

## Weekly Service Times

Sunday School.....10:00AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00AM  
Sunday Discipleship Training.....5:30PM  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:15PM  
Wednesday Night Worship.....7:00PM

Adult Prayer & Bible Study  
Ignite Youth (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Jr. Ignite Boys (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Girls in Action "GAs" (Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Children's Class  
(Boys and Girls - Pre-k-1<sup>st</sup>)

**Nursery Available**  
**All Services**

# THE MACEDONIAN CALL

## NOVEMBER 2018



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# The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

Tertullian

Church offices will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, in celebration of Thanksgiving and having family time. If you need either Bro. Charles or Bro. Matt, please contact them via cell phone.

*The following martyr's testimony came from Jesus Freaks: dc Talk and The Voice of the Martyrs*

## “Ambassador for Christ”

Boris (pseudonym) — U.S.S.R.  
1970s

Finally the inmates' mocking laughter stopped. Boris did not smile.

On purpose—to humiliate him for his faith in Christ—the prison guards had issued him a uniform that was twice his size. The sleeves reached to his knees; his gigantic shoes made him look like a clown. When he entered the barracks, the criminals, incited by the camp commander, greeted him with laughter and ridicule.

A prisoner came and bowed in front of him with fake piety. “I greet you, Holy Father. You are the Ambassador of Christ Himself. Do you represent the interests of heaven?”

His making words gave Boris courage. He forgot how ridiculous he looked and boldly answered, “Yes, I do represent heaven. That is why the atheists hate me and have imprisoned me.”

Boris recalled, “While I was preaching to those despising sinners, the sermon affected me too. Soon, I wanted to hug them for having reminded me of my high calling!”

“Many fear suffering; in the past, I too feared. But the presence of the Lord in jail has given me so many happy experiences that I would not have changed them for years of easy living in freedom.”

— Boris

“We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, “Be ye reconciled to God!””

— Paul the Apostle  
Martyred in Rome, 65AD

*O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; For his mercy endureth for ever.  
1 Chronicles 16:34 (KJV)*



## “Commitment”

By: Bro. Charles McKendree

It would seem that the prophecy of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy of the “Great Falling Away,” has begun (**1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1-5**). With this truth at hand, we stand a cross road as a church and as the church. What are we to do? Do we fall away with the crowds or do we stand committed and united as one body in Christ? The Scripture is quite clear what God has intended for His children to do, stand firm, stand committed. What God wants is commitment (**Hebrews 10:25**).

The author of Hebrews declares several areas of commitment for the true follower of Christ as we read this text. He first declares that we are to be **committed to church attendance and fellowship**, “*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is...*” He secondly declares that we are to be committed to encouraging others to be **committed to attendance and fellowship**, “*...but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching...*” Finally, the author of Hebrews declares that we are to be **committed to the time at hand** realizing time is short, “*...as ye see the day approaching.*”

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. — Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)*

## “Spiritual Discipline”

By: Bro. Matt Warden

#TRUTH

When is the last time you can say you practiced Spiritual Discipline? Truly practiced spiritual discipline? You turned off the t.v., the music, and phone; removed all distractions to spend time with God? When was the last time you cried out to God? Spiritual discipline is the way we protect ourselves from the evil one and seek the face of God in a challenging time, or when we are just seeking an answers from God. You might ask, “How does it work?” Thanks for asking! The first step is to turn everything off; disconnect from the world. Disconnect from your phone, social media, tv, radio, turn it all off. I’m not telling you to turn it all off for a day or even one hour, but for a time, disconnect from the distractions. The second step is to mediate on the Word of God. Read the Bible for about 30 minutes. Spend time reading the words that God gave us. The third step is pray. Spend about 30 minutes praying to our Father in heaven. The bible tells us that we are to discipline ourselves for the purpose of godliness (**1 Timothy 4:7**). We do these things so we can seek God and His will for our lives. Remember being a Christian is like being a little Jesus. He practiced spiritual discipline when He walked this earth and we should too. He did this to be closer to his Father just like we need to be.

1 TIMOTHY 4:7B

7B ...AND EXERCISE THYSELF RATHER  
UNTO GODLINESS.

## Bible Word Search - Jesus

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Bible, Blood, Boy, Bread, Child,  
Cloth, Cross, Faith, Feed, Judas,  
Mark, Rich, Rise, Simon, Sin,  
Tomb, Virgin

“God did not call us to  
sit,  
soak,  
and sour,  
But to **SERVE!**”

— Adrian Rogers —

## *Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteers headed to Florida...*

(Exert from Baptist and Reflector by author  
Mr. Lonnie Wilkey)

FRANKLIN — With teams deployed, and still needed, in North Carolina, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers will be doing “double duty” in the days ahead...DR teams will head to Crawfordville, Fla., on Saturday, Oct. 12, to set up incident command, chain saw teams and feeding, shower and laundry units. Volunteers will be headquartered at Lake Ellen Baptist Church in Crawfordville, said Wes Jones, disaster relief specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board...Volunteers from Nolachucky Baptist Association, based in Morristown, will man the incident command post while the Sullivan Baptist Association DR team will set up feeding operations, Jones said...

...The remnant of Hurricane Michael is expected to roll through North and South Carolina. Both are still recovering from Hurricane Florence which hit about four weeks ago...

“After hundreds of our folks responded to helping in the Carolinas after Hurricane Florence,” said Davis (Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the TBC), “We will also have boots on the ground in Florida within 72 hours of Hurricane Michael’s landfall. I am very thankful and appreciative of a prepared, compassionate, sacrificial and long-term response by Tennessee Baptists.

“And every step of the way, these men and women will be sharing the gospel of hope with many people who feel despair. Please pray for our great army of disaster relief volunteers,” he added...

# Upcoming Events



**Saturday, November 3, at 6:00PM**

Make plans to attend and participate as a family. Events for the night include Bounce Houses, Trunk-or-Treat, Chili-Cook Off, Cake Walk, Face-Painting, and more. It is sure to be a blessing for the entire family.



**Monday, November 5, at 6:00PM**

Ladies make plans to join in with your WMU ministry. It truly is a vital ministry here at Macedonia Baptist Church.



**Tuesday, November 6 (ALL DAY)**



**Friday, November 9, at 7:00PM**

The monthly Men's Community Prayer Breakfast will take place at Emilee's Restaurant on Hwy 51 N.



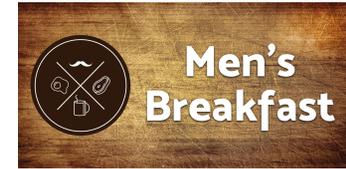
**Saturday, November 10, at 10:00AM**

The annual Veterans' Day Parade for Ripley, TN, will be held on the square. Make plans to join in and thank those who have served.



**Friday, November 16, at 6:00PM**

This month's Young at Heart fellowship will take place a week early due to Thanksgiving week. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.



**Saturday, November 17, at 8:00AM**

All men and teenage boys are invited to come and have breakfast, fellowship, and join in a devotional. Make plans to attend.

**Gobble till ya**



**Thursday, November 22**

If you would like to add announcements or events for the December newsletter, please email Bro. Charles at [mbcripley@outlook.com](mailto:mbcripley@outlook.com).

He will gladly add it!