

Macedonian Call

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR RANDY

I think a great majority of you would agree that the Christmas season has become one of our busiest times of the year. The mad rush begins on "Black Friday" & doesn't let up until we return a tacky tie or ugly sweater to the mall on December 26th. I was reminded this week of the very first "Christmas rush." Luke said that after the shepherds received the news of the Savior's birth they "hurried off" to find Him. They rushed from the hillside to Bethlehem to find the baby & His mother just as the angels had said. Think about what you're looking for this Christmas as you rush from place to place. Are you searching for the lowest price on the newest gadget or the most valuable relationship that you could possibly have? Don't let the meaning of the Christmas season get lost in all of the madness leading up to it! ~ Pastor Randy

In our culture young people are often consumed by materialism. To some extent this isn't their fault. Our culture is constantly suggesting that we always need the newest, biggest, most expensive, etc. As we approach the Christmas season this mentality is all around us. It seems every year we hear stories of people becoming violent in retail stores over this year's big item. Now of course, there is nothing sinful in having nice things. But I would suggest that as adults we need to be careful of the messages we're sending our young people. To the young people in our church I want to encourage you to always be content with your current life situation. Bear in mind the reason Jesus Christ came to earth 2000 years ago was to sacrifice Himself so that man could be reconciled to God. This wasn't something man deserved. We deserve death. So, though having the newest iPhone might be nice, always remember that there's no gift greater than that of eternal life. With this in mind we should all seek to demonstrate that love to others this Christmas season. ~ Pastor Brendon



All women are invited to the Embrace Women's Ministry Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 1st at 9:30 am in the church's Fellowship Hall.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 1st
6:30 pm

Everyone is invited to this special time of worship as we prepare our church for the Christmas season.

YOUTH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th @ 6:30 pm
See Pastor Brendon if you have questions.

Christmas Caroling on CARE Night Dec. 11th & on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 pm. There will be other projects on CARE Night for those who don't want to go caroling. Don't forget to reserve your place for CARE Night meal.



SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th @ Noon
FELLOWSHIP HALL
SPECIAL GUESTS: THE GOLDEN VOICES

Bethlehem Morning

Presented by the MBC Celebration Choir
Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 am

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christmas
CUPCAKE



Presented by MBC Children's Ministry
Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 pm
Refreshments following program

Candlelight Communion Service
Sunday, December 22nd
at 6:30 pm



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CHRISTMAS OFFERING
You may give to the offering during December. We'll have a special time of giving on Sunday, December 22nd.



Baptist Men's Meeting – Saturday, Dec. 21st
at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Church Dec. 1st, 8th & 22nd