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Macedonian Call

Barna Research recently released their first insights into Gen Z (those born between 1999 & 2015). Below are some of the highlights of this emerging generation:

Technology: They almost always have a device on them (smart phone, tablet, etc.) & their devices are constantly on their minds.

Worldview: Out of 69 million children and teens in Gen Z, only 4% have a biblical worldview.

Identity: One-third say gender is how a person feels on the inside & not their birth sex.

Security: Having come of age in a post-9/11 nation, many are anxious about the future. Their goals revolve around success and financial security.

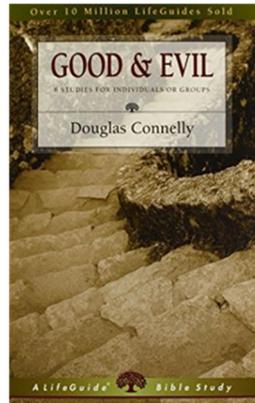
Based on the exposure and pre-occupation with technology among this group, the church is obviously faced with a tremendous challenge of reaching and connecting with Gen Z. In the future we'll have to adopt new methods to gain their interest and retain their involvement in the local church. In addition, these findings reveal, particularly when it comes to worldview, identity and security, the importance of teaching children the truth of God's Word. This should cause faithful Christian parents to see the need to take advantage of opportunities their children have to learn God's view on these issues. Sunday school, Children's Church & youth group meetings are vital to the spiritual growth of our children & teens. All three are available at MBC! I encourage you to take advantage of them!

~ Pastor Randy

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Summer Small Group Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



When we turn to the Bible, we find some startling news! Evil is a very real force in our world and in our lives, but god isn't surprised by evil.

When disasters happen God is there. He's not the source of evil, but He sovereignly rules over a world that chooses to ignore Him. We also discover that God can take the worst event and bring good from it. We will explore some of these issues of good and evil in this study. We won't find all the answers because God doesn't give us all the answers. Instead we will learn to trust Him and His sovereign power even in the darkest days of pain and suffering.

THE
GOSPEL
PROJECT

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



Happy July 4th!!

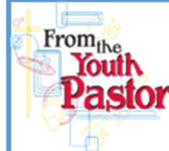
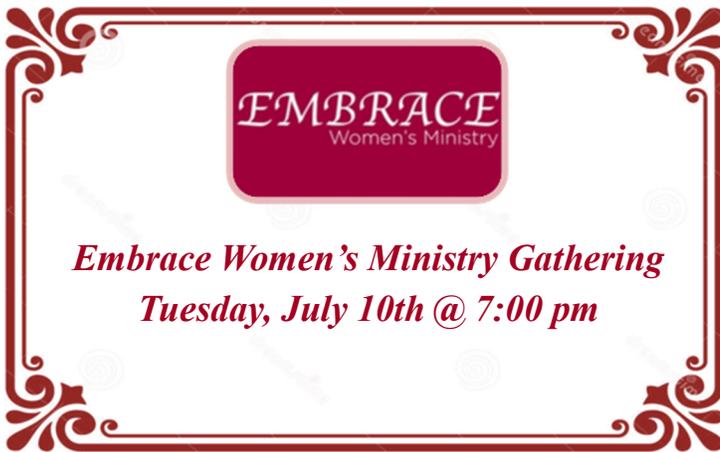
We will not have any activities at the church on Sunday evening, July 1st or for the remainder of the week of July 2nd—7th.



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

“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.”

During the summer months we will not have a meal but will meet at 6:30 pm for various ministry opportunities. This month C.A.R.E. Night is July 11th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



I want to start off by thanking you all for caring about our young people. During my trips up to South Mountain Baptist Camp, I've been amazed at how God works. Each of you contributed in some way in making it possible for the children to be able to go to camp over the years and it is greatly appreciated. I know as a parent of a child who was saved last year that I am eternally grateful for your investment in the lives of my children. It's true that God is the only one who can save, salvation is in Him alone but isn't it wonderful that He allows us to be instruments of His grace. Sometimes we forget what a great gift it is to invest in the lives of others until He multiplies it and does awesome things we never thought possible. In those times, we can do nothing but glorify Him for just letting us be a part of it. What grace it is to serve the Lord and have a part in the advancement of His kingdom.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! ~ Pastor Jeremy



Family Movie Night

Sunday, July 22nd @ 6:00 pm
Join us for Family Movie Night
In the Fellowship Hall

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a movie, popcorn, candy, drinks, and lots of fun!!

Children's Church is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on July 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th during our morning worship service.



Pre-K - 6th grade
Wednesdays
@ 6:30 pm



**Sunday Evenings
@ 6:00 pm**

This is a service for our students to worship in song and hear preaching that directly addresses issues they face daily. It is a great time of fellowship and an opportunity for real spiritual growth. We hope to see all of our youth there!

**Weekly Youth Bible
Study Wednesday @
6:30 pm**

**Wednesday night study is geared to
teach our youth how God's Word applies
to our everyday lives.**



**Youth Summer Camp
July 23rd - 28th**



**Youth Mission Mondays
8:30 am—5:30 pm
July 9th & July 30th**



**Children Pre-K -
6th grade**

Join us for fun
summer Sunday nights!!

Bible study time
Water fun nights
Playground fun

Much more!

6:30 pm each week



Proverbs 21:1 says "The Kings heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; He guides it wherever He pleases." God can change a nation!! Do you believe that? I mean do you Really believe that? How do you think He does it? It is through PRAYER!!! Please read 1 Tim. 2:1-3. Paul tells the church to supplicate, pray, intercede, give thanks for all that are in authority and all the people. Why? So that we as believers can live a peaceful, godly and honest life. Why? Verse 3 says that it pleases our great God, our Savior. Why does it please Him? Because living that godly, peaceful, honest or genuine life tells of God's gift of Christ. By living this way, people will understand the truth. They can also know Christ and be saved. This all means that as we celebrate this month of freedom we need to give our full attention to loving our precious Lord and living in such a way that we shine our light on the cross of Calvary. Let's get busy and be like the Nike ad - "Just Do It." All the best in Jesus ~ Pastor Joe

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

