

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

Annual Homecoming

This coming Sunday, October 7, we will be celebrating 130 years in Kingdom service with Dr. Timothy Seal bringing an exposition of the Word of God and Special Music presented by Mrs. Amy Gators. Come and join us worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in Truth.

State Missions

The goal for the TBC Golden Offering, state wide, this year was set for \$2.1 million. Macedonia's congregational goal was set at \$2,500. As of Sunday, September 30, the church has donated \$2190 toward our goal. We've extended the opportunity to support this goal one more Sunday. Let's try to reach t his very obtainable goal.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 20, at 8:00AM: Our men will be joining together in fellowship, the Word of God, and prayer. Make plans to attend men.

Sunday
October 7, 2018
10:30a.m.

Celebrating 130 Years in Kingdom Service

Macedonia Baptist Church

Come Worship the Lord Jesus Christ
At this Years'
Annual Homecoming



Guest Preacher
Dr. Timothy Seal
*Mid-America Baptist Theological
Seminary*



Special Music
Amy Gators

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

We'll be having a fellowship potluck following our morning service. Bring a side and/or dessert and come join in the fun.

Mississippi River Ministries

Sunday Night, October 21, at 6:15: Randy Pool, one of your state missionaries and the Team Coordinator for the MRM of the TBC, will be bringing a special presentation about the current ministries and future goals of the MRM. Your WMU will also be presenting him with sleeping mats and backpacks that they have been tirelessly completing on the monthly WMU work day.

Young at Heart

Friday, October 26, at 6:00PM: Come join in some fun, food, and fellowship, as our Senior Adults have a potluck dinner, devotional, and play a game or two.

Young Adult Fellowship

Saturday, October 27: The Young Adult Sunday School class will go to Lambert's for lunch. Make plans to attend! More details to follow in the weekly bulletin at church.

Wild Game Supper

Saturday, October 27, at 5:30PM: Enon Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Bill Oakley, is having a Wild Game Supper and all are invited. Bring a side dish or dessert, if you want to, and be blessed physically and spiritually.



Lucas Lindsey and his mother, Meghan Rose

We've have seen a great harvest within our Youth and Children. It is so awesome to see God moving as He has been. In the picture above, is just one of several in the recent months, who have surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ! We rejoice with our new brother in Christ.

Sermon in a sentence

*"Too often our churches are
Sacred Societies for the
snubbing of sinners."*

- Adrian Rodgers

Youth and Children's Costume Party

Wednesday Night, October 31:

The youth and children will be having a costume party on Wednesday, October 31, during our regularly scheduled service. Costumes are asked to be Biblical in nature and the youth should be able to give facts about their Biblical character.

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 3: This year's Fall Festival will begin at 6:00PM. There will be trunk-or-treat, bounce houses, games, a fire truck, police car, cake walk, and chili cook-off. Tell everyone and start thinking about if you would like to participate in some way! Sign-up sheets for the chili cook-off and Trunk-or-Treat are at both entrances. We will have guest judges for the chili cook-off.

Ministry Needs

WMU Needs: The WMU are making backpacks for the homeless to be paired with the sleeping mats. They need hygiene items to be placed in the backpacks: Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and Socks.

Children's Church and Nursery Volunteers: We are in need of more volunteers. Our current volunteers are faithful but few. Please pray about serving in this viable ministry.



Mason "Little Man" Jones getting his praise on at our 5th Sunday Singing on Sunday, September 30. We had a great time that night singing and praising the Lord, but Mason stole the show.



Have Courage...God is with You

By: Bro. Charles McKendree
(Illustration from Perfect Illustrations)

Most of the time I find that courage is easy to obtain. I say that, because most of the time I have very little friction in my life. However, when things get rough, I find it hard, at times, to find courage to keep going. This is not only true for me, but it was true for the Israelites, as they were entering into the promise land and facing a land of giants and formidable enemies. God knew this and spoke through Joshua the following truth, "***Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go***" (Josh. 1:9).

May we learn to trust the Lord in the good times and the bad times. May we learn to trust the Lord when we are on the mountain top and down in the valley. May we be reminded of that old hymn, "God of the Mountain". He truly is God in the good times and the bad.

May we be reminded what true faith is: "Faith is not trusting that God can. Faith is knowing God will."

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.*



(The Following Exert is from Fox's Book of Martyr's)



St. Stephen

St. Stephen, who is called the Proto-Martyr, or the first martyr, and whose history in the Acts of the Apostles, in the New Testament, was the first Christian man to be put to death for his faith in Jesus Christ. He thus followed next his Master in the path that leads to glory....

Owing to the increasing numbers of the disciples, many of whom were poor people, complaint began to be made that some were neglected in the daily alms-giving. Then the apostles said, It is not right that we should cease preaching to serve tables; so Stephen was chosen from among the Lord's disciples, with six

others, to be a deacon. He helped in giving also to the poor and also preached to the people. He was so good and holy a man that he was permitted to work miracles by healing the sick, and converting unbelievers. He preached to the Jews in words so full of power that they could not answer him nor contradict him. The principle persons belonging to the Jewish synagogues entered into debate with him, but by the soundness of doctrine and the strength of his reasoning he overcame them all. This so angered them that they paid false witnesses to accuse him of blaspheming God and Moses.

On being taken before the council, he made a noble defense: but that so much the more enraged his judges, so that they resolved to condemn him to death. At this instant, Stephen saw a vision from heaven, and in rapture he exclaimed, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God!" Then the Jews cried out against him, and having dragged him out of the city, they stoned him to death.

After the Martyrdom of St. Stephen there was a great persecution against the Christians at Jerusalem: "And they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Nicanor, one of the deacons, and more than 2000 Christians are believed to have perished during this persecution.

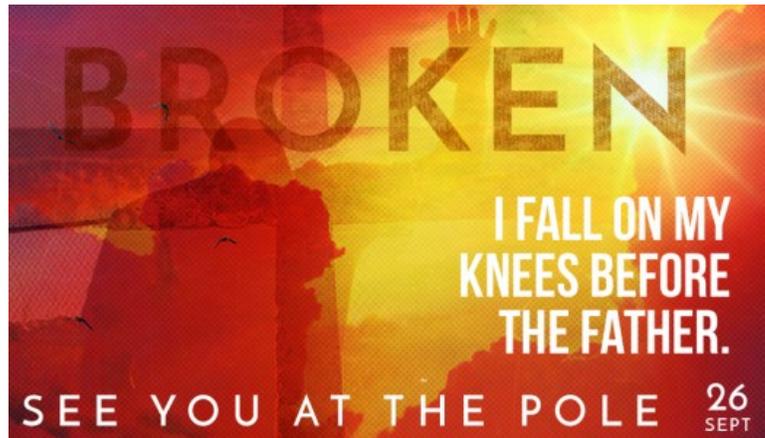
Matthew 10:22 (KJV)

*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:
but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.*

See You at the Pole & Saw You at the Pole

See You at the Pole™, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.



This year the Dyer Baptist Association on the evening of Wednesday evening, September 26, hosted a partner event to See You at the Pole entitled, “Saw You at the Pole.” There was 75 children and youth in attendance that night, 43 of those students were from right here at Macedonia Baptist Church. We praise God for such a group that meet weekly here to pray, praise, and ponder on the Word of God and give glory to the One is worthy of all praise, our God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Bro. Charles brought a message entitled, “Broken to be Restored,” focusing on Psalm 51. Although no public decisions were made that night, several came to the altar to pray.



Cooperative Program Focus

Many in the church today do not understand the purpose of the Golden Offering or why give faithfully every year. The Golden Offering is the TBC primary means for funding its Annual Cooperative Program. If you have ever wondered if your funds are going to a worthy while ministry, read the following excerpt from a blog on the TBC website written by our Director, Randy C. Davis.



Randy C. Davis

I'm amazed at what God is doing across Tennessee through His people and through the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

In Dandridge, 15 more boys were recently saved, baptized, and set on the road to discipleship at a detention facility. These precious younger brothers in Christ add to the harvest of more than 100 new believers who have come to Jesus over the past three years at the facility through the ministry of Swannsylvania Baptist Church.

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Just last year we saw 95 college students come to faith in Christ through our Baptist Collegiate Ministries on university campuses across our state. More than 4,700 students are involved in BCM and 152 of them are preparing for church-related vocations.

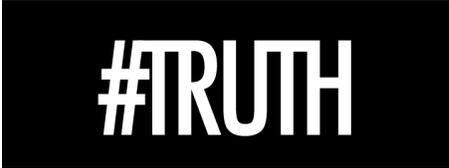
If you've ever been to a Tennessee Youth Evangelism Conference you know what an amazing ministry it is. Every year hundreds of youth give their lives to Jesus. We had 712 this past year. Multiply that over YEC's 50 years and that ministry alone is responsible for thousands coming to saving faith in Jesus.

Here's another incredible story. Last year more than 238,900 people were fed through compassion ministries at local churches and ministry centers across the state, and through those service opportunities, we saw 508 professions of faith and 147 baptisms.

I could go on, but the bottom line is this: God's Spirit is moving across Tennessee, people are coming to Jesus, God is using Tennessee Baptists, and the Cooperative Program plays a major role in making it all happen.

"Worship"

By: Bro. Matt Warden



Are you truly worshipping God? Today as you read this devotional, I will try to help you understand why we need to worship God. To begin with, we must realize that God is a jealous God. He wants us to worship him alone. We should have nothing before him. We need to put away anything that distracts us from him. That is games, friends that will not let us worship, boyfriends or girlfriends that will hinder us from worshipping him to the fullest of our potential. God wants everything we have. He wants us to have a heart of worship. I will give seven ways or suggestions in this that will help us grow us as true worshipers of the Father.

One, we must make sure that we truly believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We must know for a fact in our hearts that we are his and he is ours. We do not worship to gain eternal life: we worship because God is the one who gave us eternal life.

Two, We must establish a daily time alone with God in the Word and in Prayer. I cannot over emphasize this. Worship is your response to the truth that God has revealed in His word to you.

Third, this might sound hard core, but we must eliminate all of the garbage from the world that hinders our growth in worshipping God. The world is constantly competing for our worship. Weather is sports, movies, games, and boyfriends or girlfriends. If those thing crowd your time with God on a daily bases put them in the trash (Mt 5:27-30). You cannot glorify God with your body unless you flee from immorality (1 Cor. 6:18-20). You've got to discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness (1 Ti. 4:7)

Fourth, prepare you heart Saturday and Tuesday night for corporate worship. To truly worship God we must be prepare ourselves for him.

Fifth, put away anything that distracts you on Sunday or Wednesday and do not be distraction to other worshipers.

Sixth, ignore others around you. Remember others are not your audience. God the Father is your audience.

Seventh, spend time, outside the church, worshipping God.