

Macedonian Call

August 2015

Phone 704-735-3287

Website www.macedonianow.org



A Note From Pastor Randy

What do a florist, a photographer, owners of a wedding chapel & bed & breakfast owners have in common? If you're in-tuned with what's happening in our culture today, you probably guessed it. All are being sued by same-sex couples because they refused to provide services to those couples on their wedding days! We can expect to see an avalanche of these types of law suits since the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize same-sex marriage in all states. On the one hand, it's heart-breaking to see Christian business men & women being dragged into court, having to pay hefty legal fees, facing extraordinary fines & possible jail-time because they stand for biblical marriage. On the other hand, it's inspiring to see those faithful believers stand firmly on the Word of God; in some cases risking all they have for the sanctity of marriage. I'm saddened to break the news to you, but this battle's just begun. LGBT activists won't be content with this sin-soaked ruling by the high court. Already, a congressional representative from California is pushing legislation to remove the words "husband" and "wife" from federal applications. Instead, she hopes to replace "husband" and "wife" with "spouse" or "couples." The words "husband" and "wife" are offensive to same-sex couples. Guess what, I'm offended by same-sex couples. We may not be able to stop this madness but that shouldn't prevent us from taking a stand on the truth of God's Word like Barronelle Stutzman (florist), Elaine Huguenin (photographer), Donald & Evelyn Knapp (wedding chapel owners) & Don & Phyllis Young (bed & breakfast owners). ***"But pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for Him, as I should"*** (Eph. 6:20b, NLT). ~ Pastor Randy



Chuck Swindoll shared how he had been speaking at a marriage conference, when a lady sent him a note. "I didn't worry about getting married, I left my future in God's hands. But to remind Him of my desire I hung a pair of men's trousers over the end of my bed each night and prayed for God to fill them with a man. He did! Chuck used the story in a message after getting home from the conference where a young man and his dad were in the service and his mom was at home with a sick sibling. A week later the mom approached Chuck with a concern about her son. She noticed each night since the service she missed, before going to bed he had been hanging a bikini at the foot of his bed! I laughed when I heard the story but it is also a reminder that God does answer prayer! Maybe not exactly in this comical way, but he has answered prayers in my life, my family & friend's lives and He will and I'm sure He has in your life. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:7-11? It talks about asking for needs and other things and ends with "how much more will your Heavenly Father give good things to those who ask!" Ps. 65:2 says "the Lord will hear my prayer." Ps 66:19 "certainly God has heard my prayer." I am writing this article more as a reminder to keep on praying. Maybe there is someone praying about a special or specific situation in their life and I want to encourage you to not give up, keep on praying! Whatever your need may be, money problem, marriage problem, job problem, grandchildren, loneliness, or whatever is hurting or worrying you – keep on asking your Father in heaven, He does hear you! Elaine and I know from experience. He is for you and loves to hear your voice. ~ Pastor Joe

Saturday, August 1st - 6:00 pm
Men's Low Country Boil
Come enjoy the great food and fellowship

Senior Adult Trip
The Billy Graham Library
Friday, August 21st
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Thursday, Aug. 6th
Noon in the Fellowship Hall



"Lowest In India"

Help Build A Church

Offering - Sunday, Aug. 23rd

CARE Night - Wednesday, Aug. 12th
Meal @ 6:00pm Ministry @ 6:30pm

Family Rec. Night at Pumpkin Center Community Center
Sunday, August 23rd - 4:00 – Until
Join the fun, games, food & fellowship!!!

"Back To School Pool Party"
Saturday August 15th at Donna
Beal's All those moving up to
Youth (7th grade) are invited.



Youth will go out for a snack following Bible
Study at 6:00 pm, August 16th.

Missions Celebration - Monday, August 24th
6:00pm Penelope Baptist Church in Hickory