



Much attention & many acts of intolerance against religious liberty & Christian values have been levied against our state over the past month due to our governor & legislature taking a firm stand against LGBT activists by passing HB2. Bible believing Christians should applaud their action & continue to pray for them. This past week, in a neighboring state, a court ruling took place that may have future implications for NC. On April 19, a US appeals court ruled for a Virginia female student who "identifies" as a male to use the male restroom. This could possibly impact transgender policies related to our public schools. Last year a 15-yr-old girl who now identifies as male, filed a lawsuit to force her school district to let her use male restrooms. The girl, who legally changed her name to Gavin Grimm, was originally allowed to use the restroom of her choice at her Virginia high school. After receiving complaints from local parents & residents, the Gloucester County school board voted 6-1 to adopt a policy that bath-rooms & locker rooms "be limited to the corresponding biological genders & students with gender identity issues shall be provided an alternative appropriate private facility" (similar to provisions in our law here). With the help of the ACLU, Grimm sued the school board saying that denying her the use of the male restroom violated Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The federal district court originally denied the injunction & dismissed Grimm's claim. But on April 19 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled in favor of Grimm, saying Title IX protects the rights of transgender students to use sex segregated facilities that are "consistent with their gender identity." As the NY Times notes, this is the first time a federal appellate court has ruled that Title IX protects the rights of such students to use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity. In April 2014, the Dept. of Education (DOE) issued an unprecedented guideline extending federal civil rights protections under Title IX to transgender students. Federal regulations expressly state that this type of 'significant guidance document' has no binding legal authority. As Alliance Defending Freedom attorney Jeremy Tedesco says: "[T]he document does not mention access to restrooms & it doesn't change binding Title IX regulations authorizing schools to create 'separate toilet, locker room, & shower facilities on the basis of sex.'" It would take an act of Congress to include 'gender identity' as a protected status under Title IX. The school can defend itself against this lawsuit without losing its federal funding. And it should. Allowing students access to the opposite sex's restrooms would violate the privacy rights of the vast majority of students and trample the rights of parents as well. The appeals court, however, is treating the document as being legally binding & is requiring the district court to reevaluate Grimm's request for a preliminary injunction under the DOE's standard. Roger Gannam, with the Liberty Counsel, filed an amicus brief in the case on behalf of the school district, says, the five states covered by the Fourth Circuit — VA, NC, MD, WV & SC — must now follow the federal DOE's interpretation of Title IX on this issue. If the district court interprets the DOE's statement in a way that allows Grimm to use the male restrooms, then any transgender students in those states who want to use the opposite-sex restrooms must be allowed to do so. I urge you to pray for those who are fighting these legal battles on our behalf. I also encourage parents & students to stand for your rights & religious liberty if your school buckles under the pressure of political correctness & illegitimate regulations. (Source: The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the SBC) ~Pastor Randy

It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving congregation. Thank you all for volunteering and helping with our Youth and Children's programs. You all are vital in helping reach our young people with the Gospel. Thank you for all your encouragement and support! Macedonia's Got Talent show is May 14th. This is a great night of entertainment and fellowship. The show will begin at 5 pm followed by dinner. All donations will go to fund our youth summer camp. If you would like to perform, please contact me or sign up at our Welcome Center or at the youth bulletin board by Sunday, May 8th. Everybody else come see the performances and join us for a great dinner. Our children's ministry has planned a family zoo trip for Saturday, May 21st. Everybody is welcome to join us. Admission is \$13 for adults, \$11 for children ages 2-12, and free for 2-under. We will be leaving church at 7 am and returning around 6 pm. Deadline to sign-up and pay is Sunday, May 15th. I love all of our youth and children's activities here at Macedonia but don't forget the most important things our young people need. Everyone needs time each day growing in relationship with their heavenly Father. Everyone says they don't have time but this is important enough to make time. This single thing will change your life and be of the utmost benefit to your children. Take time for a quiet time with God. In Christ ~ Pastor Jeremy



**MBC Youth Sponsored
Talent Show & Dinner
Saturday, May 14th at 5:00 pm**

Come enjoy the Talent & Good Food
All Proceeds will help defer the cost
of Camp! Thanks for your support!!



**Family Trip to Riverbank Zoo in
Columbia, SC
Saturday, May 21st at 7:00 am**

**Sunday, May 8th - 8:30 - 9:30 am
Mother's Day Breakfast**



*All Ladies are invited to come
enjoy a breakfast provided by our
Men's Ministry. Bring your
children and have a wonderful
morning of fellowship.*

**Embrace Women's Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm**

**CARE Night
Wednesday, May 11th
Meal @ 6:00 pm Ministry @ 6:30 pm**



**MBC Men's Meeting
Saturday, May 28th at 7:00 am
All men are invited for a light breakfast,
prayer, mission & ministry updates and a brief
Bible study.**



**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 5th
Noon in the Fellowship Hall
(Lunch will be provided following
the time of prayer)**

**Join us as we pray for our Nation, Leaders, Churches,
Families, Schools, Military & Federal, State & Local
Government.**

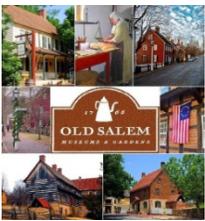


In a book by Chuck Swindoll he tells the story of the maiden flight of a new airliner flying from Chicago to Los Angeles. About an hour after takeoff the passengers on board hear a voice over the speaker. It began "this is a recording. You have the privilege of being on the first completely electronic controlled jet. This plane took off electronically. It is now flying at 40,000 feet electronically. It will land in Los Angeles electronically. This plane has no pilot, no co-pilot, and no flight engineer because with this advanced system they are no longer needed. But do not worry; nothing can possibly go wrong.....go wrong.....go wrong.....go wrong".

Everything is seemingly going well then you get the bad news; "Our Company is closing or moving", "you have cancer", "I want a divorce", "Someone has hacked into your bank account", "you only have six more months to live". Remember, during those times that others have received the same news and thought they could not make it. But with the gracious, loving, all powerful hand of our God it hurt but they made it! And you can too! Read Philippians 4:6-9 (NLT) "Don't worry – pray and verse 9 closed saying "then the God of peace will be with you". Our life is not on automatic electronic control. We do have a pilot and He know what is going on and He cares.....He cares.....He cares..... ~ Pastor Joe



*Weekly Bible Study
Each Thursday at 10:30 am*



**Trip to Old Salem
Tuesday, May 17th**

We will leave the church at 10 am and return about 4 pm.

June At a Glance

- ❖ JOY Ministry Bible Study each Thursday at 10:30 am
- ❖ Thursday, June 2nd – JOY monthly Luncheon at Noon in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Saturday, June 4th – Student Ministry Car Wash Fundraiser for Camp
- ❖ Sunday, June 5th – Graduation Sunday Awana Awards Night at 6 pm
- ❖ Wednesday, June 8th – CARE Night - Meal @ 6pm & Ministry @ 6:30 pm
- ❖ Thursday, June 9th – JOY Ministry Trip to Smoky Mountain Railroad
- ❖ June 13 – 17 – Children's Camp South Mountain Baptist Camp
- ❖ Sunday, June 19th – Father's Day (No evening activities)
- ❖ June 20 – 24 – Youth Camp @ CSU
- ❖ Saturday, June 25th – Men's Meeting @ 7:00 am – Local Missions @ 8:30 am
- ❖ June 26 – June 30 – VBS Family Night, Friday, July 1st