

# Good News

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## CONGRATULATIONS MACEDONIA ON YOUR 102<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary 1920-2022

*Submitted by Gwendolynne Howell*

**Theme: "A Church Kept by God," Psalms 121:5**  
**"The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."**

On Sunday, September 25, 2022, at the 11:00 service, Macedonia celebrated its 102<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary. Pastor Terry Minor invited Pastor Wallace Mills of New Ebenezer Baptist Church to deliver the message. Pastor Mills is a long-time friend of Macedonia who has been affiliated with Macedonia since he was a child when Macedonia was on Evline Street. The Macedonia Choir provided us with up-lifting spiritual music.

Pastor Mills delivered a powerful message on the topic, "A Church Protected by God" Psalms 27:1-5. We were truly blessed. He emphasized that the reason Macedonia is protected by God is because God has been faithful to Macedonia and the members have been faithful also. He said God is willing and able to handle every situation if you let him. Stand on the promises of God—he'll fight your battles. For 102 years Macedonia has been protected by God.

This anniversary represents a milestone and the beginning of a new era in Macedonia's history. For 102 years, Macedonia was blessed to have three pastors and three church buildings. The three pastors were Reverend Forest D. Mills, Reverend Junius A. Watson, and Reverend Charles D. Twymon. The three church buildings were located on Evaline Street in Hamtramck, Belmont Street, and Southfield Road. Today, in 2022, we have our fourth Pastor--Pastor Terry Minor, who was installed on June 26, 2022. We also have a fourth building—the Macedonia Baptist Church North Campus.

Because of the pandemic, many church programs were discontinued. But under the leadership of Pastor Minor, several programs have resumed--Bible Study, Macedonia Choir, and Children's Church.

Ministries which will be coming soon are the Men's Choir, Church Nursery and the Angelic Choir.

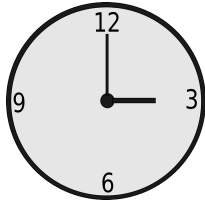
Macedonia has been blessed through the teachings of our *four* pastors. Physically we've come a long way. The first church building in 1920 used contact paper to simulate stain-glassed windows and a pot-bellied stove generated the heat. Our current building has air conditioning, an elevator, and a beautiful new addition. Macedonia has survived not because of its church buildings but because of its ancient landmark values, spirituality, and principles. Macedonia continues to believe in what the past and current pastors founded the church on—the Word of God.

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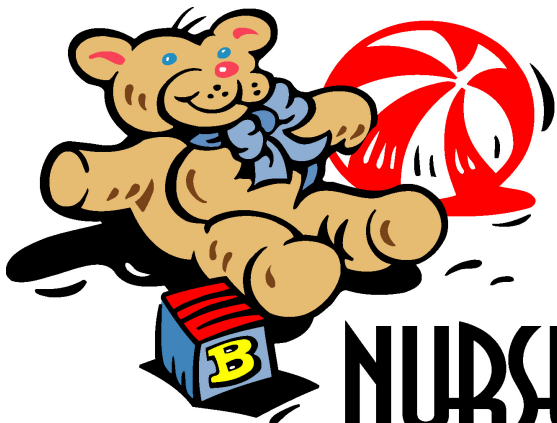
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# Announcements

**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9 a.m. Until...**



**PRAYER SERVICE**  
**is held every Wednesday**  
**at 6:00 p.m.**  
**in the Chapel.**



## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers serve one select Sunday per month during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. If interested, please contact Sis. Maxine Gardner at 313-255-4643



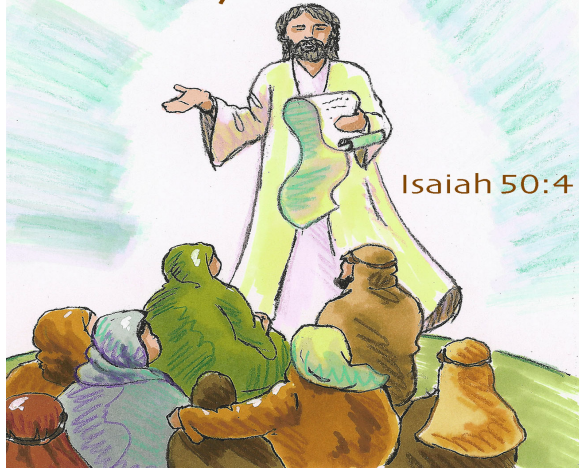
Fall Bible Study is in progress. Please plan to attend weekly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Our current Lesson is from Matthew Ch. 5, 6, & 7.

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



**Children's Church** will resume on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Registration cards for 2022-2023 will be available across from the Courtesy Desk. Children 5 years old (and enrolled in school) through 12 years old are eligible. All children must wear a mask. Volunteers are welcome! For additional information contact Sis. Madlyne Dansby (248) 557-2398 or Sis. Patricia Suber at (248) 579-6305.

The Lord GOD has  
given me the tongue  
of a teacher, that I may  
know how to sustain  
the weary with the word.



## WEEKLY SERMONS

CDs and DVDs are available through the Audio Ministry. Visit [www.mbcdet.com/media](http://www.mbcdet.com/media) or via the **MBCDET app** to listen to archived sermons.



September 4, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
**"The Simplicity of the Gospel"**  
II Kings 5:1-3,15  
Pastor Terry Minor



September 11, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
**"Naaman's Real Problem"**  
II Kings 5:9-15  
Pastor Terry Minor



September 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
**"True Christian Character"**  
Romans 12:1-2  
Pastor Terry Minor



September 25, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
**"A Church Protected by God"**  
Psalms 27:1-5  
Pastor Wallace Mills,  
New Ebenezer Baptist Church

## Fan or Follower?

In *Not a Fan* (Zondervan), Kyle Idleman distinguishes between people who enthusiastically admire Jesus (fans) and those who fully commit their lives to him (followers).

Do you acknowledge and cheer for Jesus but show no real interest in truly following him? Do you want to be "close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything" from you? If either of those statements hits too close to home, pray that Jesus will transform you from a mere fan to an all-in follower.



## Three Kinds of Faith

There are three kinds of faith in Christ:

1. Struggling faith, like a man in deep water desperately swimming.
2. Clinging faith, like a man hanging to the side of a boat.
3. Resting faith, like a man safely within the boat (and able to reach out with a hand to help someone else get in).

-D.L. Moody

## Everyone Can Serve

**Look for opportunities to serve; don't wait to be asked! Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry.**

***We all can:***

- **extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;**
- **be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors;**
- **be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;**
- **be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.**

## Why We Give To The Church

We give to the work of Christ's church a portion of the gifts that God has already given us. We give:

- in response to God's grace in sending his Son;
- in response to the love of Jesus Christ's dying for us;
- in response to the gifts of life which we have so abundantly received;
- in response to the opportunities God gives us to discover the meaning and purpose of life;
- in response to his presence in our lives when we need him the most.

## I Am Your Church Envelope

I would like to talk with you, for  
I am part of your church life.  
I may be a complete stranger to you, but  
I can help you be a better Christian.  
I like to go to worship on Sunday, for  
I help you to be Christ's partner.  
I am very small, but  
I am the keystone of your church program.  
I am a weekly reminder of your daily blessings.  
I dare you to be as good to God as he has been to you.  
I am only paper, but  
I carry the full gift of a generous heart.  
I am the only pocketbook you need on Sunday, and  
I promise not to be a burden.  
I am your chance to preach, for  
I am a silent sermon of your devotion.



## How is Being a Christian Like Being a Pumpkin?

God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces and places a shining light within us for others to see.

Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven".

(Matthew 5:16, NRSV).



# Study: Too Much TV, But Not Computer Screens, Increases Dementia Risk

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Older adults who get a lot of “screen time” may have an increased risk of developing dementia - but a lot depends on what type of screen they use, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that among older British adults, those who spent a lot of time watching TV were more likely to be diagnosed with dementia in coming years, yet the opposite pattern was seen with computer use.

Experts stressed that the findings do not mean that TV watching causes dementia, or that browsing the internet will protect your aging brain. But the study does argue for exercising both your body and your mind, said lead researcher David Raichlen, a professor at the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles.

In general, he explained, research suggests that physical activity supports brain health as people grow older - possibly even lowering the risk of dementia. By extension, it would seem that being a couch potato is a bad thing.

Fewer studies have actually looked at that premise, but some have found that sedentary people may see their memory and thinking skills wane faster as they age.

However, people can be sitting yet mentally active, Raichlen said, TV watching could be considered “passive”, while some other activities - like reading or computer use require some mental engagement.

“Sedentary behaviors that are more cognitively active might have some benefits”, Raichlen said.

To dig into that idea, his team used data from the UK Biobank, a large research project collecting health and medical information from half a million British adults.

The researchers focused on over 146,000 participants aged 60 and older who were dementia-free at the outset and reported on various lifestyle habits, including how much of their daily leisure time they devoted to TV or computers.

Over the next 12 years, just over 3,500 participants were diagnosed with dementia. And the more TV time they reported at the study’s start, the higher that risk: For each hour people typically watched per day, the risk of dementia rose 24%.

That was after the researchers had accounted for various other factors, including peoples exercise and diet habits, body weight and education level, and whether they smoked or had chronic health conditions.

Source: Newsmax, August 23, 2022

## Give all glory to God

By taking either compliments or criticism personally, we rob God of glory. Words go deep, either puffing up our pride or threatening our identity. But God intended better. Isaiah 60:21 (NLT) says, "All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory."

Our identity is in God, as his beloved children. Any comments (good or bad) must go through God first, and we can ask him to filter each word and speak his truth to our souls. We can pray: What do you want me to hear, God? Are you inviting me to do something different? How can I point others to you? Do I need to make something right?

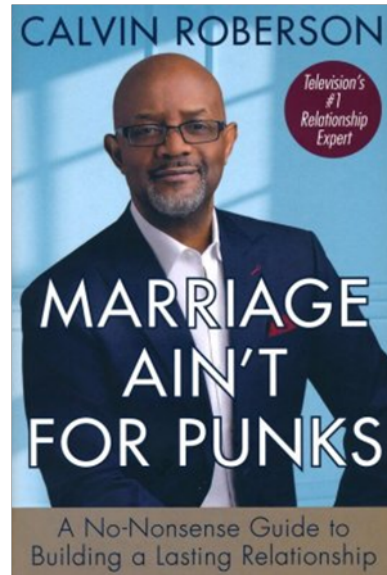
This change in mindset provides peace. When we receive people's applause, we want to glorify God, who orchestrates all things. Likewise, constructive criticism can reflect God's work in us, making us teachable. Instead of being tossed to and fro by affirmations and critiques, let's rest secure and shift our focus to bring God glory!

—Janna Firestone



## Macedonia Baptist Church Bible and Book Corner Book Review

Submitted by Sonja Gray



Marriage is a bond that requires hard work from two people in order to achieve happiness—find all the tips and tools to a happily-ever-after, using the guidance of a trusted relationship expert.

Beloved marriage counselor Pastor Calvin Roberson captivates millions of viewers with his eccentric personality and unabashed, yet effective marriage advice—and *Marriage Ain't for Punks* is no different.

This book is a relationship game changer. It's a straightforward and unapologetic dive into why people fail or struggle at one of the most popular and sought-after unions in society. Even though some marriages look like a hot mess, don't give up hope, because it is transparency, honesty, and downright fearlessness that make a great marriage. A good relationship is about refusing to allow pettiness to destroy the loving connection that partners truly seek to find with each other. Those with healthy marriages are not weaklings. They are not quitters. They know *Marriage Ain't for Punks*!

This book can be obtained from Christian Books at ([www.christianbooks.com](http://www.christianbooks.com)) or Amazon.



**Invitation to:** *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

**Superintendent of Sunday School:** *Rev. Brady Bennett*

**Director of Christian Education:** *Rev. Eric Shumate*

**The Sunday School classes will be conducting lessons via Zoom for the time being.**

**Note: The Juniors Sunday School Class Zoom Information, Effective October 2, 2022, has changed, Please see below.**

**Macedonia Baptist Church Zoom Technical Support Contacts:**

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Sister Mary Ann Windham	Juniors, Beginners & Primaries	Phone: 313-418-8830 Email: <a href="mailto:maryann.windham@yahoo.com">maryann.windham@yahoo.com</a>

**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)
<a href="#">Millennial Sunday School</a> for Teens and Young Adults	314 202 2102	503816	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Juniors (10-12 yrs.)	755 2646 4085	3WCNis	9:30-10:30 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 September 2022 includes the following:**

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
October 2	Obedience in Worshiping God Alone	Exodus 20:1-11
October 9	Obedience in Building the Tabernacle	Exodus 40:16-21,29-30, 34,38
October 16	Obedience on the Day of Atonement	Leviticus 16:11-19
October 23	Obedience in Offerings	Leviticus 22:17-25, 31-33
October 30	Obedience in Feasts	Leviticus 23:33-43



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



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## BREAST CANCER



## AWARENESS MONTH