



# Macedonian Call

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### NOTE FROM PASTOR RANDY

Our week at South Mountain Baptist Camp this summer was great! We learned how important it is for Christians to shine as lights in the world. There were also three children from MBC who gave their lives to Jesus during the week. As I'm writing this column, "Kingdom Rock" hasn't happened yet. Rooms are being decorated & everyone's making preparations for an exciting week of VBS. I know the Lord will bless the children & our volunteers as we learn how to "Stand Strong for God." Please pray for the children who attended VBS, especially for those who don't attend church regularly. Be certain to stay informed about all the activities & opportunities for fellowship & ministry during the summer months. God bless! ~ Pastor Randy

As I write this, the Youth have recently returned from camp at Fort Caswell. This was a great time for everyone. There are many different aspects of the trip that I could share with you, but I want to write briefly about the major theme of the camp. The Youth were challenged to move beyond mediocre Christianity. An unfortunate side effect of living in the "Bible Belt" is that we are tempted to get complacent in our faith. For the most part we our faith isn't directly challenged. This leads to many Christians becoming stagnant in their faith. Through small & large group sessions, church devotions, and quite times our Youth were encouraged to strive for greatness in all that they do, whether it be at school, at a job, or in their faith. Of course, this is not a message just for middle and high school students. No Christian should ever accept a mediocre life in Christ. We should all strive to intimate disciples with our Savior. Continuing with this theme I have asked each of the Youth to read two non-fiction Christian books over the summer. The purpose of this is to help them further develop their faith. For those of you that are involved directly in the lives of one of our Youth, please take the time to encourage them in this summer long project.



WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY

## WONDER STRUCK

**Tuesdays in July at 7 pm  
Young Married Couples' Class**

There will not be any activities at the church on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The church office will be closed for Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP  
GRANDVIEW, WV  
JULY 7-12**  
Our youth will be conducting Vacation Bible School at a local church in Grandview, WV. Please pray for them, the church, the children who attend VBS & the Grandview community.

**GRIPPED BY THE GREATNESS  
OF  
GOD**  
New Bible study beginning July 17 at 6:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. No cost or registration necessary.



Children's Worship this month: July 7, 14 & 28 during our morning worship service.



We will have a church-wide outing at the Betty Ross Park in Lincolnton from 2 until 7 pm on Sunday, July 21.

Everyone's invited for great food, fun & fellowship!

**Baptist Men's Meeting – Saturday, July 27 at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.**