



# Macedonian Call

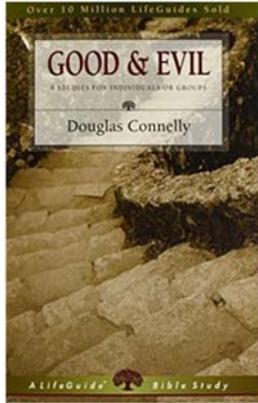
## June 2018

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul warned: "Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from what we believe; they will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons. These teachers are hypocrites and liars. They pretend to be religious, but their consciences are dead" (1 Tim. 4:1-2, NLT). The infiltration of false teachers into the body of Christ has been a problem since the church's existence. I was recently made aware of a new effort by Scientologists to worm their way into Christian churches. I received a packet of information (personally addressed to me) from Scientology Volunteer Ministries. At the top of the letter was this message: "Religious leaders face continual pressure to succor the faithful. Here are 19 solutions that bridge the gap between hope and practical, immediate help." The letter (accompanied by a well done packet of information and DVD) introduced Scientology Volunteer Ministers described as "highly skilled volunteers who donate their time to assist others in their communities." The scientologists offered free online training from their organization that can readily equip religious leaders on "ways to resolve common problems that seem to have no ready solution." The motto of Scientology Volunteer Ministers is: "Something Can Be Done About It." Using the contact information provided, I responded directly to the program's director in the following email.

*Dear Mariana Mendez,  
I recently received a packet from Scientology Volunteer Ministers offering assistance in helping to minister to our community. Your letter referenced the motto of this branch of your organization: "Something Can Be Done About It." You're absolutely right! Something can be done to reach out to those who are caught in the trap of "drug use, dishonesty, crime and the cynicism of today's*

*world." However, that "something" has nothing to do with Scientology! The only solution to the problems mentioned in your letter is the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. You see, most weeks, either in biblical sermons or in small group Bible studies, our congregation is warned about the danger of deceptive philosophies like Scientology. I'm sure your organization would like nothing more than to partner with a reputable Christian church such as ours in an effort to legitimize Scientology as something other than a cult created from the imagination of a science fiction author. There is nothing that you can offer our church or community that could possibly benefit either in any possible way. But, what I can offer you is the truth of the gospel of Christ as it's explained in God's Word, the Bible. God loves you and He loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to provide a way of salvation for you and for every other person entrapped by the false promises of Scientology. Jesus lived a perfectly sinless life and died on a cross, bearing your sins upon Himself. That act provided you the opportunity, by faith in Him, to be forgiven of the sins (not engrams) which enslave your life. Jesus was then buried in a grave, but was resurrected by the power of God through the Holy Spirit after three days. That act assured those who trust Him as Savior of eternal life after death. The gospel has the power to do something that no amount of auditing can accomplish—provide forgiveness of sin and the assurance of eternal life. I will keep your letter and materials as a reminder to pray that God would open your eyes to His truth (not man's imagination) and trust His Son, Jesus Christ, as Savior. Acts 4:12 says, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Unlike auditing, salvation is a free gift from God and its benefits are both immediate and eternal.*

I wonder how many pastors, teachers and other church leaders will sign up for this "interfaith activity"? We must continually be on guard against these attempts by false teachers to gain a foot-hold in our churches and communities. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8, NKJV). ~ Pastor Randy



**Adult Small Groups**  
**Wednesdays**  
**@ 6:30 pm**  
**This Spring & Summer**



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 June 13th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



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



**June 17th**

**We will not have any evening activities at the Church. Enjoy this time with your family.**



**Baptist Men's Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 23rd**  
**@ 7:00 am**

All men are invited for a time of fellowship which includes a light breakfast, mission & ministry updates, prayer and a brief Bible study.



Well it's finally warm or should I say hot. It seemed like this year went straight from freezing to a heat wave quick. We complain about the cold and we complain about the heat, but we love the days that are just right. The problem is those days just don't seem to come often enough. They don't come often enough in our weather or in life. It seems there are rarely days that are “just right” in every day life but we can learn to be content in every situation. In Philippians 4, Paul tells us the secret to being content.

*I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Phil 4:12-13*

So, whether you're in a terrible season of life where it seems nothing is going right or you're going through a terrible storm, Jesus is the answer. Trusting Him brings peace and contentment, because we know we can endure all circumstances through His strength. Some of you have gone through some terribly tough situations and Jesus has been glorified through your continued commitment to draw on His strength. I know it could not have been easy, but you have strengthened our faith by your resolve to trust in the strength of the Lord. Jesus is glorified as He brings us through the terrible times and He is praised for the blessing of the days that are “just right.” ~ Pastor Jeremy



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



**Sunday Evenings  
@ 6:00 pm**

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

**Graduate Recognition Day**

**Sunday, June 3rd**

**During Morning Worship Service**



**Sunday, June 3rd @ 6:00 pm**

**Come celebrate the accomplishments  
of our club members!**

**Children's Church** is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on June 3rd, 10th & 24th during our morning worship service.



**Children's Summer  
Camp  
South Mountain  
Baptist Camp  
June 11th—15th**



**VBS  
June 24—29**

We will have two VBS work nights for anyone who would like to come help get everything set up. The first will be June 13th (CARE Night) and the next will be the following Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30 pm.



I am sure you've heard about the four guys that decided to go mountain climbing one weekend. In the middle of the climb one fellow slipped over a cliff, dropped about sixty feet and landed with a thud on a ledge down below. The other three hoping to rescue him yelled "Joe, are you okay?" "I'm alive but I've broken both of my arms" he said. We'll toss you a rope and pull you up. Fine, Joe answered. After a couple of minutes of pulling and tugging together to get Joe up, they suddenly remembered he had broken both his arms! "Joe, if you broke both arms how in the world are you holding on?" Joe responded "with my teeeeeeeeth!"

Have you ever had some tough times? Then you will know that people though sincere and compassionate want to help but sometimes really don't know the need and how to meet it. So what do you do? Here are several suggestions from Galatians 6:

Don't lose heart. (v.9) whatever you are doing – don't quit! Stand firm, be strong. Ask the Lord to put a protective shield around your heart and persevere.

Continue to do well. (v.10) Our tendency is to fight, scratch, and just quit. Don't do that! Settle down and turn it over to the Lord.

Don't be troubled. (v. 17) If you stay troubled, the thing causing the tough time has mastery over you. Only Jesus has that right!

Allow the grace of Jesus to be with your spirit. (v. 18) Allow His grace to flow through your thoughts, attitude, response and words.

During tough times relax in His grace  
~ Pastor Joe

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



**Join us for our  
Senior Lunch  
Thursday, June 7th  
@ Noon in the  
Fellowship Hall**