

Macedonian Call

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While still an infant, Jesus' parents took Him to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate Him to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice as prescribed in the law. While in the temple an elderly, godly man named Simeon was led by the Spirit to the couple and the Baby. Simeon took the Baby Jesus into His arms & said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). We live in dark times. The ramped up threats of terrorism, the genocide of believers in the Middle East and Africa, the constant reminders of Satan's attack in our culture and against our families is ever before us. The only light that can penetrate such darkness is Jesus Christ. He has brought salvation to "all peoples" (even to the enemies of Christianity). This Christmas season please make a commitment to pray for those who are lost in the darkness of their own sin. Pray that the Spirit of God would draw them to the Savior. ~ Pastor Randy

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Children will have lunch following the morning service then go Christmas

Shopping at Dollar Tree & return to wrap their gifts.



Sunday, Dec. 6th at 9:00 am
All ladies are invited to the Women's Ministry Annual Christmas Breakfast.

Embrace Women's Ministry Cookie Swap

Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 7:00 pm

All ladies are invited to this fun night of fellowship. Bring 2 Dozen Cookies along with the recipe to share and another 1-2 Dozen for everyone to taste.

CARE Night – Wednesday, Dec. 9th

Meal a@ 6:00 pm

Caroling @ 6:30 pm



Wednesday, Dec. 16th
Join in for another fun night of Christmas Caroling at 6:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 20th at 6:00 pm
Children's Christmas Program
"Fact or Fiction – The Christmas Edition"

All Children are invited to a "Birthday Party for Jesus"
Sat., Dec. 19th at Noon
in the Fellowship Hall



I am really enjoying getting to know all of you. Thank you for your patience as I try to learn everyone's name. All of you are a blessing to me and my family. I am very excited about what God is doing in and through our church. I want to say a special thanks to everyone for coming out for the chili/soup lunch. The support we received was amazing. We were able to pack 10 book bags for the Appalachian Christmas Outreach thanks to your generous donations. Macedonia Youth will be traveling around from home to home for our Christmas Party. We will need 4 host homes for our youth; each home will need to provide one course of our meal (appetizer, salad, main, and dessert) and a short activity or game. If you would like to host our Youth, please sign up @ Youth Bulletin Board. Parents please also sign up your youth so we have accurate numbers for hosts. I am also looking forward to taking the Youth to Winterfest @ Liberty University at the end of the month. There will be a parent/ student meeting for those signed up on December 6th @ 5:15 in Youth Room.

Macedonia Children will be going out for lunch and shopping on Sunday December 6th after morning service. Our Children's Ministry will be performing our Christmas Play, "Fact or Fiction" on December 20th during our Sunday PM Service. There will be a dressed rehearsal on December 19th at 10 am. We will also have a birthday party for Jesus on December 19th at 12 pm.

~ Pastor Jeremy



Saturday, December 12th at 5:00 pm
YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Service Project

Meet at the church at 8:00 am for a morning of raking leaves for members of our church who need our help



WINTERFEST @ LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 30TH – JANUARY 1ST

Sunday, December 20th
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
During the morning worship service

Sunday, Dec. 20th during the morning service
Celebration Choir Christmas Cantata
"Breath of Heaven"



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's most gifted writers was a believer in Jesus Christ.

The year 1861 was a most difficult year for him. His wife tragically died when her dress caught fire in their home in Massachusetts. That same year civil war broke out tearing our nation apart. Two years into the war, Henry's son was shot during a fierce battle. Henry went immediately to bring his son home to care for him, as he said his wife would have wanted. On December 25, 1863 (Christmas Day), while in despair he was trying to write a song. In the midst of his grief, with head bowed he heard them, Christmas bells ringing in the distance. While listening he wrote verse 3

- “*And in despair I bowed my head. There is no peace on earth I said. For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth good will to men*”. Then verse 4:
- “*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead nor doth He sleep. The wrong shall foil, the right prevail, with peace on earth good will to men*”.

So please remember this Christmas, that all does not have to be exactly as you want it to be to have a Merry Christmas. God is all you need to truly celebrate this season. In the midst of shopping, traffic, busy schedules, hurt, pain, loneliness, long lines, and short tempers, listen for the Christmas bells and remember – God is always available and eager for you to hide yourself in Him, or as Mr. Longfellow put it, “God is not dead nor doth He sleep”. Merry Christmas ~ Pastor Joe

JOY Ministry Bible Study
Each Thursday Morning at 10:30 am

Tuesday, December 8th
Senior Salt Carol Sing at The Cove @ 8:00 am

January at a Glance

- AWANA each Sunday Night 6:00 pm
- JOY Bible Study each Wednesday @ 10:30 am
- Thursday, Jan. 7th – JOY monthly Luncheon @ Noon in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, Jan. 13th – CARE Night Meal @ 6:00 pm Ministry @ 6:30 pm
- Friday, Jan. 15th – Women’s Ministry Pizza & Movie Night @ 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Jan. 23rd – Men’s Meeting 7:00 am & Local Mission 8:30 am
- Sunday, Jan. 24th Baptist Men’s Day
- January 22 – 23 – Youth Ignite Conference at Salem Baptist Church
- Saturday, Jan. 30th – Women/ Girl Conference @ MBC 9am – 3 pm



Saturday, December 12th
11:30 am – The Golden Voices
12:00 pm – Lunch in
the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 15th
Christmas at the Billy Graham Library
Leave the church at 4:00 pm

