

Macedonian Call

May 2018



Recently, Denise shared with me that she had heard that sale of Bibles would soon be banned in California. I responded with something like, “There’s no way any state would ban selling the Bible.” Well, I stand corrected. Assembly Bill 2943 in the California State Legislature will ban the “sale . . . of goods or services” that “offer to” or “engage . . . in sexual orientation change efforts,” which are defined to include “efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex.” The ban would include basic Christian and biblical teaching and counseling against unrepentant homosexual conduct. In addition, those bound by this bill include any “association” or “other group”—“however organized,” and are prohibited from selling “goods” which are defined as anything “tangible” and used “primarily” for personal, family, or household purposes. This would include a prohibition on groups of people selling books or materials to other people for their own use which expresses the biblical and Christian position on unrepentant homosexual conduct. If passed, this bill WILL BAN THE SALE OF BIBLES and biblically-based literature that advocates heterosexual lifestyles and traditional marriage. Such a ban would, of course, violate the First Amendment of the Constitution. But since violating the Constitution and the rule of law is nothing new for California’s law makers, it’s likely that this bill will become law in that state. I wonder what some of our founding fathers and early statesmen would think about the direction our nation’s going, about this law and other recent attacks on religious liberty and the Bible?

John Adams said: “I have examined all religions, and the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world.” Alexander Hamilton said: “The Bible . . . is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed.” John Jay said: “The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts.” John McHenry said: “Where [Bibles] abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience.” My, how far we have fallen! Pray for California Assembly Bill 2943 to fail! Pray for God’s people to stand! Pray for our nation every day. ~ Pastor Randy

“The Bible: Misunderstood and Under Assault,” by Travis Weber, 04/23/18, www.frc.org, accessed 04/24/18

“The Founding Fathers on Jesus, Christianity and the Bible,” www.wallbuilders.com, accessed -4/24/18



Thursday, May 3rd we observed the National Day of Prayer. Continue to pray for our great nation and our leaders. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.



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



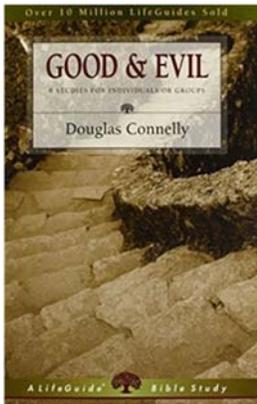
Every second Wednesday of each month is C.A.R.E. Night. C.A.R.E. is an acronym for

“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.” 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 May 9th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



Sunday, May 13th

We will not have any evening activities at



Adult Small Groups
Wednesdays
@ 6:30 pm
This Spring & Summer



Baptist Men's Meeting
Saturday, May 26th
@ 7:00 am

All men are invited for a time of fellowship which includes a light breakfast, mission & ministry updates, prayer and a brief Bible study.

Children's Church is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on May 6th, 13th & 27th during our morning worship service.



I want to start out by thanking everyone who volunteered for, contributed to, and prayed for our BBQ fundraiser and Resurrection Egg Hunt.

These events would not be possible without your help and support. Now we are looking forward to seeing the funds raised from the BBQ going to work as we take our children and youth to camp in the next couple of months. Someone once told me that children are not just another cost but an investment. You have invested in the life of our kids with your money and your love. I can't wait to see how God is going to multiply that investment for His glory. One thing I do ask is that you continue to pray for this generation of young people. Pray that our camps will not be just another camp but an awakening to the greatness of our God and His grace. Pray that they not just have fun but experience true transformation. Pray that this summer changes them forever because they met with Jesus and found that nothing else compares to His presence. Thank you, Macedonia, for investing in our youth and children.

~ 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



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



**Sunday Evenings
@ 6:00 pm**

**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.**



"April showers bring May flowers." Supposedly that is true in the physical and ecological world we live. The quote was taken from a poem written back in 1610 in George Latimer Apperson's Dictionary of Proverbs. The original line was, "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers." The poem wasn't written to talk about the world's ecology, rather about life. You and I can attest to this truth. In a lot of life it seems as though it is mostly the icy winds of March and the dismal showers of April. Stay grounded and warm in God's love because He always brings the fruit in our "Mays" that will remain. Remember this song written by Lanny Wolfe?

*The days pass so swiftly
The months come and go
The years melt away
Like new falling s
Spring turns to summer
Then summer to fall
Autumn brings winter
Then death come to all*

*Only one life
So soon it will pass
Only what's done for Christ will last
Only one chance to do His will
So give to Jesus all you days
It's the only life that pays
When you recall
You have but one life*

So, with only one life to live on this earth, let's get busy and remember the best is yet to come!
~ Pastor Joe



**Friday, May 18th 6 pm—8 am
Cost—\$10**

**Activities— Defy Gravity in Hickory,
Pizza, Games, and Worship**

Join the fun!!!

Sign up at Youth Bulletin Board

**(Parents please pick up your student
by 8 am Saturday morning)**

FOR I KNOW

the I HAVE
Plans FOR YOU
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
NOT HARM

**YOU PLANS
TO GIVE YOU A
HOPE & FUTURE**

JEREMIAH 29:11

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

**JOY Ministry Trip
Narroway Productions
May 12th @ 10:30 am**

