

# Macedonian Call

## March 2019



In February's newsletter I updated you regarding Planned Parenthood's 2017-18 annual report. The report revealed that in 2018 Planned Parenthood performed 332,757 abortions, more abortions in any year since 2011. Since last month greater effort has been expended by pro-abortionists in several states to try and protect the heinous execution of innocent babies. Perhaps you're aware New York State passed a law that legalizes killing babies up until the moment of birth in many cases. Gov. Andrew Cuomo had the top of One World Trade Center lit pink to celebrate. And state legislators cheered, in a standing ovation, when the law was passed, celebrating what they view to be a major advancement in support of "women's reproductive health." Just a few days later a state rep. in Virginia offered up a bill supporting abortion through the 40<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. Astoundingly, when questioned about her proposal, the rep. unashamedly affirmed that her bill would permit abortion even as the mother was dilating. In the last week of February, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker promised to make his state the most "abortion-friendly" in the nation, and a pro-life law firm warns a new bill would do just that—going far beyond the scope of Roe v. Wade, including legalizing self-abortions. Known as "The Reproductive Health Act," the proposed Illinois law states that women "who become pregnant [have] a fundamental right...to have an abortion," and "provides that a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent rights under the law of this state." In an effort to stem the tide of more liberal abortion laws, several states have passed or are in the process of passing laws that prohibit abortions after the detection of a baby's heartbeat. However, as was recently the case in Mississippi, which passed a law prohibiting abortion after the 15<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy, a federal judge ruled it unconstitutional. In addition, a bill proposed by Sen. Ben Sasse

meant to protect the lives of babies that survived abortion, failed to pass Senate approval in a 54-44 vote, (six votes short of the 60 vote threshold). "The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" would do nothing more than require that health care providers offer to a baby who survives an abortion the same level of medical care they would give to any other baby at the same gestational age. I find it unbelievable that the issue of "legalized infanticide" is even up for debate. It's appalling that anyone having the ability to think reasonably would applaud endorsing abortion up to the moment of birth or vote against doing everything medically possible to save an abortion-survivor's life. The endorsement of these barbaric practices is wrong on every level and has far-reaching consequences leading, not only to the normalization of state-sanctioned infanticide, but also to the normalization of state-sanctioned euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. Bioethicist Dr. John R. Ling has written: "We live in a culture of death. How else can you explain that a sophisticated, prosperous and educated society deliberately puts to death its own offspring, its smallest, its weakest and its most vulnerable members?" Psalm 127:3 states, "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward." Pray that the hardened hearts of pro-abortion, pro-infanticide lawmakers would be softened to understand the ungodly results of their decisions. Pray for the pregnancy care centers that minister every day to women who are considering abortion. Pray that Christians will stand, unashamedly and boldly against the politicians who care more about getting elected to office than they do about the sacredness of human life. ~ Pastor Randy

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.**



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

“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.”

This month C.A.R.E. Night is March 13th.

We will attend the MBC Bible Drill @ 6:00 pm in the Worship Center then have our meal @ 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The meal this month will be sponsored by our Mission Ministry Team.



**Uplands Reach Conference Center**  
**An all-day event for boys & men of all ages. Outdoor recreation, good food & challenging messages!**  
**See Marvin Pewitt if you would like to attend or for more information.**



**New Crosswalk Adult Small Groups**  
**Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**  
**beginning March 27th**

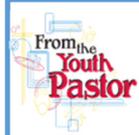
Seamless : Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story (Women’s Study) Leader: Denise Setzer Whether you’ve grown up hearing Bible stories or you’re exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the bible can be overwhelming. The 66 books may seem disconnected at first glance. In this study you’ll see how the whole bible—from Genesis—Revelation connects as one beautiful, seamless thread.

Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine  
 Leader: Pastor Randy Setzer

Don’t settle for a wimpy grace. Max Lucado’s Grace DVD-based study takes you on a journey to discover the depth of God’s grace—greater than you can imagine, more than you deserve and all that you need.

Tortured for Christ Leader: Pastor Joe Canipe

Do you need inspiration to be a faithful witness for Christ ...no matter the cost? God’s faithful to empower us in the midst of any challenge we may face as we witness for Him and offer ourselves as living sacrifices. Be inspired by the examples of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand and other persecuted Christians who forgave their enemies—even through persecution and death.



Thank you for investing in and performing the ministry of this church. Scripture says, we are the body of Christ and called to carry out His mission of sharing the gospel with everyone. We are able carry out that mission because of your generosity in giving of both your time and money. This mission is a long, hard mission and many times we can’t see immediate results but isn’t it wonderful when God gives us the pleasure of seeing a life changed. That’s why we push through, steadfast because we have seen what our God can do. We continue to run the race because our own lives have been changed by Jesus and we want to see others experience the mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. As you live out the mission God has called you to, don’t forget to keep your eyes on Jesus, don’t be distracted by the traps and lies of the enemy. Stay the course knowing God is our victory and He goes before us as we spread the gospel. God is constantly at work, both in us and through us. How wonderful it is that He would use us for His purposes. ~ Pastor Jeremy

**Children’s Church** is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on March 3rd, 17th & 24th during our morning worship service.



**Bible Drill**  
**Sundays @ 4:30 pm**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

**MBC Bible Drill—Wednesday March 13th**  
**@ 6:00 pm in the Worship Center**

**SFBA Bible Drill @ MBC—Sunday, March 17th @ 5:00 pm in the Worship Center**



**Sunday Evenings  
@ 6:00 pm in the  
Youth Room**

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



**Children / Youth Ministry  
BBQ Fundraiser  
Friday, March 22nd  
\$8.00 per plate**

Dine In the Fellowship Hall 10am-2 pm & 5-7 pm  
or pick up to take home

Pre-order for your work—(See Pastor Jeremy  
for an order form) We will deliver large orders!  
All proceeds will support Children & Youth  
Summer Camp



**Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm  
All kids pre-k—6th grade**

*TeamKID* is a fun, high-energy ministry that  
encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a  
relationship with Him.



**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—6th grade**



**All Seniors are invited to join our  
JOY Ministry Dinner & Movie Night  
Friday, March 15th @ 5:00 pm in  
the Fellowship Hall**

**JOY Trip Coming up in April  
Friday, April 12th—Woodlawn Baptist Easter Program**



A snippet was written years ago  
after a man read James 4:14 about  
our lives being a vapor. This snip-  
pet was, “Life is short, death is  
sure, sin is the cause, Christ is the  
cure.” As a Christian the shortness  
of life should not be such a depressing thought,  
but the brevity of life should motivate us to get  
things done that need to be done. Several years  
ago the Wall Street Journal ran this in an article:  
*If you’re putting something off that you’ve  
been meaning to do, what are you waiting for?  
Always wanted to play an instrument? Start taking  
lessons. Hate the color of your bathroom? Re-  
paint it. Want to feel better by exercising? Start  
jogging. Love the taste of home-grown tomatoes?  
Plant some of your own. Angry about potholes in  
your street? Go to the town meetings. Whatever  
you’ve been putting off, do it now! Tomorrow may  
be too late!!*

Here are three spiritual insights taken from this:  
Act on your impulse – Ecc. 9:10 – *Whatever  
your hand finds to do, do it.* Do you feel  
like you should encourage someone? Do  
it! Make a call. Send a letter, card or email.  
Focus on what is good. – Phil. 4:8 – *Whatever  
is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is  
pure, whatever is lovely, think on these  
things.* Think on things that will help, en-  
courage, and build up. It’s not hard!  
Be a witness – Acts 1:8 – *You are My witness-  
es.* People need the truth. Jesus said “I am  
the truth.” Be a witness of that wonderful  
news!  
Keep on loving Him. ~ Pastor Joe

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



**Monthly Covered  
Dish Lunch Thursday, March 7th  
at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.  
All Senior Adults are invited  
to join us!!!**