

# Macedonian Call

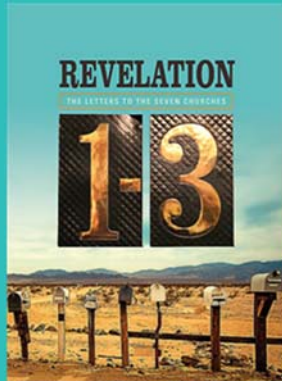
## January 2019

*Here am I*



It's amazing how our lives change over the course of a year. We become another year older. We lose loved ones. We welcome new members into our families through births or marriages. Our careers move in new directions. We deal with unexpected health issues that alter our lifestyles. Some of our kids start school while others move onto college and some complete their education. Based on previous history, I know 2019 will be full of changes that will affect our lives. Some changes will be dramatic. Some changes will pass by with little notice. In lives filled with change it's comforting to know that there is one constant—God. God does not change. His life doesn't change. He is "from all eternity" (Ps. 93:2). Created things have a beginning and an ending, but not their Creator. He exists forever and He's always the same. The God of the Bible is the same God today. God's character doesn't change. While circumstances may influence our character—for better or worse—God's character is unalterable. He is always holy, just, benevolent, pure, perfect, etc. In Exodus 3:14 He announced to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." This name serves as a reminder that God has life in Himself, and that what He is now, He is eternally. God's truth doesn't change. We're living in a time when truth is perceived by many as either being fluid or even non-existent. The psalmist said that all of God's commands are truth and they have been established to last forever (Ps. 119:151-52). 1 John 5:20 says: "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." God's ways don't change.

He continues to act toward His creation the way He did in the Bible. His goals and principles of action are consistent. There are no times when He acts out of character. God's purposes don't change. "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Num. 23:19). God's plans never change because they are made on the basis of perfect and complete knowledge of the past, present and future. The psalmist wrote: "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations" (Ps. 33:11). God's Son doesn't change. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). He never changes. He still saves. He still loves. He still intercedes. He's still with us. The Christ of the Gospels is the Christ we have privilege of knowing today. So, as you begin to experience changes during this new year, be encouraged that the One "who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways" (Dan. 5:23) will not change. Therefore, you can trust Him to be the stabilizing influence in your life. Happy New Year, Pastor Randy



**Winter Bible Study**  
**"Letters to the Seven Churches"**  
**Revelation 1-3**  
**Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**



Every second Wednesday of each month is C.A.R.E. Night. C.A.R.E. is an acronym for

“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.”

We have a meal each C.A.R.E. Night beginning at 6:00 pm and ministry opportunities follow at 6:30 pm.

This month C.A.R.E. Night is January 9th.

Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



Journey Through the Story-line of Scripture in Sunday School @ 9:45 am. We have classes for everyone nursery through senior adults.

Start this new year off right by getting involved in a Sunday School Class!!



Macedonia Family,  
I hope 2019 is an awesome year. You know there is a way you can have an awesome 2019, it's by beginning the year refocusing on Jesus. Don't hope 2019 will bring more money or better circumstances but refocus your hope on Jesus. I know many of you have already put your hope in Jesus but sometimes we get off course and need to refocus on what's important. The new year is a great time for refocusing. When we hope for more stuff or better circumstances, it's like a glorified wish list, but when we put our hope in Jesus, it's a sure thing. Trust in His plan, He is sovereign, and you will never go wrong by trusting Him more. When you trust in Him, you begin to understand that nothing can happen to you that is beyond His control. This is where freedom and peace are found, knowing that He has everything under control. Start off 2019 with your hope set on Jesus. He will be with you through both the good and the bad. He is our only hope.  
~Pastor Jeremy

**Men's Sunday**  
**January 27th**  
Our men will lead the worship service at 11 am  
All men are invited to breakfast at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall!

**Children's Church** is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on January 6th, 13th, & 27th during our morning worship service.



Wednesday Bible Study for Pre-K through 6th grade  
Each Week @ 6:30 pm




**Bible Drill**  
**Sundays @ 4:30 pm**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**  
Bible Drill is for children, middle school & high school students in grades 4-12. This training helps students increase in their knowledge, memorization and application of Scripture.



**Sunday Evenings**  
**@ 6:00 pm**

**Weekly Youth Bible**  
**Study Wed. @ 6:30 pm**

This is the first month of another year, 2019! Neither you nor I know what this year holds for us. Many of us, especially us seniors, are concerned about our health, and rightly so. We should do the best we can to stay healthy. But how many of us are concerned about our spiritual health. We all should be concerned! May I give you some ideas from Psalm 119: 10-16 that will help you and me to stay strong this year?

- Seek the Lord regularly. (v. 10) Pursue Him daily. Think of Him and include Him in decisions, plans, the fun times and the struggles. The key is consistency.
- Treasure His truth in your heart. (v. 11) Take time to memorize scripture. One man said “a heart full of treasure leaves little room for trash.”
- Openly tell others about Him. (v. 13) Something wonderful happens when we open our lips and speak to others about what God has done in our lives. Let’s make 2019 the year we make our faith known.

Stay tuned next month for 3 more ideas for building strong spiritual muscles.  
 May our precious and most worthy Lord bless and keep you. ~ Pastor Joe



MBC Youth would like to invite you to a Fund Raiser

**Poor Man’s Lunch**  
**Sunday, January 13th**

In the Fellowship Hall

following the morning service

All proceeds will go to our Youth Summer Camp!



**Sunday, Jan. 20**  
**Ticket Cost—\$35**  
**Bring money for lunch**  
 We will leave the church following the morning service

**JOY Ministry Weekly Bible Study**  
**Thursdays at 11:00 am**



**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch**  
**Thursday, Jan. 3rd at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.**  
**All Senior Adults are invited!**



**AWANA**  
**Approved Workmen**  
**Are Not Ashamed**  
**2 Timothy 2:15**

Awana Clubs reach kids through energetic game activities, Bible-based teaching, Bible memorization and small group time with friends.

**AWANA clubs meet Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center.**

**3 years—6th grade**

