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Church Family,

Part of the vision that we have here at Macedonia Baptist is equipping you towards spreading further with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's that idea of *Dig Deeper* that I spoke about in the vision sermon in January. Once we *Dig Deeper*, growing in our faith and equipped for the work of ministry, we can then *Spread Further* with the Good News of the Gospel.

Why do we need to share the Good News? It's a matter of *motivation*. And what is our motivation? The understanding that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is **exclusive**. That means that this is the only Good News, and that Jesus is the only way. Sure, I know that some people may balk at that idea, but it is essential if we are going to become excited and passionate about sharing our faith. James Merritt says "*You'll never become excited to share the gospel's message until you become sure of the exclusivity of the gospel's message.*" If we think that there is any other way, any other message that gives someone eternal life, we won't be passionate about the gospel. The biblical basis of this idea is given by Jesus himself in **John 14:6**. "***I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.***" (ESV). It really can't be any clearer than this. Jesus makes exclusive claim to eternal life and knowing God. It is only through faith in Him that we can experience the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But, with that in mind, this gospel message is **available to all**. The Bible tells us in **2 Peter 3:9** that "*The Lord...is patient toward you, not wishing that that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*" God desires all to be saved, and has offered the way of salvation to all, regardless of race or status. So, our motivation is the exclusivity of the Gospel and its message offered to all people.

With all of this in mind, I want to invite you to join us for Evangelism Training in February on the Sundays of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm in the Conference Room. These will be one-hour long sessions to help equip us to be more comfortable in sharing our faith. You have already received a preview of session one with this article, but there is more to learn! You will need to be able to commit to all three Sundays, as each session is essential to your equipping. Anyone is invited that desires to be strengthened in their ability and to have more confidence in sharing the Gospel. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer and the education wing bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

- Pastor Chris

### Updated Van Reservation Policy

In order to keep records better and ensure safety for passengers and drivers of our van, we are reminding you and instituting a new system for church ministries to reserve the use of the van at Macedonia Baptist. The process to reserve the van will be for you to stop by our new van reservation area in the hallway right in front of the work room. There you will see a calendar. You will need to see if the van is available for your intended use of the van. If it is, you will need to then fill out a Vehicle Usage Form. Those forms will be available in a box beside the calendar. Once you have filled out the form completely (including having an approved driver on file with the church), drop it in the box labeled "Completed Forms." The Transportation Committee will look at your form and approve it. Once approved, you will then be put on the calendar. All passengers, including adults, will need to fill out a Permission for Transportation Form before riding. These forms will be good for one year. This will fall on the leader of the trip to ensure that everyone has a form before they ride. If needed, there will be extra forms available in the binder kept in the van so that they can be filled out immediately. The Transportation Committee will follow up every year to ensure those forms are still valid. These forms will be kept in the new binder that will be in the van at all times. Also in the binder, the driver and leader of the trip will need to fill out a trip log and vehicle checklist to be kept in the binder so we can keep good records of our trips. Note according to van policy: Please clean the interior of the van after use!

**Church Work Day Saturday, March 14th 9:00am:** The Church Council has put together a work day at the church to clean out rooms, organize items into proper storage, pick up trash outside, and to do repairs around the church building. Join us as we endeavor to make our already beautiful building and grounds more efficient and attractive. Note to all ministry leaders and anyone with materials that are being stored in rooms throughout the church: We will be organizing and moving items into our storage building to clear space for easier access to classrooms and areas that often become catch-all rooms (for example, the kitchen storage room). Please either be here that work day or take those items out of that area. You can also contact Pastor Chris to let him know what needs to be saved if you cannot be there so we can put it into the proper area. If no one claims items, there is a possibility they could be thrown away.

Hello youth and children at Macedonia! I was so thankful, surprised and unbelievably blessed with the Food lion gift card you gave me for Christmas. Thank each of you for your thoughtfulness. May each of you be blessed as you seek to grow closer this New Year in Jesus. **Much love to all, Ruth Lane**

Dear Friends, Your prayers, your kind words of concern and your many deeds constantly remind us how lucky we are to live in this community. Here is a BIG HUG of gratitude for all of your expressions of love, big and small, that you have shown to us. We continue to covet your prayers and hopefully, God willing, I will be up and walking by spring. **Forever grateful, we are, Bertha & Richard Blanchard**

Thank you church for the special phone calls, cards, and prayers. I am feeling better everyday. I'm glad I'm a part of the Family of God. **Love, Becky McArthur**

To our church family, we can never say thank you adequately for the love and concern shown us during the loss of our daughter Kimberly. We were comforted by the many prayers, cards, calls and visits. The donations to the cancer treatment center is so appreciated. May God bless Macedonia for the way you respond to those who are grieving. **-Bob and Pat Britt and family**

Dear Church Family, I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards & words of encouragement during the time of my father's passing. It has meant so much to me and my family. **-Sincerely, Joyce Jack & Family**

Dear members of Macedonia Baptist Church, We wish to say thank you for all your expressions of love, support and encouragement during the passing of our mom and wife. You truly have helped to bare our burdens. **David, Beth & Kevin – Ms. Dorothy Lavoie's Children & Leo Lavoie**

Dear Church Family, H.L. and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful box we received for Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. It will remain in our hearts forever. **-In Christian Love, H.L. & Sharon Bond**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.  
AT MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

**Schedule an appointment with the American Red Cross by phone call, online, or through their app.**

### Baptist Men's Missions Project Trip to New Bern

Saturday, February 8th Meet at the church at 6:00am (Breakfast provided) Return to the church at 5:30pm

### Discover! Macedonia Baptist New Members Class Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> directly after Morning Worship

Location: MBC Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided!  
Sign-Up Sheet Available in the Foyer and Education Wing Bulletin Board

Helen Mitchell Bible Study will meet on Feb. 25 at 12:30 in the church fellowship hall.

Discovery Bible Study Group will meet at 6 pm the third Monday of Feb, March & April

**Centrikid Camp @ Gardner-Webb  
July 20-24 2020. \$60 deposit due to  
Lauren Goodwin by February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH CLASSROOM HAS BEEN  
MOVED UPSTAIRS. THERE IS A SIGN ABOVE THE  
DOOR INDICATING THE NEW ROOM.**

**We welcome a new member to MBC!  
Tammy Bennington who came  
by statement of faith**



**Come join us each  
Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.  
for choir practice.**

**Joyfully,  
Carolyn**

### YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

2/9– Youth parents are asked to meet at 6pm in the fellowship hall to complete new medical and van release forms for 2020. A notary will be present.

3/1– Youth trip to JumpMasters trampoline park in Manteo. We will leave after church and stop for lunch along the way. Bring money for lunch and trampoline park and socks if you have them.

3/27- Youth Winterjam concert in Norfolk, VA. Meet at church at 3:00. Bring money for fast food supper

FUGE camp at North Greenville University in South Carolina, July 13-18.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SUNDAYS 6:00 PM**

**YOUTH MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM**

**Youth Meals in the Fellowship Hall  
first Wednesday of each month**

MBC Family wishes  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
to the following who  
were born in **February!**

- 1 Beebe White
- 2 George Jones
- 3 Wesley Goodwin
- 4 Phil Huey  
Glenn Lane
- 5 Ashley Venters
- 8 Richard Kern
- 10 Kristen Forehand
- 13 Jerry Hollowell
- 14 Ashley Byrum  
Kenji Goodwin  
Gloria Griffin  
Joyce Jack
- 16 Teresa Bateman
- 17 Deacon Matthews
- 18 Mason Griffin  
Emory Lee
- 19 Judy Hughes
- 21 Lori Goodwin
- 22 Brian Dannelly  
Leo Lavoie  
Wade White
- 27 Marion Earley
- 28 Ainsley Parrish  
Alice Perry

NURSERY	
<u>Infants &amp; Toddlers</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gail Forehand Stacey Banks
9 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Hughes Betty Venters
16 <sup>th</sup>	Lori & Rebekah Goodwin
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bethany Gravning Liz Baker
<u>Evening</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lynn Forehand Becky McArthur
9 <sup>th</sup>	Joanie Evans Jan Layton
16 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Huey Maribelle Belangia
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bruce & Terry Hardison
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	
Ages 3 through kindergarten	
Contact Person: Joyce Jack	
<u>Audio</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Goodwin
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Britt
16 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Hardison
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eric Goodwin
<u>Visual</u>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Becky Wilder
9 <sup>th</sup>	G. Mike Jones
16 <sup>th</sup>	Becky Wilder
23 <sup>rd</sup>	G. Mike Jones
<u>USHERS</u>	
Curtis Byrum, Leader Mike McArthur Tom Bass Cal Goodwin Wesley Goodwin Bruce Hardison Jake Bass	

**February 2020**

<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Goodwin Matthew Simons	9 <sup>th</sup>	Lloyd Parrish Phil Huey
16 <sup>th</sup>	David Earley Tim Belch	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eric Goodwin Chris Layton

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access our monthly  
calendar

