

Good News

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“ I BELIEVE
that unarmed
TRUTH
and unconditional
LOVE
will have the final word.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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Announcements



**Time
To
Register**

\$1.00 Fee

Registration is extremely important! We must update our records to reflect any changes in membership.

Registration will be held in the Atrium beginning Sunday, January 1, 2023, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday for six weeks.

A \$1.00 fee will be assessed to defray the cost of registration.

Your failure to register in person before Sunday, February 5, 2023, will indicate that you no longer consider yourself a member of this congregation. The termination of individuals will include the forfeiture of all rights and privileges associated with membership, including weddings and funerals.

Provisions will be made for members who are unable to register in person due to illness, military duty, or educational leave.



Please plan to attend weekly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are unable to attend in person, tune in via live stream.

All Macedonia Women are invited to attend a “Back Together Again Fellowship” on Saturday, January 28th. Please register at the Courtesy Desk and pick up a flyer for additional information.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Nursery reopened on Sunday, December 4th. 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



WEEKLY 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.

-  December 4, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"The Gift of Helps"
1Corinthians 12:27-31
Pastor Terry Minor
-  December 11, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"The Gift of Peace"
John 14:27
Pastor Terry Minor
-  December 18, 11:00 a.m.
"The Gift of the Holy Spirit and The Birth of the Church"
Acts 2:1-3; 41
Pastor Terry Minor
-  December 25, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
"The Gift and the Manger"
Luke 2:8-20
Pastor Terry Minor

Another Year For God

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be, in working or in waiting, another year with thee...

Another year of progress, another year of praise, another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love; another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be, on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal



Administrative Assistant-Sis. Maryann Windham

Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School—Bro. Henry Chestnut

Chairman of Deacon Board—Bro. Wendell Smitherman

Church Clerk-Sis. Jessie Scott

Director of Christian Education—Rev. Ronald Davis

Director of Security-Bro. Bernard Pace

Treasurer-Bro. Henry Chestnut

New Year—Fresh Start

Submitted by Wilma Parham

As the new year rolls around once again, everyone is gearing up for what's in store. You'll no doubt see the same "New year, new me" resolutions among many others. While making a resolution is a great idea, how often are the resolutions kept? Have you made resolutions in the past just to let them go a few weeks after the new year begins? This year, make a resolution that counts.

1. Make an attainable goal.

If you make a goal that is too difficult for you to reach, you will lose motivation and give up. Your goal needs to be one that you know you can keep. Challenge yourself to reach a goal but don't make it unrealistic for yourself. It doesn't need to be anything large, just something to make you happy. Don't be afraid to make multiple resolutions as well. If you decide to keep your goals small you can set multiple goals to reach throughout the year.

2. Make a resolution that matters.

Make sure your resolution is something that matters to you. Don't make a resolution just because your friends or family are. Do something that makes you happy and will affect your life in a positive way. Don't forget to keep common sense in mind when you're deciding on a goal. For example, don't make a resolution to lose weight when you are already at an ideal body weight.

3. Map it out.

Don't just make a resolution. Make an entire outline of your goals. If you want to lose weight over the course of the year, make a schedule. For example, if you want to lose weight, make monthly goals. Maybe you want to lose 5 pounds a month and increase your intake of water to be healthier. Write your schedule for the year out on paper and hang it somewhere that you will always see it. If you have your goal mapped out you'll be more likely to stick to it and stay on track.

4. Tell others about your resolution.

If other people know about your resolution you'll be more likely to keep it. Some people find it embarrassing to not reach a goal if their family and friends all know about it. In addition, if you tell others about your resolution, they may want to join in on it. You may get a work out partner or a friend to keep you motivated throughout.

5. Track your progress along the way.

The last thing you can do to make sure you keep your resolution is track your progress. If you mapped out your plan for the year you have visual feedback on how you are doing. This will tell you if you are on track to making your goal a reality. Write down your results each day, week or month to see how far you have come. As you see these results you'll be more likely to keep working towards your goal.

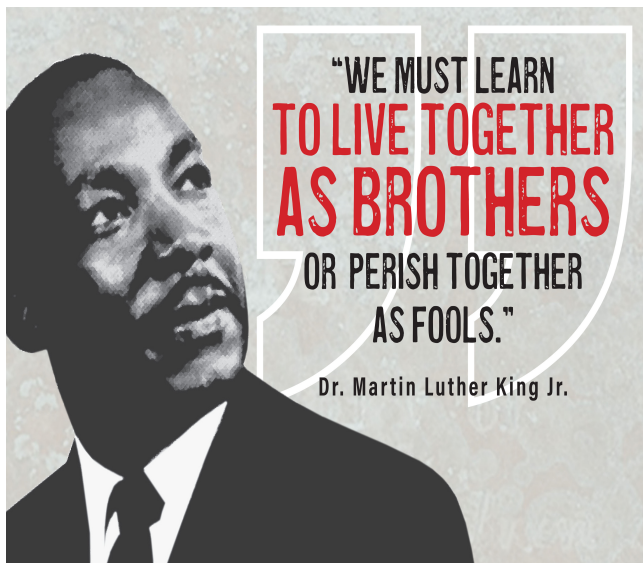


Pursue Jesus — And Your Passions

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

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New Year's Resolution

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

A New Year's **Resolution** is a tradition, most common in the Western World, but also found in the Eastern World, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their behavior at the beginning of a calendar year.

A Resolve

For every morning of the new year:

I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking, cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence, exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust and child-like trust in God.

Wisdom From MLK

I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love.

Free Refills

God's kingdom is like free refills at a restaurant. Wait — *what?!*

Jesus used common, everyday items to explain the kingdom of God; we can too! The kingdom is like free refills. Still thirsty after one soda or coffee? Get another — no charge. In fact, the kingdom of God is better than free refills because you don't even have to pay for the first glass.

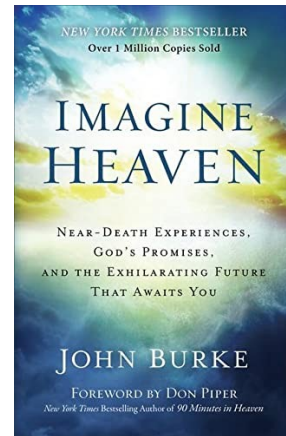
It's like having a parent buy you a favorite meal when you're young. You sit back and savor it without the price crossing your mind. That's okay, because the generous giver loves you and wants to be with you.

Sure, that's simplistic, but so are Jesus' parables. Overanalyze them and they may fall apart. But ponder the single point each makes, maybe get a chuckle and an *a-ha!* out of it, and that parable has done its job. So grab another free refill — of your beverage and of God's love!

—Heidi Mann



Macedonia Baptist Church Bible and Book Corner Book Review



The author writes: "All of us long to know what life after death will be like. Bestselling author **John Burke** is no exception. In *Imagine Heaven*, Burke compares over 100 gripping stories of near-death experiences (NDEs) to what Scripture says about our biggest questions of Heaven: Will I be myself? Will I see friends and loved ones? What will Heaven look like? What is God like? What will we do forever? What about children and pets?

While not every detail of individual NDEs correlate with Scripture, Burke shows how the common experiences shared by thousands of survivors—including doctors, college professors, bank presidents, people of all ages and cultures, and even blind people—point to the exhilarating picture of Heaven promised in the Bible."

This book is available on Amazon





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

Rev. James O' Rear	Adults & Men's Class	Phone: 734-308-0056 Email: jjalo@hotmail.com
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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.)	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 December includes the following:

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
January 1	Blessing of Reconciliation	II Corinthians 5:11-21
January 8	Blessing of Forgiveness and New Life	1 John 1:1-2:5
January 15	Blessing of Intercession	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
January 22	Blessing of Liberty in Christ	Galatians 5:1-17



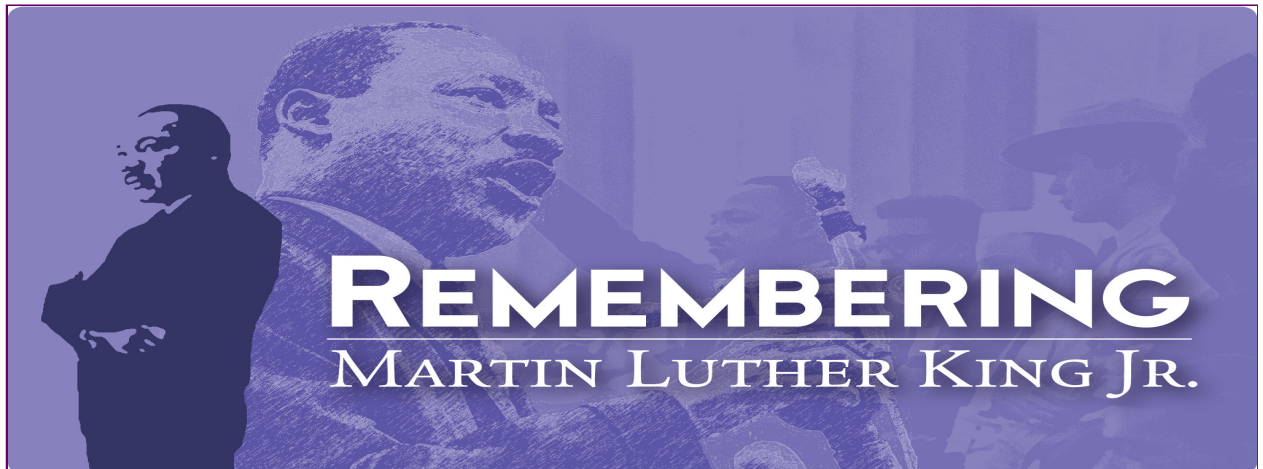
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"Come over into Macedonia and help us." ACTS 16:9



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January 16, 2023



"I HAVE SO MUCH
TO DO THAT
I shall spend
THE FIRST THREE HOURS
in prayer."

—Martin Luther