

Good News

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Macedonia Baptist Church was in celebration of Pastor Terry Minor's 1st Anniversary, which commenced on 7/23, with a guest preacher who is a cousin of Pastor Minor: Rev. James Toles, Pastor of New Life Fellowship Church in LA. He blessed us with a very relevant and timely message: "A Picture of Purpose" (Luke 7:36-50). Our sincere thanks to Rev. Toles for coming all the way from Louisiana to help us celebrate this joyous occasion. The presence of the Holy Spirit was unmistakable and the love was overflowing! The celebration continued on 7/30, with guest preacher Rev. Michael Townsell, Pastor of God's House of Prayer Baptist Church of Highland Park, MI. Again, we were blessed by a great message.

We look forward to what the Lord has in store for Macedonia as we continue to move forward, following Pastor Minor as he follows Christ. Remembering Philipians 3:13-14.

Both Worship Services were followed by a great time of fellowship, with refreshments in the Fellowship hall.

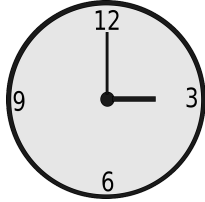


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



PRAYER SERVICE
is held every Wednesday
at 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m.



LADIES, SAVE THE DATES:
OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2023

FOR THE MACEDONIA WOMEN'S MINISTRY
ANNUAL CONFERENCE. ADDITIONAL IN-
FORMATION IS FORTHCOMING.

TEEN COUNCIL weekly sessions will be
Wednesday & Friday from 6:30 p.m.—8:30
p.m., in the Teen Room. Teens ages 13-19
are welcome to join. For more information,
please see Michael Moore, Jason Twymon or
Pastor Minor. Let's embark on a summer of
growth and purpose in Christ.

Ministry Day 2023 **A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**

Scheduled for Sunday, September 17,
2023, following the 11:00 a.m. Service.

Ministry Day is an event to present and
celebrate the Ministries of Macedonia.

It will allow members to learn about the
various ministries and have an opportunity
to ask questions and meet the ministry
leaders. The event will include:

- **Tours of the church (both Main and North Campus)**
- **Light Refreshments served in Fellowship Hall**
- **Board Displays on 2 Floors to describe each ministry**
- **Brief Ministry Handouts**
- **Giveaways**

Please come out and support this effort.
The committee would like to make this in-
formative and fun, with opportunities to
sign up for a ministry of interest.

Calling all Singers!

Macedonia needs choir members.
All singers are welcome to join.

Past and present choir members
are asked to join us on Thursdays @
7:00 p.m. for rehearsals for our up-
coming Family & Friends/Church Anni-
versary Concert, on Sunday 9/24 dur-
ing an afternoon service.

A sign-up sheet is available across
from the Courtesy Desk. Contact Sis.
Joi Danforth for more information at
313-523-2438.



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.

📖 July 2, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"We are Servants No More No Less"
1 Corinthians 4:1-4; Philippians 2
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 July 9, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"What Time Is It?"
Ecclesiastes 3:1--
Rev. Anthony Hoskins

📖 July 16, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"The Pathway to Peace"
Philippians 4:4-7
Pastor Terry Minor

📖 July 23, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"A Picture of Purpose"
Luke 7:36-50
Rev. James Toles, Pastor
New Life Fellowship Church, LA

📖 July 31, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
"Living the Dream"
Matthew 2:13, 19-22
Rev. Michael Townsell, Pastor
God's House of Prayer Baptist Church
Highland Park, MI

God is watching

In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, "Take only one. God is watching you!" At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: "Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges."

The message behind that good-natured irreverence? If you believe that God's sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!

Source: newsletternewsletter.com



Going to School With Jesus

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain "learners under the instruction of Christ." He notes, "Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus'] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him."

Source: newsletternewsletter.com

Listen To The Loving Voice

Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, and quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.

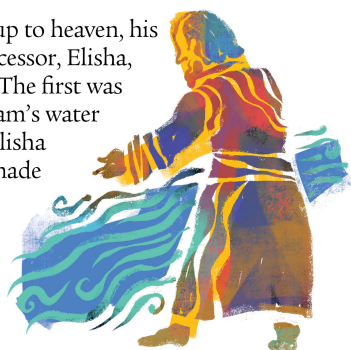
But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A voice that puts us at ease because it's as familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. *That* is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!

"I came," says Jesus, "that [you] may have life and have it abundantly". - John 10:10

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt



Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER FREE BREAKFAST, LUNCH TO ALL STUDENTS

Submitted by Gwendolynne Howell

A bipartisan education budget signed by the Michigan governor aims to help families facing food insecurity by providing funding for free breakfast and lunches at public schools. Beginning this year, all Michigan public school students in grades pre-K through 12 will have access to free breakfast and free lunches every day.

The following are some upcoming back-to-school events being held locally:

Detroit is Me: 5th Annual Back-to-School Empowerment Event

When and where: Thursday August 24, 4-8 pm.

Madam Cadillao Hall at
Marygrove College
8425 West McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221

Back to School Bash

When and where: Friday, August 18, 4:00 p.m.

9315 Telegraph Rd
Redford Twp, MI 48239
fun with bounce houses, face painting, activities, food, crafts and more!

Backpacks of school supplies will be handed out.
Children must be present
First come, first served.

Second Annual Back-to-School @ Littlefield Park

When and where: Sunday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.

(Behind) Noble Elementary-Middle School
8646 Fullerton Ave.
Detroit, MI 48238

The 2nd annual Back To School Giveaway will provide free book bags with school supplies inside. First come first served at Littlefield Park behind Noble School on the Cherrylawn Street side.



On July 9th we were proud to honor the following graduates:

Macedonia's High School Graduates

MARCELLUS MONTGOMERY—Graduated from Farmington High School on June 11, 2023. Marcellus plans to attend Delaware State University in the fall.

Amaya Simms—Graduated from Utica High School on June 10, 2023. Amaya plans to attend Macomb Community College in the fall to pursue a degree in criminology.

Graduates Receiving Bachelor Degrees

Dominique Maxwell-London—Graduated cum laude on October 14, 2022 from Grand Canyon University with a GPA of 3.9. Dominique received her bachelor's degree and was also awarded for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is currently pursuing a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership and plans to become a facilitator of a Christian Private School.

Kevin D. Smitherman—Graduated on April 30, 2023 from Adrian College where he received his bachelor's degree in business administration. He also received an award for College National Student Leadership. Kevin plans to expand his horizons in the business world by seeking to learn new skills in finance, economics, supply chain management and entrepreneurship.

Jereal A. Thomas—Graduated on May 21, 2023 from Morehouse College. Jereal received his bachelor's degree in software engineering with a GPA of 2.8. He received awards for Certified Database Engineer and Media Chair/Acting President for C.H.I.L.L. (Counseling Humans in Life Lessons). Jereal is currently working in a cyber security role with Prime Revenue, a global business-to-business leader in supply chain financing. His future goals include owning his own media and entertainment company.



Just Two Minutes of Vigorous Exercise Boosts Longevity

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Two minutes burst of vigorous activity totaling 15 minutes a week reduce the risk of death, according to research published in the European Heart Journal. Study participants ages 40 to 69 with no vigorous activity had a 4 percent risk of dying within five years, but their risk was 2 percent with less than 10 minutes of weekly activity, and 1 percent with 60 minutes or more.

“Accumulating vigorous activity in shorts across the week can help us live longer,” said study author Matthew N. Ahmadi, PH.D., of the University of Sydney. “Given that lack of time is the most commonly reported barrier to regular physical activity, accruing small amounts during the day may be a particularly attractive option for busy people.”

Source: Health Radar, January 2023

Stick With It

If I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected,” says journalist Jon Katz. “Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together.”

This applies to church life too. When we're annoyed by some aspect of congregational life or caught in conflict with other members, it's tempting to drift away to another church — or no church. Even when all is fine, we sometimes let church take a back seat. But our bonds with the family of God are “part of the glue that holds life and faith together.” For the sake of the benefits we gain and give, may we “hang in [and] stay connected” with our church family. May we not “walk away [or] be distracted, ... be too busy or tired.” May we not take one another for granted but thank God for this “glue” — even when things get a bit sticky!

Free Family Fun Fair

Sunday, August 6th, 11-4 p.m.

**Location: Crown Pointe Plaza Parking Lot
25900 Greenfield Road**

Oak Park, MI 48237

Bounce Houses

Prizes

Face Painting

Food

Shows

Live Music

This is the First Annual Free Family Fun Fair, a mission-oriented event aimed at raising awareness around Mental Health and Rehabilitation.

Given by Life Skills Village:

<https://lifeskillsvillage.com/fair-public>

826michigan's FREE Writing for Wee-bots! Ages 5-8+

**Free Writing for Wee-Bots! Ages 5-8 +
Now in THREE different locations!**

**Fridays: July 7th-August 11th in Detroit
from 11a.m.-Noon at the Redford Branch of
the Detroit Public Library *and* from 2:30
p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the DPL Children's Library
Main Branch**

**Redford Branch: 21200 Grand River Ave.
Main Branch: Children's Library, 5201
Woodward Ave.**

Saturdays: July 8th-August 12th in Ann Arbor, Mi, 115 E. Liberty St.



Invitation to: *Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday School*

Superintendent of Sunday School: *Rev. Brady Bennett*

Assistant Superintendent: *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: to access the Zoom classes. The Juniors Sunday School Class Zoom information 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.)	775 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 August 2023 includes the following:

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
August 6	Forgiving One Another	Matthew 18:21-35
August 13	A Story of Forgiveness	Luke 15:11-24
August 20	God's Gracious Rewards	Matthew 20:1-16
August 27	God's Great Mercy	Luke 18:9-14



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



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