

Macedonian Call

March 2017

The Battle Rages On . . . Two bills filed recently in the NC House propose not only to repeal House Bill 2 but to enact “Charlotte-style” policies that would allow anyone to enter public bathrooms anywhere in the state & that would add civil-rights type legal protections to a multitude of state laws on the basis of “sexual orientation” & “gender identity.” House Bill 78, sponsored by Rep. Cecil Brockman (D-Guilford) & House Bill 82, sponsored by Reps. Pricey Harrison (D-Guilford), Susan Fisher (D-Buncombe) & Deb Butler (D-New Hanover), are almost identical & would repeal House Bill 2 in its entirety. Both bills would allow individuals to access public bathrooms, showers, changing rooms & “other places of public accommodation” based on their “gender identity.” “Place of public accommodation” is defined to include “any place, facility, store, other establishment, hotel or motel, which supplies goods or services on the premises to the public or which solicits or accepts the patronage or trade of any person.” While the definition excludes private clubs or “other establishments not open to the public,” the definition is so broad that it likely includes churches, church schools and other church-related ministries & services. Both bills would also add “sexual orientation” & “gender identity” along with several other categories, as protected classifications to state laws dealing with housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, insurance, K-12 public education, public charter schools, non-public schools, community colleges & universities. Both measures would give the government the authority to pursue “enforcement actions,” including the potential for a civil action & monetary fines to be brought against an individual who violates

these laws. Obviously, proponents of these two bills believe the time is right to not only push their ungodly agenda on citizens who are concerned for the protection of their families & religious freedom, but to do it in a more aggressive, in-your-face kind of way. Pray for the leaders in our state legislature who have shown the moral fortitude to stand. Pray that these bills will be defeated. Don't be ashamed to stand for the safety of your family & the right to reject such utter nonsense on religious grounds.

Pastor Randy



Patterned: Sharing & Imitating Christ Together

A 10-week Bible study designed for any follower of Jesus Christ to gain practical tools to engage in our

Lord's Great Commission mandate of becoming a disciple-maker. Some of the topics we'll study include praying for the lost, defining evangelism and discipleship, studying the Bible and living intentionally. The study begins at 6:30 pm each Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall.

2017 MISSIONS
CONFERENCE



RECONCILED
March 17-18, 2017

***NC Missions Conference
March 17-18***

Calvary Church, Winston Salem

***Conference includes worship,
general sessions, break-out
sessions, missions fair exhibits,
missions testimonies, volunteer
supper and more!***



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 March 8th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



*March Meeting
March 14th @ 6:30pm
In the Fellowship Hall
“Sole Hope Project”*



**“Mighty Men of Valor”
Uplands Reach
Millers Creek, NC
Saturday, March 11th**

“Together for His Kingdom” is the theme for this year’s Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The Week of Prayer is Mar. 5th – 12th. Prayer Guides are available at our Welcome Center and on the shelves across from our Sunday School Office. You may give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering anytime during March and April. Specially marked envelopes are available next to the Prayer Guides.



The most important thing in my life is my relationship with God. But there are many other things I love about my life, like being a father and husband. March is the month my first child was born. March 18, 2005, Heidi and I welcomed our first-born son, Hunter. That same month, my North Carolina Tar heels won one of their many National Championships. I love being a father and I really like watching my Tar Heels play basketball. The problem is sometimes we prefer the things of this world over God. This is at the heart of the original sin. Breaking the commandment of God by eating of the tree was the result of a heart that preferred knowledge and power over a relationship with God. Today, we continue to elevate worldly pleasures above God. These things can be good gifts of God like family or things that are sinful pleasures. Regardless of their moral status, they are evidence that we prefer temporary fulfillment over relationship with God. But God sent His Son to save us by providing a way to restore our relationship with Him. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and the power of the Holy Spirit changes our hearts and draws us back into relationship with God. Still, we are prone to wonder and prefer the temporary if we are not careful. What are you choosing over God, today? Do you see Jesus as your treasure, your everything or do prefer something else more? “...choose this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 ~ Pastor Jeremy



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



**Each Sunday Afternoon at 4:30 pm
MBC Bible Drill—March 22, 6:00 pm**

SFBA Bible Drill @ MBC—Sunday, March 26



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.



"Road to the Resurrection"

Coming up April 15th

We need volunteers!!!!

Sign up Today at the Welcome Center



TeamKID is designed for Kids in Discipleship! It features Bible memory games and application of Bible truths, engaging missions videos and activities, and fun activity-based learning all while helping your kids grow to be more like Jesus. Kids Pre-K through 6th grades are invited to TEAMKID on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Children's Church is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade.

They will meet this month on March 5th, 12th & 26th during our morning worship service.



Charles Schultz, in one of his "Peanuts" cartoons shows Lucy and Linus looking out the window watching it rain. Lucy begins the

conversation;

Lucy: Boy look at it rain! What if it floods the whole world?

Linus: It will never do that again. In the 9th chapter of Genesis, God promised Noah that it would never happen again. He gave the rainbow as His promise.

Lucy: You've taken a great load off my mind.

Linus: Sound theology has a way of doing that. Isn't that true?

Is your heart troubled?

John 14

Do you need a friend?

Proverbs 18:24

Do you need wisdom?

James 1:5

Do you need value?

Ephesians 2:10

Do you have a need?

Philippians 4:19

Try it – You'll like it, and God's Word will take a load off your mind – I promise!

May our Lord bless & keep ~ Pastor Joe

Weekly Bible Study
Thursday
@ 10:30 am

let's do
lunch

JOY Ministry
Monthly Lunch
Thursday,
March 2nd

Noon in the Fellowship Hall



South Fork Baptist Association
Annual Senior Adult Rally

April 3, 2017

Mt. Ruhama Baptist Church

11am—2pm

\$10 per person

sign up at the Welcome Center