

Macedonian Call

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR RANDY

This year the **Week of Prayer for North American Missions** is March 2 – 9.

Prayer cards featuring some of our SBC North American missionaries are available at our Welcome Center. I hope that you will pick up one or more and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been called to share the gospel in multiple cities on our continent. You may also give to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** anytime during March. When you give to the offering, 100% of your gift is used for missionary salaries and ministry supplies. Our SBC missionaries know that behind each penny given, there's a fellow Southern Baptist who believes in their work and affirms the need to share the Good news with those who need a Savior. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelopes are available in our foyer & on the shelves across from the Sunday school office. Please give prayerfully and cheerfully to support our North American missionaries. *Pastor Randy*

2014 NC Baptist Missions Conference

March 21-22 at Hickory Grove Baptist in Charlotte. Guest speakers include: Anne Graham Lotz, David Platt, Bryan Loritts & Leonard Sweet. Please register for the conference online at www.baptistmission.org. A \$15 registration fee is required for the conference which covers material packet, name tag/entry badge, and Saturday lunch. Pre-registration is required.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

All seniors are invited to our monthly lunch on Thursday, March 6th at Noon in the church's Fellowship Hall.



Children's Church
March 2nd, 9th & 23rd



Spring work days at the church on Saturday, March 15th & Saturday, March 29th.

Bible Drill on Wednesday, March 5th
at 6:00 pm.

We will host the South Fork Association Bible Drill on Sunday, March 9th at 6:00 pm.

Through several recent conversations I have been reminded of something that Christian young people are being forced, virtually on a daily basis. This is the idea that as Christians we should not *judge* others because Jesus tells us to "judge not, that you be not judged." So therefore, as Christians we should not condemn homosexuality, sexual promiscuity, etc. Of course this is not something that only young people are being bombarded with, but it is I think directed much more prominently at them. So how should our young people view this mantra, and in turn all Christians, view the idea that we should not judge others? First, Jesus could not have meant that we are to never judge immoral behavior in others. Right after saying "judge not that you be not judged" Jesus goes on to say "first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." Here we see Jesus describe exactly how we should *judge* others. So we can see that there is a place for judging others, but of course this should not be done in a prideful, arrogance, self-serving manner. We must always start by examining our own lives first. We should always pray before going to another person to confront them about sin. Finally, we must always be sure that we are doing this out of love for the other. So in short we are, and should *judge* our culture, but it must be done from a biblical, godly perspective. *Pastor Brendon*



CARE Night – Wednesday, March 12th

Join us for an evening of fellowship, outreach & ministry. The meal is served beginning at 6:00 pm. Ministry begins at 6:30 pm.



Friday, March 7th at 7:00 the Youth will be hosting a community/family movie night in the fellowship hall. "How to Train Your Dragon" will be showing with

admission cost of \$2.00. Concessions will be sold and all proceeds will help offset the cost of summer camp.

Sunday, March 16th the Youth will host a lunch following the morning worship service to raise support for summer camp.

New CrossWalk Courses begin on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm.