

Good News

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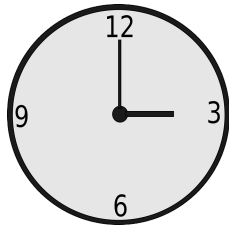
CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9 am Until...



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



Millennial Sunday School for Teens & Young Adults 9:30-10:30 In Person—Meet in the MBC Parlor

JOIN THE NEWSLETTER

STAFF

We are seeking members to submit articles, participate in editing or provide layout assistance on our church newsletter, "Good News." Working knowledge of desktop publishing and Office 365 is desired.

This is an excellent way to contribute to the church a couple of hours each month. Prior to the pandemic, the Newsletter Staff met the 3rd Saturday of each month in the Media Center.

Articles are due by the Thursday prior to the 3rd Saturday. If you are interested in this fun and informative volunteer opportunity or have questions, please send an e-mail to mbcnewsletter@sbcglobal.net.

2022 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Registration will conclude on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Your failure to register by this date will indicate that you no longer consider yourself a member of this congregation. The termination of individuals from the church roll will include the forfeiture of all rights and privileges associated with membership, including weddings and funerals.

February is an important month here at Macedonia as we wrap up the second round of sermons preached by our Pastoral Candidates, and get ready to cast our vote. Announcements/instructions regarding the voting process will be forthcoming. Please try to be present if your health permits.

Come out and take part in this very important event. If you are no longer a member, you will not have a vote.

The By-Laws pertaining to annual registration, Article 1, Section 7, are as follows:

Every member must register in person during the first six (6) weeks of every new year. Provisions will be made for members who are unable to register in person due to illness, military duty, and educational leave.

Any person desiring to register whose name is not found on the current membership list, must offer themselves as a candidate under Article 1, Section 2.

**Rejoice
in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.**

Romans 12:12, 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 2, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"Out With the Old, In With the New"
Isaiah 43:18-21
Rev. Eric Shumate
- 📖 January 9, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"If You Know Better, Do Better,"
John 13:12-17
Rev. Eric Shumate
- 📖 January 16, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"God Has A Plan For Your Life"
Acts 16:1-12
Rev. Terry Minor, Assistant Pastor
- 📖 January 23 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"When You Pray"
Matthew 6:5-13
Dr. Carl Livingston, Pastor
Walnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church
- January 30, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
📖 **"When Simon Says Switches to Jesus Says"**
Luke 5:1-10
Dr. Aaron Chapman, Pastor
Dedicated to Christ Church



We love our church!



Love Bites!

Retailers eager to capture some of the \$20 billion that Americans spend every year for Valentine's Day gifts are moving beyond candy and flowers. For an outside-the-box edible present for that special someone, now you can purchase a bouquet of bacon roses, pickles or even Olive Garden breadsticks. If money is tight, you can visit Waffle House on February 14, the one night it takes reservations.

Last year, a most unusual Valentine's Day promotion had no takers. A reptile park in Mosca, Colorado, offered a two-for-one deal on gator-wrestling classes, but no one "snapped" up the opportunity. Maybe another heart-shaped box of chocolates isn't such a bad idea after all!

Source: Newsletternewsletter.com



Blanche K. Bruce

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Blanche K. Bruce was born a slave in Farmville, Virginia, in 1841. His family later moved to Missouri, where he received his formal education. He then studied at Oberlin College in Ohio. After moving back to Mississippi following the Civil War, Bruce worked as a planter and entered politics. He held a number of local offices, then was elected to the United States Senate in 1875, becoming the first African American to serve a complete six-year term.

In 1875, when Blanche K. Bruce delivered his speech before the U. S. Senate, the struggle for equality was losing ground. The national resolve to protect African American rights had waned. Southern whites were beginning to seize power again. That power brought with it laws that stripped African Americans of their rights. If laws worked too slowly, violence and intimidation were used. Soon, a new system was instituted to replace slavery. It was called segregation. The dream of equality for the African American had turned into a nightmare.

Source: *Powerful Words* by Wade Hudson



Black inventors

Everyone may know about George Washington Carver, but there are so many more Black inventors who have contributed much to our way of life. Here are just four:

Lewis Howard Latimer: Invented and patented the carbon filament, so light bulbs would last longer than those with a paper filament designed by Thomas Edison.

Sarah Boone: An African American dressmaker, she made her name by inventing the modern-day ironing board. With its approval in 1892, she became one of the first Black women to be awarded a patent.

Garrett Morgan: Love them or curse them, you can thank 46-year-old inventor and newspaperman Garrett Morgan for the three-position traffic signal. "Though Morgan's was not the first traffic signal (that one had been installed in London in 1868), it was an important innovation nonetheless: By having a third position besides just 'Stop' and 'Go,' it regulated crossing vehicles more safely than earlier signals had."

Marie Van Brittan Brown: If you sleep better at night and when you're away from home because you have a security system, you should know it was invented by a Black woman. "Marie Van Brittan Brown felt uneasy in her neighborhood and the police were unreliable. So, she took matters in her own hands and patented the modern home security system." Over 50 years later, the technology is installed in millions of homes and offices worldwide.

JESUS AND THE MUD PUDDLE

Submitted by Maxine Gardner

Howard County Sheriff Jerry Marr got a disturbing call one Saturday afternoon a few months ago. His six year-old grandson, Mikey, had been hit by a car while fishing in Greentown with his dad.

The father and son were near a bridge by the Kokomo Reservoir when a woman lost control of her car, slid off the bridge and hit Mikey at a rate of about 50 mph.

Sheriff Marr had seen the results of accidents like this and feared the worst. When he got to Saint Joseph Hospital, he rushed through the emergency room to find Mikey conscious and in fairly good spirits. 'Mikey, what happened?' Sheriff Marr asked. Mikey replied, 'Well, Papaw, I was fishin' with Dad, and some lady runned me over, I flew into a mud puddle, and broke my fishin' pole and I didn't get to catch no fish!'

As it turned out, the impact propelled Mikey about 500 feet, over a few trees and an embankment and in to the middle of a mud puddle. His only injuries were to his right femur bone, which had broken in two places. Mikey had surgery to place pins in his leg. Otherwise the boy is fine.

Since all the boy could talk about was that his fishing pole was broken, the Sheriff went out to Wal-Mart and bought him new one while he was in surgery so he could have it when he came out.

The next day the Sheriff sat with Mikey to keep him company in the hospital. Mikey was enjoying his new fishing pole and talked about when he could go fishing again as he cast into the trash can.

When they were alone Mikey, just as matter-of-fact, said, 'Papaw, did you know Jesus is real?'

'Well,' the Sheriff replied, a little startled, 'Yes, Jesus is real to all who believe in him and love him in their hearts.'

'No,' said Mikey. 'I mean Jesus is REALLY REAL.'

'What do you mean?' asked the Sheriff.

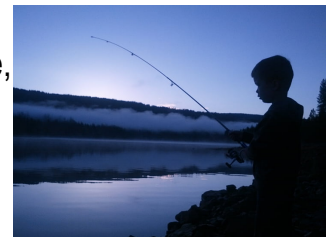
'I know he's real 'cause I saw him,' said Mikey, still casting into the trash can.

'You did?' said the Sheriff.

'Yep,' said Mikey. 'When that lady runned me over and broke my fishing pole, Jesus caught me in his arms and laid me down in the mud puddle.'

Author Unknown

<https://destinybooze.wordpress.com/2011/02/28/jesus-and-the-mud-puddle/trackback/>



Fasting From Criticalness

Most fasting involves temporarily giving up something you enjoy. When you long for a cookie or a favorite show, you instead turn your attention to God, reorienting yourself to his best.

Catherine Marshall, in *A Closer Walk*, presents a different approach she calls fasting from “criticalness.” God dealt with her judgmental spirit by prompting her to spend 24 hours without criticizing “anyone about anything.” At first, Marshall felt rather empty when she didn’t engage in a heated political debate. But friends and family didn’t seem to miss her comments. Plus, God replaced the energy she’d spent attempting to correct others with energy and creativity to positively influence them.

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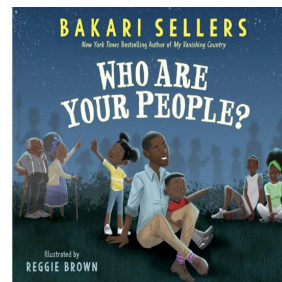
The Soul of Christianity

A Christ-centered life does not mean a life in which one sings hymns, reads Scripture and edifies his neighbors by hanging texts on the walls. One does not become a Christian by doing a good deed a day, nor by go-getting for religion, nor by engaging in economic and political reform movements, even though these things are done from the noblest of human motives. A Christian is one who, believing that Christ is the Son of God, has that Christ-life in his soul.

- Fulton Sheen

MACEDONIA BIBLE & BOOK CORNER

Submitted by Sonja Gray



This inspiring picture book by *New York Times* bestselling author Bakari Sellers is a tribute to the family and community that help make us who we are. It is perfect for

sharing and gifting.

When you meet someone for the first time, they might ask, "Who are your people?" and "Where are you from?"

Children are shaped by their ancestors, and this book celebrates the village it takes to raise a child.

In the vein of *I Am Enough* and *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners*, this powerful picture book with beautiful illustrations by Reggie Brown is a joyful recognition of the people and places that help define young readers and adults alike.


Don't miss this picture book debut from Bakari Sellers, author of the acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller *My Vanishing Country: A Memoir*.

You can order this book on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

In the book of Revelation, who or what is “prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband”?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:2.)



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.

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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)
Millennial Sunday School for 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 February 2022 includes the following:

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
February 6	Trials and Denials	John 18:15-27
February 13	Pilate: What Is Truth	John 18:28-40
February 20	Crucifixion and Death	John 19:16-30
February 27	Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias	John 21:1-14



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

