



Good News

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CELEBRATING *Our Moms*

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Announcements

Special dates:

- National Day of Prayer, *May 4, 2023*
- Mother's Day, *May 14, 2023*
- Ascension Day, *May 18, 2023*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 20, 2023*
- Pentecost, *May 28, 2023*
- Memorial Day, *May 29, 2023*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Macedonia Women's Ministry Annual Prayer Brunch

"The Power of a Praying Woman" Phil. 4:6-7
Saturday, May 20, 2023—10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Tennis Shoe Drive for Genesis House

Goal: 100 pairs of NEW tennis shoes, for:
Ladies—Sizes 6-11
Children (boys & girls) - Sizes 1-13, 1-9 kids
Deposit shoes in bin at West Entrance

Detroit Princess Riverboat Fellowship Cruise

(Ladies Only)
Saturday, June 10, 2023
Board @ 11:00 A.M.— Dock @ 2:30 P.M.
Female Family & Friends Welcome
Cost \$65.00 per person—LUNCH included
Contact Persons:
GENEISE EDWARDS (313) 320-9270
& SANDRA LEAR (313) 520-6087
**A \$30.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
IS REQUIRED**
FULL PAYMENT IS DUE BY MAY 21, 2023



Please plan to attend weekly at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are unable to attend in person, don't forget to tune in via live stream.

The 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. will be devoted to Praise and Worship, Testimony and Fellowship. Come out and join us in uplifting our Savior. Refreshments will be served immediately following the Worship service. Don't forget to sign-up across from the courtesy desk so that we can have a count for the refreshments.

**Prayer Meeting is held at 12
Noon and 6 pm on Wednesday's
(excluding the 4th
Wednesday)**

The Newsletter Staff could use some assistance with the Newsletter in terms of proofreading or contributing content. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Wilma Parham at wdew1542@sbcglobal.net or 313 952-3197.



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.

📖 April 2, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"Following Jesus Afar Off"
Matthew 26:56-58
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 April 9, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"Mission Accomplished"
John 19:30; 20:15-18
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 April 16, 11:00 a.m.
"What Does God Require?"
Micah 6:8
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 April 23, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"Trying To Love Two Ain't Easy To Do"
Matthew 6:24
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 April 30, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"The Choice Is Yours"
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Pastor Terry Minor

Life Immortal

At the end of **May**, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Source: Newsletternewsletter.com

Resilience in the Storms

"In this world you will have trouble," Jesus says in John 16:33 (NIV). Christians, in other words, should expect sufferings and setbacks that challenge their spiritual resilience. Tim Kight, in a blog post titled "The Resilient Christian," offers these reminders for times of adversity: Trust God. Pray fervently, deeply and boldly. Dig into God's Word. And praise God regardless of your circumstances. "When you are in the storm, trust God and don't flinch," Kight advises.

With that game plan and attitude, we can pray with the prophet Habakkuk: "Though the fig tree does not bud ... and the fields produce no food ... yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior" (3:17-18, NIV).

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

By Francine Jones

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4



Back row: Rev. Wayne Hoskins, Sis. Theresa Minor, Sis. Debra Clark. Center: Sis. Joan Perry, Sis. Maxine Gardner, Sis. Francine Jones, Sis. Odessa Willis, Sis. Carolyn Akpe, Sis. Gloria Lipscomb, Sis. Jackie Evans, Sis. Brenda Walker, Sis. Michelle Thornhill. Seated: Sis. Darlene Rambin, Mother Juanita Russell and Sis. Mattie Evans

The Bereavement Committee has been reestablished as The Bereavement Ministry to provide support and provide resources for our membership. Our commitment to assisting the families of this congregation during their time of grief is our highest priority.

This will serve as a guide for identifying planning stages for the Homegoing Celebration.

Members of Macedonia Baptist Church are entitled to funeral and repast services at the church. Please note that Macedonia Baptist Church does not provide funeral or repast services for non-members. By policy, we refrain from the practice of interfering in the ministry responsibilities of other pastors and congregations.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Notification: Please call the church office at 313-837-5040

Email: mbc1920@sbcglobal.net

Francine Jones, Ministry Leader at 313-204-6604

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The bereaved family must appoint one spokesperson who will have the authority to plan. The Bereavement Ministry will carry out all arrangements through the designated person to avoid any conflicting instructions and information. The family spokesperson is asked to provide the following details for the service: Names of the service participants, providing no more than three individuals who will give remarks, the pallbearers, and the location for the interment. (continues on page 5)

Honor Your Mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."

Jokes Only A Mother Could Love

Why is a computer so smart?
It listens to its motherboard.

Why did you chop the joke book in half?
Mom said to cut the comedy.

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside!

What did the mother rope say to her child?
"Don't be knotty."

TONGUES OF FIRE



Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.

Source: Newsletternewsletter.com

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.



Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

Bereavement Ministry (cont'd)

Please contact us if you have any questions. The Bereavement Ministry desires to provide answers and solutions to any challenges that you may experience in accordance with the policies and procedures of the church.

Preventing Deadly Blood Clots

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) is a condition in which blood clots occur in deep veins in your body (usually in the legs). If that clot travels to the lungs, it can cause a deadly pulmonary embolism.

Travel is one of the major factors that can contribute to DVT's, because sitting still for hours, whether in a car, train, or plane, can cause the blood to pool in your legs and lead to the formation of clots.

When you travel by car, it is imperative to take advantage of every rest stop you come across to get out and stretch your legs. And if you're on a train or plane, you need to get up and walk around frequently. This sounds simple, but it's your best protection.

If you've experienced any type of blood clot in the past, talk to your doctor about special precautions to take, such as wearing compression stockings.

In addition, taking an aspirin during your trip can help prevent blood clots. Discuss that option with your physician before you set out.

Source: NewsMax Media, INC.

Final Exams



A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."

—Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*

Tree Removal— What You Need to Know

By Gwendolynne Howell

Now that spring has arrived, flowers are blooming and trees with their majestic beauty are blossoming. When I see a tree, I think of one of my favorite poems "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet
Flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair,
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

During the last few months, we have been plagued with high winds, ice storms, floods, and power outages resulting in fallen tree branches as well as fallen or damaged trees. You may have to make the decision to trim or remove a tree.

On average, the cost of removing a tree is between \$200 and \$2,000 depending on the size. Stump removal is a separate cost—around \$350.

It is important to check the credentials of the tree company you hire. Because they deal with dangerous situations, make sure they carry liability insurance in the event any property is damaged. They should also carry workers' compensation insurance as well because if they don't, you might be held personally liable if one of their employees is injured on the job.

Their safety training and expertise mean tree companies know how to cut away high branches to avoid trouble with power lines or entanglement with other trees, remove large limbs so that they don't cause damage when the tree comes down, bring down the tree in a controlled direction, and cut the tree into smaller pieces..



Welcome to SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Brady Bennett*

Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School: *Bro. Henry Chestnut*

Director of Christian Education: *Rev. Ronald Davis*

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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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 MAY includes the following:

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
May 7	The Good Shepherd	John 10:7-18
May 14	The Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17-27
May 21	The True Vine	John 15:1-17
May 28	Jesus Prays for Believers	John 17:6-21



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



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Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers