



Macedonian Call

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A Note From Pastor Randy

With the political season ramping up it seems that the news related to the horrific acts committed by IS (Islamic State) have, in large part, been brushed aside. While we don't hear as much about their barbaric treatment of Christians, it should be known that they continue to brutally torture & murder our brothers & sisters in Christ in the name of Islam. Recently, IS militants heinously tortured & killed a 12-year-old boy, along with 11 native Christian missionaries, after they refused to leave their homeland or renounce Christ. According to the VA-based Christian Aid Mission, a group that has been in contact with the slain missionaries' director, all 12 victims were captured on Aug. 7 in a village near Aleppo. Three weeks later, IS militants questioned the captives about whether they had converted from Islam when they became Christians, an offense that is punishable by death under IS legal code. The Christian captives were honest & admitted that they were once Muslims. The IS jihadis demanded the captives convert back to Islam, but the Christians declared that they'd never renounce their love for Christ. On Aug. 28, IS militants split the 12 captives into two groups. A group of 4, which included the 41-year-old team leader, his 12-year-old son & 2 other ministry workers, were taken to one village for questioning. On the same day, the other 8 captives were questioned in another village. After more questioning IS once again ordered them to renounce Christ. They refused, explaining to their captors that God wanted them to stay in the area to share the gospel, the 4 of them were tortured & crucified in front of a crowd. The ministry leader said that the 4 victims were left to die beside signs that identified them as "infidels." They were left on their crosses for 2 days. After the 8 were beheaded, their headless bodies were hung on crosses. Reportedly, they kept on praying loudly & sharing Jesus with the crowd that had gathered to watch until their last breath. As IS continues to gain control of more areas in Syria, more former Muslims are at risk of being killed & brutalized by the terror group for violating the caliphate's apostasy law. But according to the ministry director such threat of persecution isn't stopping Muslims from turning to Jesus. "What is happening is more & more people are being saved," he said. "The ministry is growing & growing. In the past we used to pray to have 1 person from a Muslim background come to the Lord. Now, there are so many we can barely handle all the work among them." (Source: www.christianpost.com) This Thanksgiving please remember to pray for fellow Christians who are boldly standing & dying for Jesus Christ. News like what you've just read should motivate you to be even more grateful for God allowing you to live in a nation where the threat of you being tortured & crucified because you are a Christ follower is very unlikely. Although we are often reminded of the difficulties that many Christians face here because of increasing intolerance & political correctness, the reality is that we're not suffering for the sake of Christ like many of our brothers & sisters are in other parts of the world. ~ Pastor Randy

Hello Macedonia,

I am so happy to be a part of this wonderful church. My joy in being a part of this church has only grown more and more since my arrival. Your kindness, hospitality, support, and encouragement means so much to me and my family. I especially appreciate all of your gifts, kind words, food, and cards for Pastor Appreciation. I feel so blessed in being called to such a great congregation here at Macedonia. Also thank you to everyone who came out and helped with our trip to Lazy 5 ranch.



Our Youth are currently going through the "Not a Fan" Bible study by Kyle Idleman. The study calls for believers to evaluate their commitment to Christ and it reveals the truth that Christ calls us to be followers not just enthusiastic admirers of Him. Luke 9:23 is the key verse for this study, And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Think about this verse, are you a Fan or a Follower of Jesus? Please pray for our youth, that the truth of God will change their perspective on what it is to be a Christian.

We are coming up on a busy holiday season for everyone. Please pay attention to your bulletin and the newsletter for all coming events for youth and children. ~ Pastor Jeremy

Children's Church
November 1st, 8th, & 22nd

Youth Trip to the Judgment House @
Woodlawn Baptist Church
Sunday, November 8th 5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 15th Youth Fundraiser Dinner
Following the morning service the Youth will host a
chili & soup lunch. Donations will be used for the
youth to assemble backpacks for the
Appalachian Christmas Outreach



Tuesday, November 24th
Youth Bake Night
We will bake desserts to go in the
Homebound Thanksgiving meals
Everyone come help!!!

Wednesday, Nov. 25th
Volunteer to deliver Thanksgiving Dinners to our
Homebound Members

Hanging of the Green
Sunday, November 29th
6:30 pm

CARE Night
Wednesday, November 11th
Meal @ 6:00 pm
Ministry @ 6:30 pm
A great night of fellowship & Outreach!!



In last month's newsletter I wrote concerning the Joy Ministry sponsored revival which was getting ready to begin. Maybe you remember (If you haven't had a stroke or brain bleed) at the beginning of the article I made a statement about the revival being over as you read that newsletter. If all we had was three nights of services called revival then it is over. But if you and I allowed the Holy Spirit to truly revive our hearts the revival is still going on transforming our lives daily! The services are over now, but from what I am hearing and experiencing, the revival is still going on in many of our hearts, "praise the Lord". As that newsletter article stated, the purpose of that revival was to renew and remind us that we are a people on a mission to reach others. May I ask, are you still on mission? Someone once said, "You are either a missionary or a mission field". I pray that all of us in the JOY Ministry are on mission and continue to be burdened for our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren (all grand kids are great), family, friends, work mates, neighbors and the world. If they don't know Christ, you and I can and will be missionaries to them because our precious Lord has so renewed and revived our hearts. So, JOY missionaries let's get prayed up and fueled up so we can give out in God's Spirit to all those in our lives with such great needs. Ready to share? Let's Do It!! ~ Pastor Joe

Joy Ministry Weekly Bible Study
Every Thursday Morning at 10:30 am

JOY Ministry Monthly Luncheon
Thursday, Nov. 5th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall



JOY Ministry
Dinner & Drama
"The Real Christmas Story"
Friday, Nov. 20th at 4 pm

December At A Glance

- Sunday, Dec. 6th - Deadline to turn in Backpacks for Appalachian Christmas Outreach
- Sunday, Dec. 6th, 9:00 am - Women's Christmas Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 7:30 am - JOY Ministry trip to the Salt Carol Sing at the Cove
- Wednesday, Dec. 9th - CARE Night Meal at 6 pm & Caroling at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 12th, 11:30 am – JOY Ministry Annual Christmas Lunch in the Fellowship Hall – Golden Voices Singing
- Saturday, Dec. 12th – Youth Progressive Dinner at 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 4 pm - JOY Ministry trip to Christmas at the Billy Graham Library
- Wednesday, Dec. 16th - Christmas Caroling at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 19th, 10 am – Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program & following will be a Birthday Party for Jesus at Noon
- Sunday, Dec. 20th - AM Service – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata - "Breath of Heaven"
PM Service - Children's Christmas Program "Fact or Fiction"
following Children's Program – Candlelight Communion
- Wednesday, Dec. 30th – Friday, Jan. 1st Youth trip to Winterfest @ Liberty University