

# Macedonian Call

## March 2018

Last week our nation was rocked once again by the tragedy of a school shooting in which 17 innocent people, wrapping up a normal school day were gunned down. Almost immediately following the incident and the apprehension of the shooter, media commentators and politicians were looking for a cause for his actions. The sheriff's department and FBI failed to offer adequate responses to the warnings. The NRA trained the shooter (false). He belonged to a white supremacist group (false). On and on the list of possible causes for the shooter's actions began to grow. From a biblical perspective, there is only one cause for his horrendous deed—sin. The presence of sin had corrupted the young man's mind. It had influenced his thought process, leading to unspeakable actions. It had hardened his heart toward others causing him to place no value on human life. Regardless of how many laws are passed or how great the lengths schools go to protect students and teachers, there's no guarantee that such things won't happen again. Sin will still be present and Satan will continue to deceive the most vulnerable in our society to commit unimaginable acts of violence. There's only one remedy against actions influenced by sin and that's the gospel of Jesus Christ. Share it. Live it. It's what our sin-warped culture needs. Romans 1:16. ~ Pastor Randy



Spring begins this month. I love all of the seasons, but Spring is a favorite. We can't help but notice the hand of Almighty God at work as the world around us is given new life. Spring gives us another reason to praise God for His marvelous ways. The beauty of Spring also opens doors for us to talk to others about God's goodness. Which brings us to Sunday School! With the world around us growing and springtime putting a bounce back into our step, this is a great time to renew our commitment to grow the church by inviting others to Sunday School and worship. Spring is the season of new beginnings, so our invitations may be creative and should be shared with warmth. Share with others what you've taken from your walk through the Scriptures in Sunday School. Tell them about where you've been, where you are now and where you're going in God's Word. If each of us who attend Sunday School would bring another person this Spring, together we'd make a great impact for Christ and His kingdom. ~ Brad Beam



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



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*Give anytime during the month of March. Please use the specially marked envelopes located at the Welcome Center and on the shelves across from the Sunday School Office.*

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions**  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

*Prayer guides are available at the Welcome Center and on the shelves across from the Sunday School Office*

March 11th  
**Spring Forward!**  
 Daylight Savings Begins




Winter Bible Study  
 Wednesdays through March 7th

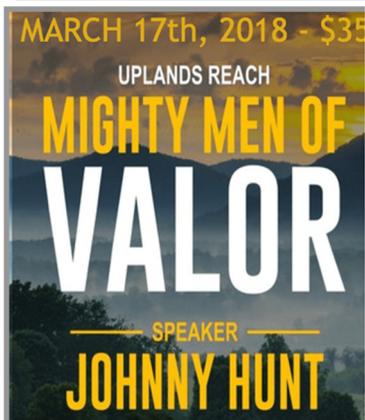
**Embrace**   
 Women's Ministry  
**Tuesday, March 13th**  
**7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

We will have a special speaker from Asbury Academy on Salem Church Rd. in Lincolnton to share with us about their weekly backpack program.



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 14th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**Cost - \$35 +\$6 for lunch**  
**For boys and men**  
**This will be a great day of challenging messages & outdoor activities such as AR shooting, 3 D Bow shoot, Skeet Shooting, Duck Dog Demo and more!!**

 **church WORKDAY**  
**March 24th @ 8:00 am**

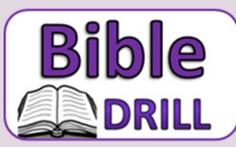
 You know, I just can't get over how Jesus saved me. I was a mess when He found me, but He loved me just where I was and brought me to where I am. As the weather warms up, I get more and more excited about the coming spring. Spring brings new life to everything and it reminds me of the new life Jesus brings to all who believe. What grace to have salvation in Jesus Christ! We cherish our salvation, but do we cherish our Savior? Do we treasure the gifts more than the Giver? These are questions we must ask ourselves from time to time. If we are honest, there are times that we value the healing more than the healer. A new song out by Natalie Grant highlights this very issue. One line says, “help me want you Jesus more than anything”. There is more to the Christian life than just what God gives us. There is an invitation to know God and experience His presence daily as we walk with Him.  
 ~ Pastor Jeremy

*Come Join the Fun!!!*



**Resurrection Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:00 am**  
**Pre-K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

 **Bible DRILL**

**MBC Bible Drill**  
**Wednesday, March 21**  
**6:00 pm**

**SFBA Bible Drill**  
**Sunday, March 25 @ 4:30 pm**  
**@ Macedonia Baptist**

**Children's Church** is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on March 4th, 11th & 25th during our morning worship service.



**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**

**3 years through 6th grade**



**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**

**JESUS > RELIGION**



**JOY Ministry Trip  
Easter Celebration 2018  
Woodlawn Baptist Church  
Friday, March 23rd  
we will leave the church at  
5:00 pm**



We are already two months into this new year. Wow! It won't be long before .... Well I won't go there. I started to say before Christmas lights come back out, but I won't say that. I will ask what would you like to do for Christ this year? Be at church more? Give more? Get involved in ministry? Get an attendance pin? (Oh I don't think that is done anymore). I have a great idea that would be pleasing to our Lord! How about yielding yourself to God's Spirit to witness of God's great love to at least one person each week. Someone anywhere, at the gas station, doctors office, restaurant, grocery store, you name it. Jesus said we are to be His witnesses everywhere, everyday. And you know what? A lot of senior adults don't know Christ. Here is a good poem to remember:

*Can we find time, o Christian, in the busy lives we lead  
To be a witness for our Savior and sow that precious seed?  
We need to witness to the lost, the harvest is truly great  
When a soul dies without Christ, for that person it's too late.  
God wants us to tell others about salvation full and free  
So who will go and win them, It's a privilege for you and me.  
(Margaret Cagle ~ Christian Art)*

This would be a great commitment to Christ throughout the remainder of this year. Here's to evangelism. ~ Pastor Joe

**JOY Ministry Bible Study  
Each Thursday at 11:00 am**



**Thursday, March 1st at  
Noon in the Fellowship Hall**

**Upcoming Events**

- **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Blazin Trails Rodeo at the Ponderosa @ 6:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - SFBA Senior Rally @ Mt. Ruhama Baptist @ 10:00 am**
- **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Narroway Productions - "The Gospel according to Tennessee" 10:30 am**



**Monday, March 5th  
AMC 15 in Hickory  
Tickets are \$13.00  
We will leave the church at 6:00 pm**