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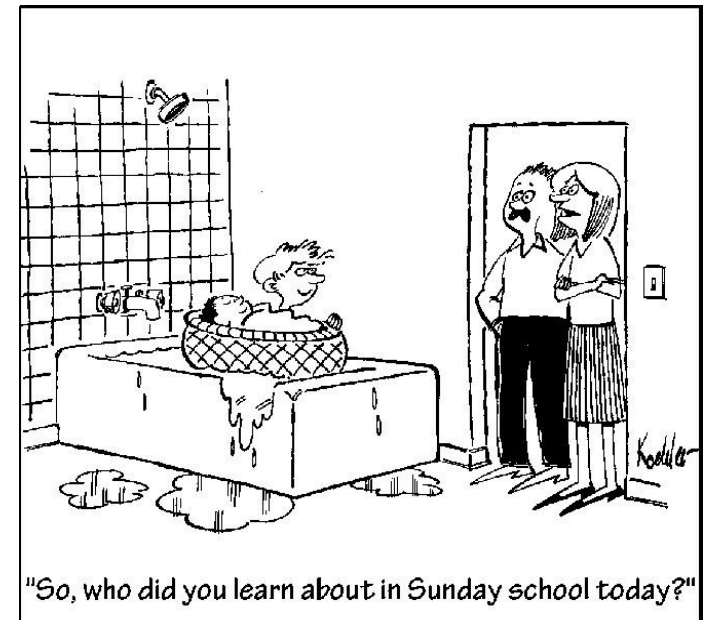
## 2020



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MBC Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.





Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! I cannot believe how fast 2019 went by. And I cannot believe that this month, I will have been here one year as pastor, and what a year it was. If I am completely honest with you, the very first week I came into my study, I remember very vividly sitting down after I put my books on the shelf and had everything set where I wanted it and thought, "*Ok, now what?*" A great task was set before me, and I wasn't sure where to begin. So I opened my Bible, prayed, and started working on that first sermon.

As time went on, I began to get into the rhythm of pastoring. I began to understand the rhythms of Macedonia Baptist. I have had great joy being able to stand before God's people and preach the Word of God to people that love the Word of God. I have enjoyed sitting in some of our saints' homes and nursing homes that aren't able to make it to service regularly and talking to them about their faith and what is going on in their lives. I have enjoyed our fellowship through our many meals together, whether they are Sunday afternoons or Senior Adults meals. We Baptists know how to eat! We have had many joyous times together, but we have also experienced those inevitable times of sorrow when the saints of God pass into eternity. Some were expected. Some were unexpected. We have seen events bring in people we have not seen before and some new faces show up to our services. Great and good things. But we're not done yet. Far from it. And with that in mind, I want to briefly introduce to you a vision that I believe that God has laid upon my heart for Macedonia Baptist Church.

### ***Dig Deeper. Spread Further.***

In Colossians 1:9-10, Paul the apostle writes to the church there at Colossae this prayer. "*We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.*" That's my desire for us. What Paul prays there is what leads to a healthy church. I want us to dig deeper in our faith and to be stronger disciples of the Lord that leads us to spread further the Gospel in Edenton, in North Carolina, the United States, and throughout the world. Stronger disciples equipped to evangelize and make more disciples.

I will introduce this vision during morning worship through the sermon on January 12, 2020. Would you pray that God would open our hearts as a church and that we would be obedient to His Word? Would you pray that we would grab hold of this vision and carry it out for His glory? Would you pray that God would use this church in greater ways than ever before, to be a healthy and strong congregation that shares Jesus and makes disciples faithfully?

I am looking forward to 2020 and what God is going to do through His church here at Macedonia for the glory of King Jesus!

- Pastor Chris

**Boxed yearly regular offering envelopes are available in the work room.**

Thank you for all of your donations to the Food Pantry. Here is a note from our Food Pantry representative:

There were hungry people and a crowded group of faithful Christians trying to help. The church gave 108 lbs. of groceries. Thank you

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of Camp Cale. It is because of your thoughtfulness that Cale can continue to impact the lives of campers in our surrounding communities. We realize there are many worthy causes to which you can give and we greatly appreciate your choice to provide for Camp Cale. Camp Cale completed the first bunkhouse in 2018. We need to build a second lodging facility before next summer to house all the young individuals who visit us each summer. Another bunkhouse will provide 48 more campers a temperature controlled space to sleep as well as provide handicap accessible bathrooms to our visitors who need them. Last summer, 434 children and youth attended summer camp where they were able to participate in exciting programming like the rock wall and ropes course. More importantly, our campers are able to grow their relationship with Christ while at Camp Cale. 95 children rededicated their lives to Jesus and 80 campers made first time decisions to accept our Lord into their hearts this past summer. It is because of continuous support from generous people like you that we are able to provide a ministry of excellence to those who visit Cale. We appreciate you keeping us in your hearts and prayers. Once again, thank you for your kind gift. -Sincerely, Matt Thomas – Camp Director

### Upcoming Events

**CIA will resume normal schedule on Jan. 5  
1/19/20 Church Council Meeting 5:00 pm**

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



**The Christmas Card Post Office at Macedonia will be open through January 5. Cards will not be delivered, so we ask everyone to check the trays for cards with your name. January 15 will be the last day to pick up cards.**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



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



**January 5  
during morning  
worship**

### MUSIC NOTES

**No practice on Jan. 1.  
Will resume on January 8th.**

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

*Joyfully, Carolyn*

### YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

**No youth on 1/1/2020**

**Youth:** FUGE camp at North Greenville University in South Carolina, July 13-18.  
**Deposit of \$60 due by Jan 19** to church office, Lauren Goodwin, or Lori Goodwin

**1/26– Youth- movie night at Cale.  
Leave church at 4**

**2/2– Youth super bowl party - location TBD  
Souper Bowl of Caring, more details  
to come**

**3/27- Youth Winterjam concert in Norfolk,  
VA. Sign up sheet in the youth room**

**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 **January!**

- 2 Jerry Parrish
- 4 Scott Alons
- 5 Louis Nixon
- 10 Stuart Morris
- 11 Gray Goodwin  
William Skinner
- 13 Logan Overton
- 16 Danny Forehand
- 17 Lauren Wilder
- 18 Sean Lowe
- 22 Liz Alons
- 23 Bailey Banks  
Elizabeth Huey  
Finlee Overton
- 26 Lauren Jones White
- 28 Bryant Goodwin
- 30 Thomas Bass  
Landen Parrish  
Lindsay Young
- 31 Glen Smith  
Christopher Young  
William Farless

**NURSERY**

**Infants & Toddlers**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bethany Gravning  
Liz Baker
- 12<sup>th</sup> Phil & Karen Huey
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ginger Skinner  
Lynn Forehand
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rana, Lizzie, & Ella  
Layton

**Evening**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Lynn Forehand  
Becky McArthur
- 12<sup>th</sup> Joanie Evans  
Jan Layton
- 19<sup>th</sup> Gail Forehand  
Maribelle Belangia
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bruce & Terry  
Hardison

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Ages 3 through kindergarten  
Contact Person: Joyce Jack

- 1/5: Karen Huey
- 1/12: Stacey Banks
- 1/19: Lauren Goodwin
- 1/26: Elizabeth Hughes

**Audio**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bruce Hardison
- 12<sup>th</sup> Eric Goodwin
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bob Britt
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bruce Hardison

**Visual**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Becky Wilder
- 12<sup>th</sup> G. Mike Jones
- 19<sup>th</sup> Becky Wilder
- 26<sup>th</sup> G. Mike Jones

**USHERS**

Richard Blanchard, Leader  
Sterling Baker  
Elmer Overton, Jr.  
Dallas Hufton  
Jimmie Keeter  
David Earley  
Matthew Jones

**January 2020**

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> David Earley<br>Tim Belch | 12 <sup>th</sup> Eric Goodwin<br>Chris Layton | 19 <sup>th</sup> Carroll Skinner<br>Tom Brooks | 26 <sup>th</sup> Curtis Byrum<br>Lonnie Coker |
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