

Macedonian Call

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR RANDY

Thinking of the major athletic events taking place this month—the Super Bowl & the Winter Olympics—I was reminded of the athletic metaphors used in Scripture to describe the Christian life. For example, the writer of Hebrews states: “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:1-2). To successfully run the Christian life it’s necessary for us to rid ourselves of the thoughts, actions & attitudes that impede our progress. We must keep our eyes fixed on the goal. And, we do that by focusing our attention on Jesus Christ. His steadfast obedience is our perfect example of commitment to finish well! *Pastor Randy*



SUPER BOWL PARTY & CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, Feb. 2nd @ 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come watch the Big Game, enjoy fellowship & great food. See Becky Crouse if you want to enter the Chili Cook-off. Please bring finger foods, chips, soft drinks & desserts.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

All seniors are invited to our monthly lunch on Thursday, February 6th at Noon in the church’s Fellowship Hall.

Woman-to-Woman Conference

Growing in Grace

Friday, Feb. 7th – Sat. Feb. 8th at Hickory Metro Convention Center. Please see Denise Setzer if you have questions or would like more information.

Drop-in Baby Shower for the Helms family on Sunday, Feb. 9th from 2:00 until 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of traditional baby gifts they ask that you bring gifts cards to Chick-fil-A, Subway, On the Border, Macaroni Grill, Papa John’s, Hickory Tavern, Wal-Mart & Target. The gifts cards will enable Pastor Brendon to pick up meals while the family is becoming acquainted with their new addition.

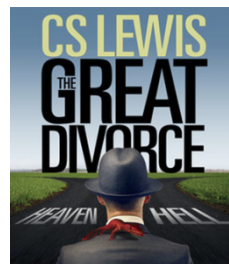


The Youth retreat to Gatlinburg was a wonderful time. We all had a great time of fellowship and fun. Our cabin was beautiful with a wonderful view. The weekend was a blast, but the highlight of the weekend was all the spiritual seeds that were planted. From Friday evening to Sunday evening we had five Bible studies with times of worship. The weekend centered around the following question: “How does our view of God impact our lives?” We spent the first three sessions looking at God’s nature and then the final two sessions looking at how God’s nature should change our daily lives. It was amazing to see the growth that took place among the students there. I would encourage all students to become more involved in our group Bible studies so that they can experience this type of spiritual growth. *Pastor Brendon*



CARE Night – Wednesday, Feb. 12th

Join us for an evening of fellowship, outreach & ministry. The meal is served beginning at 6:00 pm. Ministry begins at 6:30 pm.



The Youth will be going to see a performance of Lewis’ “The Great Divorce” on Sunday, Feb. 16th. They will leave the church at 1:00 pm for the 3:00 pm showtime. The cost for the show is \$25 & due on Feb. 9th. They will also

need money for dinner after the show. See Pastor Brendon if you have questions.



NC Baptist Missions Rally

Monday, Feb. 17th at FBC, Hildebran. Men, women & youth are invited for a night of missions inspiration. The supper is at 6:00 pm & the program begins at 6:50 pm. See Alvin Hutchins if you want more information.

Baptist Men’s Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00 am Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to a light breakfast, mission & ministry up-dates, prayer & brief Bible study.



Colossians

Christ Is All You Need

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY 2014

Our January Bible Study will continue through February. We meet at 6:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: 5th, 19th & 26th.



Children's Church
February 2nd, 9th & 23rd