-seniors-in-preparing-their-taxes>

CRYPTOCURRENCY

Submitted by Wendall Smitherman

Cryptocurrency works a lot like bank credit on a debit card. Cryptocurrency is best thought of as digital currency (it only exists on computers). It is transferred between peers (there is no middleman like a bank). Transactions are recorded on a digital public ledger (called a “blockchain”). Transaction data and the ledger are encrypted using cryptography (which is why it is called “crypto” “currency”). It is decentralized, meaning it is controlled by users and computer algorithms and not a central government. It is distributed, meaning the blockchain is hosted on many computers across the globe. Meanwhile, cryptocurrencies are traded on online cryptocurrency exchanges, like stock exchanges. Bitcoin (commonly traded under the symbol BTC) is one of many cryptocurrencies; other cryptocurrencies have names like “Ether(ETH)” “Ripple (XRP)” and “Litecoin (LTC).” Alternatives to Bitcoin are called ‘altcoins.’

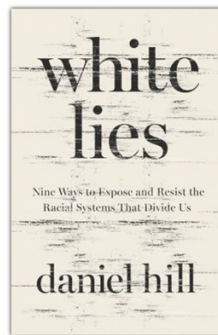
The main difference between cryptocurrency and bank credit is that instead of banks and governments issuing the currency and keeping ledgers, an algorithm does.

Like anything else in life, there are tax implications to trading or using cryptocurrency. Make sure you understand the tax implications. In short, you’ll owe money on profits (capital gains) and may owe sales tax or other taxes when applicable.

Source: <https://cryptocurrencyfacts.com/how-does-cryptocurrency-work-for-beginners/>

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



White Lies by Daniel Hill is a thoughtful, practical guide for confronting and dismantling White supremacy and promoting racial justice in healthy, effective ways. White supremacy presents one of the greatest threats to the soul of our nation and the kingdom of God—but we can do something about it. Drawn from more

than twenty years of working in cross-cultural communities and learning from some of the greatest leaders of color, pastor and racial justice advocate Daniel Hill offers clarity on what White supremacy is and how it is much more than extremist groups spewing hatred, but lamentably is an ideology that infiltrates us all. As more and more White Christians are awakening to the pervasive bias for white culture, ideas, and actions that shape every aspect of society, many are eager to fight for racial justice. But what steps can be taken to make good, lasting change? How can White Christians get involved without causing more harm?

In this practical and illuminating guide, Hill provides nine practices rooted in Scripture that will position you to be an active supporter of inclusion, equality, and racial justice. With stories, studies, and examples from his own journey, Hill will show you:

- How to get free of the impact of White supremacy individually and recognize that it works systemically
- How to talk about race in an intelligent and respectful way
- How to recognize which strategies are helpful and which are harmful
- What you can do to make a difference every day, after protests and major events

We cannot experience wholistic justice without confronting and dismantling White supremacy. But as we follow Jesus—the one who is supreme over all things—into overturning false power systems, we will become better advocates of the liberating and unconditional love that God extends to us all.

You can order **White Lies** from www.christianbooks.com.



Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Brady Bennett*

Asst. Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Eric Shumate*

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.

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 March 2021 includes the following:

Proclamation of the Gospel: Laying the Groundwork

Date	Lesson	Scripture
March 7	Paul's Desire to Visit Rome	Romans 1:8-17
March 14	God's Wrath Against Mankind	Romans 1:18-32
March 21	No One Is Righteous	Romans 3:9-20

Proclamation of the Gospel: The Proclamation of Good News

March 28	Righteousness Through Faith	Romans 3:21-31
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"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9



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Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm
Sunday

"HOSANNA!

BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD

— THE KING OF ISRAEL!"

JOHN 12:13, NRSV