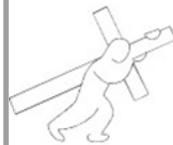


# Macedonian Call

## March 2020

Abraham Lincoln said the following in March 1863 in his proclamation of a national day of fasting: "May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of Civil War, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted on us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has grown. But we have forgotten God." With the political strife emanating from our nation's capital, the antagonistic language heard on campaign trials, the constant assault on religious liberty, the shutting down of free speech on college campuses and the persistence of progressives to pass unconstitutional laws, it may be said that our nation is once again engaged in a "Civil War." Is it possible that we are again experiencing "punishment . . . for our presumptuous sins"? For they are many! Abortion, euthanasia (legal in almost half our states), same-sex marriage and the increased acceptance of multiple gender identities come to mind. We have grown in number (over 329 million people). We have grown in wealth (all leading economic indicators are up & unemployment is down). We have grown in power (we have approximately 1.3 million active-duty troops, with another 865,000 in reserve, one of the largest fighting forces of any country & our 2020 military budget is \$748 billion). It's obvious today, as it was to Lincoln in his day, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. . . . But we have forgotten God." Unity ("national reformation as a whole people") will never exist without a national turning back to the one true God who has preserved this nation since its inception. Pray for revival in our nation. "Then

we will not turn away from You; revive us, and we will call on Your name" (Psalm 80:18, NIV).  
~ Pastor Randy



**New CrossWalk Courses begin  
Wednesday, March 25th  
@ 6:30 pm. Register for a class  
by Wednesday, March 4th.**

***Defiant Joy: What Happens When You're Full of It***  
**(Women's Study) Leader: Denise Setzer**

Dispel the myths that joy is frivolous, immature, or reserved for a few select "happy" people, and open your heart to receive the freedom and joy God created you to live in.

***Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name***  
**Leader: Pastor Randy Setzer**

By learning more about the person Jesus was and is, we come to understand more clearly the people we were created to be.

***Everything You Need: Walking the Journey of Faith with Promises of God***

**Leader: Pastor Joe Canipe**

Explore with David Jeremiah how God equips all believers with everything we need to walk and work with confidence as members of His kingdom.



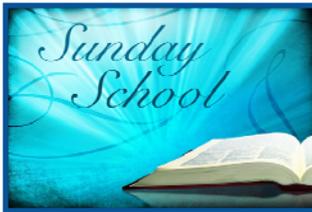
**2020 Missions Conference**

**March 27-28**

**Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem**

**\$20/person**

**(includes all general & breakout sessions,  
name tag, materials & lunch on Saturday)**



9:45 am  
Classes for  
all ages

“To me, this verse means...” should not be the first response we give to Bible reading. Scripture should be applied individually but only after the broader meaning of the text is understood (Eph. 5:17). Sometimes we can innocently twist Scripture by reading a passage in isolation, not asking questions of the text or just looking for a quick spiritual pick-me-up. Not every wrong reading of Scripture leads to direct danger but the pattern of surface reading can be damaging over the long term (Rom. 16:18, 2 Tim. 4:3-4). Understanding the Bible rightly is not effortless but remember that as we read humbly, prayerfully, with a desire to know God and His will, the Holy Spirit will guide us and keep us (Matt. 7:7, Luke 11:13, Luke 13:24, John 16:13, James 1:5-6).  
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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 11th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship outreach and ministry.



All women are invited to an Embrace Roundtable on Saturday, March 14th, 10am-Noon



Men's Meeting  
Saturday, March 28th  
@ 7 am in the  
Fellowship Hall



Hello Macedonia,

Recently I had to stay at home sick for a few days and I realized just how much I love my life. Most days I complain about everything I “have to do” and yes, my family is overwhelmingly busy most of the time. But how much of my time am I ruining by having the wrong perspective on things that I actually “get to do,” not “have to do.” The first couple of days at home were very restful until I realized I was going to miss 3 basketball games, a father/daughter dance, a children’s ministry party, Sunday School, and worship. After a couple of days in the house, I was ready to go anywhere but there was no place I wanted to be more than with my family at these events. These experiences that I took for granted became so much more important to me. I am thankful that God slowed me down for a few days to give me a different perspective. A change in perspective is what we all need from time to time. Sometimes it helps us realize that what seems to be a burden is really a great blessing.

~ Pastor Jeremy

**Children’s Church** is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on March 1st, 8th, & 22nd during our morning worship service.



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



**MBC Church Bible Drill**  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 18th @ 6:00 pm**  
**Everyone is invited to come support our participants!**



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

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



**Students 7th-12th  
grades**  
**Saturday,  
March 21st  
Charlotte**  
**\$40/per ticket**  
**We will leave the  
church at Noon**



**MBC Annual  
BBQ  
Fundraiser**

**Friday, March 20th**  
**10 am-2pm & 5-7pm**  
**Dine In, Carryout or Delivery for Large Orders**  
**\$8.00/Plate**  
**(Includes BBQ, slaw, beans, chips,& dessert)**  
**All proceeds will go to Student &  
Children's Summer Camps.**



Chuck Swindoll describes apprehension as a notch or two above worry, but it feels like it's twin. He adds, "It's the feeling you get when your mother-in-law goes over the cliff in your new Mercedes!!" As someone who has reached your senior years are you apprehensive about anything? You may answer "well yes, aren't you?" I'm over my prime, I can't see well, I can't hear well, everything hurts and even if it doesn't hurt it's broken! What should that have to do with being apprehensive? NOTHING! ABOSLUTELY NOTHING!! Then what are we, the ones described above, suppose to do? Sing this song with me, I know you know it.

*When we walk with the Lord,  
in the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way.  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still.  
And with all who will trust and obey.*

All through life as we learn the truth of Proverbs 3:5-6 we can drive apprehension out of our lives. Hey, it's still the first of the year! Let's live this year with confidence, security and faith that our precious Lord holds us in His hand. So if your mother-in-law goes over a cliff in your new Mercedes..... it's okay!!  
Until next month ~ Pastor Joe



**All Seniors are invited to our  
weekly Bible study each  
Thursday morning  
at 11:00 am!!**



**Aging Well Conference**  
**Tuesday, March 17th**  
**10 am-2 pm**

**Trinity Baptist Church, Mooresville**  
**( We will leave the church at 9 am and  
return about 3 pm.**  
**Please sign up at the Welcome Center).**



**AWANA Clubs**  
**Sundays @ 6pm**  
**For Children 3 years - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**