

Macedonian Call

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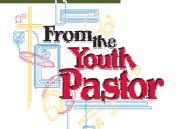
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NOTE FROM PASTOR RANDY



The end of July brought torrential downpours leading to extensive flooding in Lincoln & surrounding counties. A weather event like this was new to many of us. Small creeks turned into churning white-water. Swings at parks were under water. Roads were washed away. Homes were damaged. It was interesting to hear responses of some personally affected as they were interviewed on local news. Some took it in stride. Others were surprised. Perhaps the most shocking response that I heard was from a woman in our own county. She told the reporter that the water that overtook her community was "ungodly." What!? Did she really understand what she had said? The flood waters may have been unexpected, an inconvenience, or even devastating; but "ungodly"? I, of course, don't know what motivated the woman to use this particular word to describe her situation. But, I believe her response points to a disconnect many people have with God. If she had a proper understanding of who He is, perhaps she would've chosen her words more carefully. There are a multitude of things we see, hear & face each day that are "ungodly"—a flood on the South Fork River isn't one of them. Pray that this event will provide opportunities to share with others who God is & what He's really like. ~ Pastor Randy



I have some bad news to convey in this article, well at least for the students: by the end of this month you will be back in school. This summer has flown by. With camp at Caswell, a mission trip to West Virginia, and of course your own busy schedules. But as you are about to start a new school year I want to challenge every student here at Macedonia, whether they are in elementary school or college, to view your school as a mission field. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus says "Therefore, while going make disciples of all nations." Often this verse is used to support foreign missions, but in reality this verse speaks more to the truth of sharing the gospel wherever and whenever you can. My hope is that each of you will begin to view your school as a place where you can make a positive impact for Christ: build relationships, share the love of Christ, be honest, and share the gospel. Over the next few weeks I would encourage each of you to be in prayer over this. Specifically be praying for your lost friends that through the Holy Spirit God would provide you with an opportunity to minister to them. If every one of you were to do this your schools would be radically impacted in the name of Jesus Christ.

Youth Trip to Wet 'n Wild Wednesday, Aug. 14th

Students must let Pastor Brendon know by Aug. 11th if they are going. Students moving into Youth are invited to go!

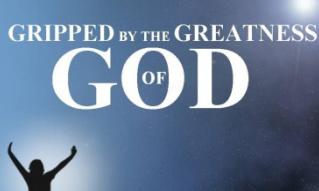


Celebration of Christian Marriage

Sunday, August 18th at 6:00 pm
See Pastor Randy if you have questions.

"Family Recreation Night "

Pumpkin Center Community Building
Sunday Afternoon on August 25th
Watch your bulletin for more info!



Bible Study
Wednesdays, Aug. 7,
21 & 28 at 6:30 pm in
the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone's welcomed!

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Embrace Women's Summer Bible Study
Tuesdays, Aug. 13 & 27 at 7 pm
Young Married Couple's Class



Children's Church – August 4, 18 & 25

Baptist Men's Meeting

Saturday, August 24th at 7:00 am
Local Mission Day at 8:30 am

Missions Celebration

Monday, August 26th at Mount Home Baptist, Morganton.

Leaving the church at 5:00 pm. Let Alvin Hutchins know by August 21st if you plan to go.
Free meal begins at 6:00 pm.