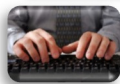


# Macedonian Call

## February 2016

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### Note from Pastor Randy

As I'm writing this (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>) there's still ice on the sidewalk outside of my church office. Winter storm Jonas created a lot of problems for us and others throughout a large portion of our country. The effects of the storm caused us to cancel services on Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Cancelling any worship service is always a difficult decision to make. However, there are rare occasions when getting out and going to church can be hazardous to your health! I hope that by not coming to church you didn't neglect spending time in worship. Denise and I worshipped with Dr. David Jeremiah and his congregation. Dr. Jeremiah's sermon was taken from Matthew 5 (Jesus' Sermon on the Mount). As great as the service and sermon was at Shadow Mountain Community Church I missed worshipping with you all. We often take for granted the opportunities we have to gather for worship. Now, I'm certain that some church-goers viewed January 24<sup>th</sup> as a "day off." You know, sleep late, stay at home, play in the snow and get to watch an entire football game without being interrupted by church. I'm sure that doesn't apply to anyone in our congregation though! Jesus told the Samaritan woman in John 4:23 that God the Father seeks our worship. Think of it – God wants us to worship Him. So, I encourage you to give God something that He desires from you – worship. Make a commitment this year to faithfully worship with your church family at Macedonia! ~ Pastor Randy

I love being a part of this congregation. I am so excited about what God is doing here among us. The last few months have been amazing as I meet everyone and spend time with the staff at the office. I also want to thank all of you who blessed my family in different ways for Christmas. So many good things are happening in this church. Being here and being blessed by all of you is wonderful and we have never felt so at home among a congregation. Enjoying this church and being excited is wonderful, but one thing I'm learning is contentment in all situations. We will face things that try to steal our joy, experience circumstances that crush our excitement, and some things will almost knock us off our feet. Those things are so hard and discouraging but they don't move the throne of God, affect our adoption as His children, nor cancel His promises to us. We will experience heartache in this world but take heart because He has overcome the world (John 16:33). We will face trials but our God has defeated death, hell, and all the evil that comes against us. I can be content whatever the circumstances because my contentment comes from knowing that my strength is found in my faithful Father. My contentment can't be based on people, circumstances, or the security of institutions but only on my Lord and His faithfulness through all circumstances (Phil. 4:11-13). Thank you Macedonia for the blessing you are to my family and thank God for His patience as He teaches us all to find ultimate contentment in Him. ~ Pastor Jeremy



**Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Cook –Off. See Becky Crouse to enter.

### "God Loves You Party"

For Children K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm



**"CLUB 56" (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)**

**Bowling @ Pin Station**

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 5:00**



**Children's Bible Drill  
Each Sunday Evening at 4:30 pm**



### Embrace Women's Ministry

#### "Sock Swap"

Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Fill your new pair of socks with lotions, soaps, candy, etc. and bring them to this fun night of fellowship to swap with others.



**Children's Church  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**CARE Night - Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Meal at 6:00 pm**

**Ministry at 6:30 pm**

**Region 8 Mission's Rally – FBC Hildebran  
Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Men's Meeting Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast 7:00 am – Local Missions 8:30 am  
All men are invited to join us for a light breakfast, mission & ministry updates, prayer & a brief devotion.**



A prayer that was listed in a prayer book of the 1500's went like this:

God be in my head and in my understanding.  
 God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
 God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
 God be at my end and in my departing.  
 Amen.

In reading this prayer I took the liberty to add my own verse to it:

Lord be in my mind in its uncertainty.  
 Lord be in my joints and bones in all their aching.  
 Lord be in my spirit when I am fearing.  
 Lord be in my ears and in my hearing.  
 Lord please just be with me in all that I do.  
 Guard my thoughts and help them be true.  
 Amen.

Some good things to think about when you pray and a good way to fulfill 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whatever you do, do all for the glory of God. Amen. ~ Pastor Joe

<i>Senior</i> <b>ADULT</b> <b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>At Noon</b> <b>In the Fellowship Hall</b>
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<b>JOY</b>	<b>Join us each Thursday Morning at 10:30 am for our Weekly Bible Study.</b> <b>We are currently studying <u>The Beatitudes.</u></b> <b>This is a great time of study &amp; fellowship</b>
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## March at a Glance

- **Small Groups Bible Studies each Wednesday at 6:30 pm**
- **Joy Ministry Bible Study each Thursday at 10:30 am**
- **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Community Prayer Points at 5:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Embrace Women's Ministry "Mugs & Muffins" at 6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – CARE Night Meal at 6:00 pm & Ministry at 6:30 pm**
- **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Church Work Day at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – SFBA Senior Adult Rally @ the Lincoln Citizen's Center 11:00 am**
- **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Men's Meeting at 7:00 am & Local Missions 8:30 am**
- **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 – Noon**
- **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7:00 am Worship 11:00 am No pm activities**