



Macedonian Call

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On March 23, in a special session of our state's General Assembly, the radical "bathroom ordinance" passed by the Charlotte City Council was overturned with House Bill 2. The bill was signed by Gov. McCrory. House Bill 2 establishes a statewide policy that "single-sex multiple occupancy bathroom and changing facilities" are "designated for and used only by persons based on their biological sex," which is the "sex" stated on the person's birth certificate. This applies to all such facilities under the authority of state & local government, the public school system, the university and community college systems, and any other political subdivisions of the state. HB2 also preempts any related ordinances or regulations passed by units of local government that extend beyond state law. In addition, HB2 prohibits cities and counties from placing regulations on the employment practices of a contractor, or on "the provision of goods, services, or accommodations" by a contractor as a condition of entering into a contract. The ink on the governor's signature had barely dried when an appeal was filed by the ACLU and the Lambda Defense Legal Defense Fund. These groups are now pushing to take Charlotte's radical policy statewide! The goal of the lawsuit is to force "all public schools and universities, executive branch agencies, and public agencies" to "allow individuals, including transgender people, to use single-sex facilities in accordance with their gender identity." This means that if the lawsuit is successful, men could enter women's restrooms, showers, locker rooms, and other facilities in public buildings all across the State of North Carolina. The lawsuit also seeks to turn state policy on its head and allow local governments to exceed their authority by passing discriminatory ordinances, like the Charlotte City Council attempted to do. This would force businesses, organizations and individuals across North Carolina (including churches, church schools and church ministries) to abide by local government mandates regarding issues like sexuality or face legal action. We must continue to support and pray for our state leaders who courageously oppose these attempts to force this radical agenda on the citizens of NC. We must unashamedly stand firm against all threats to religious liberty and biblical values. ~ Pastor Randy



Embrace Women's Ministry invites all ladies to a Baby Shower for East Lincoln Pregnancy Crisis Center
Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall. A representative from the ELPCC will be our guest.



AWANA DERBY

Sunday, April 17th 6:00 PM

Hello Macedonia,

Spring is such a wonderful time of the year and what a great start to spring with a joyous Easter weekend. Thank you to everyone that helped with or attended our Road to the Resurrection event. Everyone did a wonderful job sharing the story of the Resurrection. We also have many more events coming up for our children and youth as we continue through spring into summer.

Our Children's ministry will have our Awana derby on April 17th at 6 PM. This will be a great time of fun for the whole family. Come out and support the Macedonia Bible Drill Team at the Regional Bible Drill in Shelby, NC on April 23rd. The Bible Drill Team has worked very hard this year and I look forward to cheering them on in the regionals. Our new Club 56, for 5th and 6th grade students, will be going to Lunar Golf and Sweet Frogs in Gastonia on April 16th. We will meet at the church at 12:30, see me for more details. Children's camp for 1st – 6th graders is June 13th – 17th. Please remember the deadline for children's summer camp sign up and deposit, \$35, is April 3rd.

Our Youth will be starting a new small group study in April called "The End of Me" by Kyle Idleman. This study examines Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, and unpacks the many counter-intuitive truths, including: brokenness is the way to wholeness, mourning is the path to blessing, and emptiness is required in order to know true fullness. Macedonia Youth will be going to see God's Not Dead 2 on April 15th. We will meet at church at 6:00 PM, see me for further details. Macedonia Youth will also be presenting our annual talent show fundraiser on May 14th. The talent show will start at 5 PM with dinner following. Look for more details in the coming weeks. In Christ ~ Pastor Jeremy

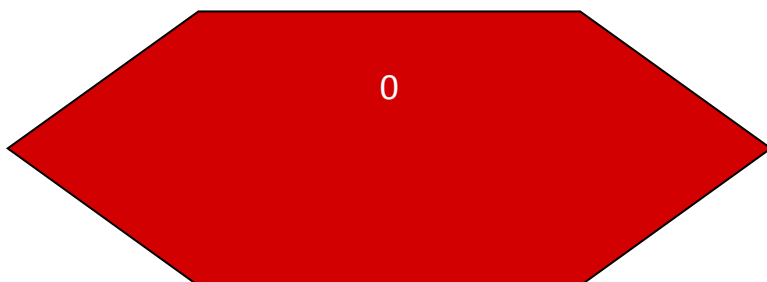


(5th & 6th Graders)
Saturday, April 16th 1-4 pm
Lunar Golf & Sweet Frogs in Gastonia

Regional Bible Drill – April 23rd
Flint Hill Baptist Church
Shelby, NC



Children's Church
April 3rd, 10th & 24th





Marvin Pewitt shared a scripture in our small group Bible study, Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord, not unto men”. There is not a good English definition of the word heartily, but the Greek word means *to willingly decide and continually commit with feeling*. So what Paul is saying in paraphrase is “*In all things you do, do it with excitement even if it is not exciting and do it with joy and a smile because even if you are unaware, everything you do God will give you a surprise gift because He considers that in all reality you are doing it in an act of love for His only begotten Son, Jesus*”. That makes Him very happy and He will give you a hug. Even as all of us (Joanne Woodard would say “all you guys”) do what sometimes we may feel is slow or not enough because we just aren’t as strong as we used to be, IT IS ENOUGH, if we do it with all our love for Jesus! Whatever it is that you are doing for our Lord, as old man Nike would say, “JUST DO IT”. Let’s get busy doing all that we do heartily unto the Lord. You will be blessed, I promise!
In His Exciting Service ~ Pastor Joe



***JOY Monthly Lunch, Thursday, April 7th
at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.***

***JOY Weekly Bible Study
Thursday, 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Everyone is invited to come to this exciting
time of fellowship & study!!***

**CARE Night
Wednesday, April 13th
Meal @ 6:00 pm
Ministry @ 6:30 pm**

May at a Glance

- **Sunday, May 8th - Mother’s Day
Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30**
- **Wednesday, May 11th - CARE Night
Meal @ 6:00 pm & Ministry @ 6:30 pm**
- **Friday & Saturday, May 13th & 14th -
NCBM Region 8 Training 2:30 check-in,
Classes 4:30 – 10 Finish Saturday @
3pm. See baptistmission.org for
details**
- **Saturday, May 21st - Family Trip to
Riverbank Zoo in Columbia, SC. We will
leave the church at 7:00 am**
- **Saturday, May 28th - Men’s Meeting @
7:00 am – Local Missions @ 8:30 am**



**Saturday, April 30th
8:00 am – Noon**

**Come join in as we become the hands
& feet of Jesus in our community!**

**Men's Fishing Trip
April 19th - 22nd**



**Men’s Quarterly Breakfast
Sunday, April 24th at 8:00 am**

