

# Macedonian Call

## October 2018

Many in our state are still dealing with the effects of Hurricane Florence which made landfall on September 14<sup>th</sup>. As of Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> there were still 1,892 power outages, 1750 people in 27 shelters, 5,214 people and 1,067 animals rescued and evacuated. Estimates of damages to insured properties range from \$17 billion to \$22 billion. Some damage estimates are as much as \$25 billion. Needless to say, Hurricane Florence has left its mark on NC for years to come. NC Baptists, as well as Baptists from other states, were on the ground in affected areas as soon as they were allowed. Following is the most recent Hurricane Florence Update (09/23/18) posted on the Baptist On Mission website (web address below): "We are set up with big mobile feeding kitchens at 10 locations across eastern NC. Feeding Operations continue at all of those sites where thousands of meals were provided today. Recovery operations are underway in most of these same locations plus many others. There are a total of 18 recovery sites as of today with others being added. We will need many disaster recovery volunteers for many weeks to come. Our three NC Feeding units are located in Wilmington, Lumberton and New Bern. Kentucky is serving in Jacksonville and Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief is serving in Kinston. Missouri and Alabama Baptists volunteers are serving in Wallace and Hope Mills. Florida and Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief are serving in Whiteville and Bolivia. NC. Many other states have sent recovery teams and volunteers. We already established some recovery (mud-out, chainsaw, tear-out) sites where we will work out of to help as many people as possible. We plan to establish many more recovery sites. This will be a long term response. Please continue to pray for people

Florence, our churches and pastors who are affected, ministering, and our volunteers who are serving. Thank you for praying, giving and going." We will do our best to keep you informed on how you can help the recovery efforts individually, as well as what we can do as a church. You may keep updated by visiting <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Florence>.  
Pastor Randy



**Community Fish Fry**

**Sponsored by our**

**Sunday School Ministry**

**Saturday, October 6th @ 5:00 pm**

**Invite your friends, family and neighbors to this night of outreach to our community!!**



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



### ACO Backpacks 2018

We will be delivering backpacks to 3rd grade students at Glade Elementary School in Cowen, WV again this year. Sign up at the Welcome Center to complete a back pack for one of these boys or girls. Pick up a list of suggested items when you sign up. There are children's Bibles and other supplies in the ACO Collection room for your use.



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

“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.”

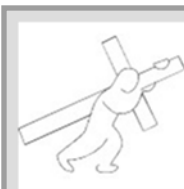
We have a meal each C.A.R.E. Night beginning at 6:00 pm and ministry opportunities follow at 6:30 pm.

This month C.A.R.E. Night is October 10th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



**Men's Meeting**  
**Saturday, Oct. 27th**  
**7:00 am**

Join us for a light breakfast, mission and ministry updates, prayer and Bible study.



**CrossWalk Bible Study**  
**(adult small groups)**  
**Wednesdays**  
**@ 6:30 pm**



**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 through 6th grade**



Last month I wrote about trusting God in trials. We don't look forward to these tough times but instead we try to avoid them as much as possible. However, the truth is that difficult times will inevitably come. They are a part of life and the product of a sin fallen world, but what if God is using those trials for your good? Well, God is using them for your good because if you're a believer then God is using those trials to do two things in your life. Pastor Matt Chandler highlights these two things from the first chapter of James in his study James: Faith/Works. First, God is using trials as a pathway to maturity in your faith. God is using the tough times in the process of your sanctification. He is using them to mature you in the faith. The second thing that Pastor Matt highlights is that God is using trials to help us be consciously aware of our need for Him. As believers, trials should drive us into the arms of God. The difficulties of life show us how much we need Him. Trials will come but God is using them as a gateway to joy as we see the work He is doing, and we seek His presence more.

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (James 1:2-3 ESV)

Pastor Jeremy

**Children's Church** is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on October 7th, 14th, & 28th during our morning worship service.



**Sunday Evenings  
@ 6:00 pm**



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



**All Children Pre-K—  
6th Grade join us for  
Christmas Program  
Practice**

**“It All Happened in the Country”  
Every Wednesday Night @ 6:30**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH  
4:00–7:00 PM**

**Games Trunk or Treat Food**



Can you believe it? It's October! Just a couple days ago it was Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>! Since time is passing so quickly it will only be a few hours until Christmas! Decorations are already out in some of the stores. But wait, wait, wait. We still have all of October, November and most of December and we need to live as Luke says in Acts 17:28 *“In Him we live and move and have our being.”* As senior adults lets join together and use these next 75 or so days to tell others what we know, which is that Jesus is the Reason for the Season! As Christians we have Independence Day 365 days of the year. That is why we can live the next 75 days (or in fast time a couple of hours) telling others what makes every-day so real and livable. And always remember:

*Lord help me live from day to day  
In such a self forgetting way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer will be for others  
Others Lord, yes others  
Let this my motto be  
For when I live for others  
Then Lord I live for Thee.*

Pastor Joe

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



**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch  
Thursday, October 4th @ Noon in the  
Fellowship Hall**



**JOY Ministry Trip  
Friday, October 26th  
@ 10:00 am**

**The Yellow Deli  
in Hiddenite**

**Come enjoy the good food, fun & fellowship!!**