

Good News

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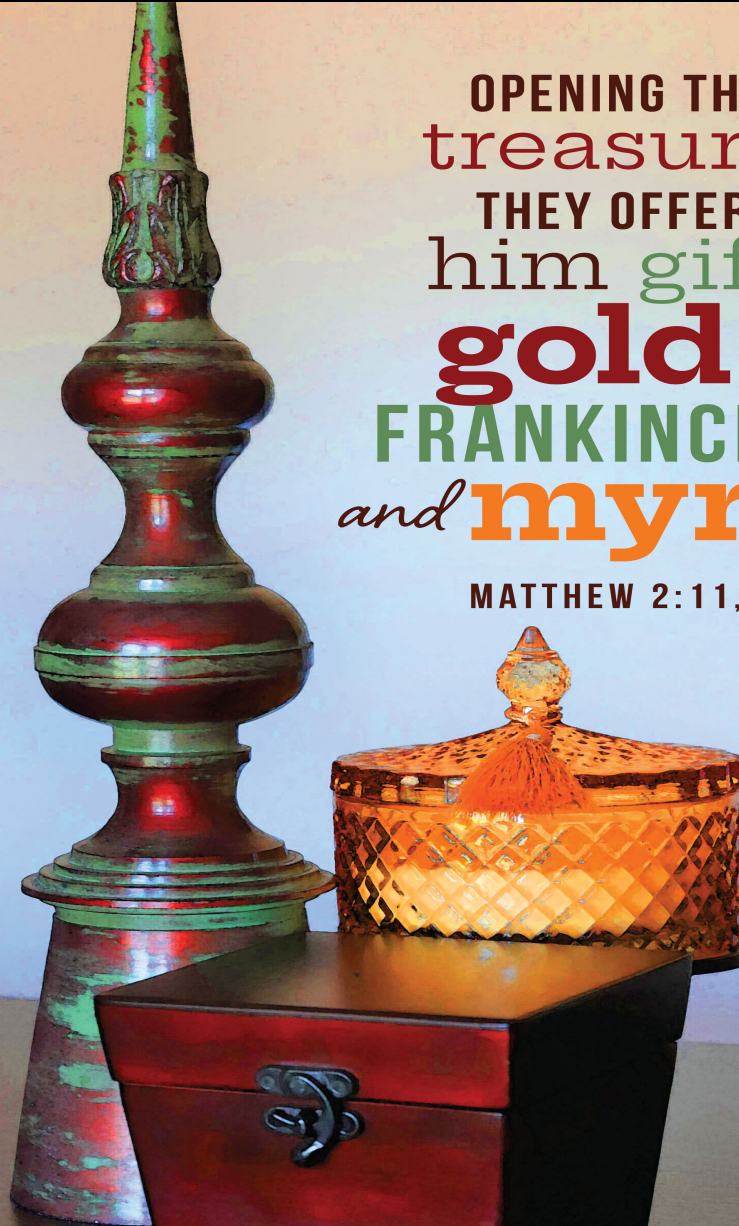
... he will
SPEAK
PEACE
to his people,
to his faithful,
to those who
turn to him
in their
HEARTS.



Psalm 85:8, NRSV

OPENING THEIR
treasures,
THEY OFFERED
him gifts,
gold and
FRANKINCENSE
and **myrrh.**

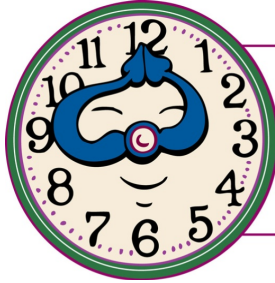
MATTHEW 2:11, NIV



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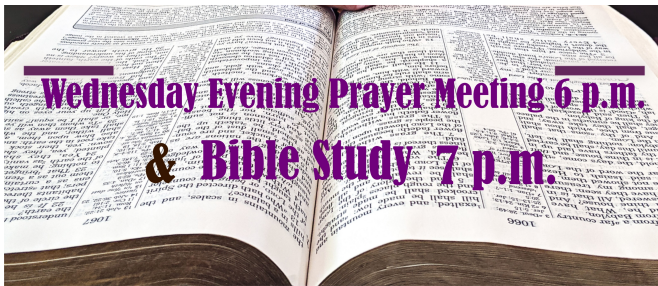
ANNOUNCEMENTS



**NOON
PRAYER
MEETING**
On Wednesdays

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

First Day of Winter is December 21.



Thank You Macedonia Sunday School Ministry for sponsoring Angel Tree; and Thank You to all the members who participated by sponsoring a child. All 79 children have been adopted!

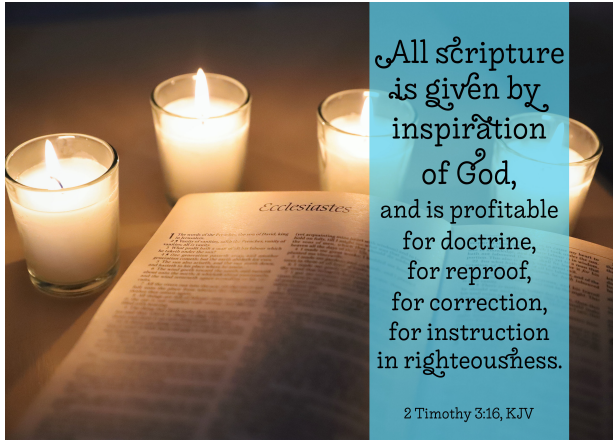


The Metropolitan Missionary Baptist District Women's Auxiliary will hold their December Council Meeting here at Macedonia on December 14, at 10:00 a.m. Our own Sister Madlyne Dansby is President. All women are encouraged to come out and support this event.

Please Note: The Metropolitan District Women's Auxiliary holds Council Meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The meetings rotate to different churches, monthly. Please see Sis. Dansby for a 2024 schedule and let's support our Women's Auxiliary.

The Metropolitan District Youth and Young Adults' Christmas Program will be the second Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at New Mount Moriah Baptist Church, 13100 Woodward Ave, Detroit, Michigan 48203

The Willing Workers Mission Ministry is accepting donations for Christmas baskets for low-income families in the Brightmoor Neighborhood. They are also collecting toys for the children for the Detroit Rescue Mission's Christmas Toy Ministry. There are containers at the West entrance for your donations, with a deadline of Sunday, December 17. For more information, contact Mother Alice Swift at (313) 857-4749 or Sis. Dorothy Stephens at (313) 835-6997.



Weekly Sermons

📖 November 5, 11:00 a.m.
"He Looked Beyond Her Faults and Saw Her Need - Part 2"
 John 4:19-25
 Pastor Terry Minor

📖 November 12, 11:00 a.m..
"A Cosmic Flaw"
 Psalms 139:13-14
 Rev. Brady Bennett

📖 November 19, 11:00 a.m.
"What Are You Looking For?"
 Matthew 6:33
 Pastor Terry Minor

📖 November 26, 11:00 a.m.
"Deliver Me from Myself"
 Romans 7:14-25
 Pastor Terry Minor

Celebrate the Light

**Bursting through December nights
 that could be long and cold,
 our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy
 with colors soft or bold.**

**Cascading from the rooftops,
 and from trees both small and tall,
 the lights cry out, "We have good news!
 We want to shout to all."**

**"You've seen the darkness earth can hold,
 the sorrow, war and fear;
 but God has sent his Son for all,
 to show his Love is here."**

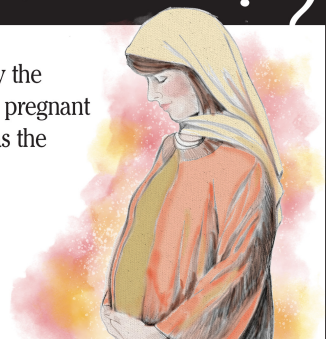
**"The darkness can't put out God's Light.
 Christ's with us day by day,
 illuminating paths so we
 can follow in his way."**

**Light homes and streets and candles.
 Make your world shine clear and bright.
 God's love surrounds and blesses us.
 Come, celebrate God's Light!**

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Elizabeth, an older relative of Mary the mother of Jesus, was miraculously pregnant at the same time as Mary. What was the name of Elizabeth's husband?

- A. Aaron
- B. Zechariah
- C. Joseph
- D. Simeon



Answer: B (See Luke 1:5, 39-41)

Honoring Our Veterans

by Tyler Minor

On November 14, we took time out to honor our members who served their country. Once soldiers for the United States military but now soldiers in the army of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your service!



Thank You Brother Michael Moore for the on-screen presentation of our other veterans who were not present. Photos by Tyler Minor.

Protect Yourself from New Scams

Submitted by Wendell Smitherman

Stay vigilant against scams and safeguard your personal information. Are you prepared to protect yourself and your finances?

Gift Card Scams

Be cautious if you are asked to purchase a gift card under the guise of payment for back taxes, services, or to help a loved one in trouble. Remember, government authorities do not accept gift card payments.

QR Code Scams

Do you want to see what's on a QR code? Use your phone's camera when scanning QR codes instead of downloading a QR reader app, which can have ads that lead to phishing websites. Avoid using unfamiliar apps.

Online Purchase Scams

Social media online ads with eye-catching sales are being created that impersonate a reputable store. The ad's link will take you to a website that appears legitimate, but will potentially steal your information.

Tips to Protect Yourself and Your Family

Be suspicious of unknown persons calling you. Phone scams aim to heighten your emotional state and create a false sense of urgency--from claiming you owe money to saying you've won a prize. Advanced techniques, such as AI technology to impersonate a family member's voice, have also been used. Hang up and try to make contact directly with the entity or person they claim to be representing. Don't provide any personal or financial information to scammers.

Source: Capital One November 2, 2023

“Grief During the Holiday Season”

Submitted by the Bereavement Ministry

As the holidays approach, grief can take on a whole different meaning. “The holidays are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Society encourages you to join in the holiday spirit, but all around you the sounds, and smells trigger memories of the one you love who has died.” Allow plenty of time for grieving, as each one will deal with different emotions.

Grief can consume your energy, no matter what the season. Many have found the holidays often place additional demands on time and emotions. It’s perfectly okay to allow yourself time to grieve.

It’s recommended to find encouragement and comfort from God’s Word. The Comforter which is also known as the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 26)

How to provide comfort during grieving?

- Being present can be a great help for those who are grieving.
- Pray! Continue to pray with and for those families and friends who are grieving.
- Share God’s Word. Share what’s meaningful to help one another. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- Provide comfort with what we have to say. But it’s also important to listen intently to what someone who’s grieving is saying to you. We should respond only to what is being spoken from the heart and not from the actual words being said. Allow the grieving person to “vent”; always remember, the Pastor can preach words of comfort.
- Christians have a responsibility to “mourn with those who mourn; weep with them that weep.” (Romans 12:15)
- Continue to be with the grieving families even after the funeral service is over; calls, visits, and even text messages can be very helpful.
- God is close: “The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)
- Be honest with God. Lament: (Job 3:20-21, 3:25-26) God keeps track of sorrows. (Psalm 56:8)

Remember, our kindness and personal attention to those who are grieving is very important. People will often forget the words that you’re saying to them, but they will always remember your presence.

TRUNK or TREAT



Our First “Family Focused Ministry” Outing—Bowling at Mayflower Lanes.





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 for Adult Men and Women and Adult Women's classes only. All other zoom classes have been discontinued.

Macedonia Baptist Church Zoom Technical Support Contacts:

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Brother Michael Moore	n/a	n/a
Sister Mary Ann Windham	n/a	n/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	826 4961 3167	421916	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Millennial Sunday School for Teens and Young Adults	n/a	n/a	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Juniors (10-12 yrs.)	n/a	n/a	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Primaries (7-9 yrs.)	n/a	n/a	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)
Beginners (4-6 yrs.)	n/a	n/a	9:30-10:30 AM (ET)

The list of lessons for December 2023 includes the following:

DATE	LESSON	SCRIPTURE
December 3	To Live is Christ	Philippians 1:12-26
December 10	Counting All Things Lost	Philippians 3:7-21
December 17	Learning Contentment	Philippians 4:4-18
December 24	The Light of Christmas (Christmas)	John 1:1-5; Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-14



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



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