



# October 2019

## Macedonian Call

I don't know if you caught this news story from early spring, but in May Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington State signed a bill legalizing "human composting." The phrase "human composting" doesn't refer to humans who compost household waste; rather it refers to humans using the remains of other humans (dead, of course) for composting their flower beds, vegetable gardens, lawns, etc. The bill, which will take effect on May 1, 2020, recognizes "natural organic reduction" and a process commonly known as "liquid cremation" as a means of disposing of human bodies. The passage of the bill paves the way for Recompose, a project that seeks to build the nation's first urban "organic reduction" funeral home. Recompose would be similar to a crematorium, but it uses a longer and less carbon-intensive means of organic reduction, commonly known as composting. The process uses wood chips, straw and other materials and takes about four weeks. It's similar to livestock composting, which farmers use to turn animals into odorless soil. Environmental activist, Katrina Spade has been promoting the "eco-friendly" composting of human remains since 2014, when she founded the Urban Death Project, since renamed Recompose. Get it? Composting humans is repackaged as re-composing them, sort of re-purposing them. Human composting will be voluntary at first, but since this process is rooted in state law, how long will it be before human composting becomes mandatory? Supporters of human composting are actually advocating the use of the human body as if it possesses no more intrinsic worth than a bag of fertilizer you can pick up at ACE Hardware. If we start down this road, how far will it go? Wait a minute . . . we've already arrived at the next junction! In July Professor Magnus Söderlund of the Stockholm

School of Economics suggested, at an international conference focusing on foods of the future, the ghoulish idea of eating human remains as a serious solution to fighting climate change. He delivered a talk titled "Can You Imagine Eating Human Flesh?" in which he said people could be convinced to eat human flesh, but first they have to be persuaded to taste it. Dr. Söderlund was asked afterwards by Sweden's TV4 if he'd be willing to try human flesh himself. "I feel somewhat hesitant but to not appear overly conservative, I'd have to say I'd be open to at least tasting it." So, we wonder . . . Why are there mass shootings in which dozens of innocent people are killed? Why are thousands of unborn babies aborted in the US each year? Why is physician assisted suicide legal in eight states and DC? Why have there been 30 policemen killed in the line of duty as of this writing? Here's the answer: The devaluation of human life. Many people believe that the human body is the result of blind processes, randomly thrown together over millions of years of evolutionary coincidence, and therefore, is of no intrinsic value. The truth: "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness . . . So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them . . . And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being' (Gen. 1:26a, 27; 2:7). Pastor Randy

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#### Sources

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

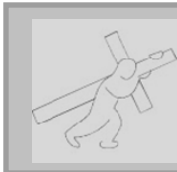
“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.”

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 October 9th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



**You are invited to join us for Sunday School each week at 9:45 am as we journey through the story-line of Scripture! We have classes available for everyone from nursery through senior adults.**



**CrossWalk Small Group Bible Studies Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**

**SFBA Annual Meeting—Sunday, Oct. 20th  
Lincolnton FBC—4:00 pm**



**Thursday,  
October 10th  
LP Franz Stadium  
Hickory**

We will leave the church at 5:30 pm  
Sign up at the Welcome Center

**Sunday School Outreach Event  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Concert @ 4:30 pm  
Fish Fry @ 5:30 pm  
Invite all your unchurched  
family & friends!!**



**Men's Quarterly Breakfast  
Sunday, October 27th @ 9:00 am  
in the Fellowship Hall**



Over the last few years we have seen the rise of individuals calling themselves cultural influencers.

These are people who use their position, their popularity, or social networks to deliver a message or present an idea that will shift culture. Cultural influencers each have a cause and they manipulate situations to rally support for their causes, they tell people how to think and even make up their own moral code. Many of these cultural influencers oppose our God, His word, and even deny His existence. These are the people that our youth and children are influenced by. Our youth are being influenced by false prophets of a fallen world instead of standing up and becoming cultural influencers for Christ.

There is a reason that they are influenced by the world and not Christ. It's because they take in the lies of our world constantly and very rarely read and learn the truth of God's word. Our youth and children are being eaten alive by lies that are conforming them to the world and we wonder why. It's because it is the air they breathe, the 24/7 nonstop streaming of the world's lies instead of the sweet, freeing truth of God's word. Stop giving in to the world and make a stand, to teach them the Bible and make God's word so familiar to them that they can recognize the lies and stand up themselves as cultural influencers for Christ. Disciple your children and refuse to let the things of Satan be the primary influencer of your home. We are raising children in a fallen world that is becoming increasingly evil, teach them to pray, study God's word, and stand up for truth in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our calling as Christian parents.

*Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2*

~ Pastor Jeremy



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

This is a service for our students to worship in song and hear teaching that directly addresses issues they face daily. It is a great time of fellowship and an opportunity for real spiritual growth. We hope to see all of our youth there!

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

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



**AWANA Clubs**  
Sundays @ 6:00 pm  
For Children 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(Must be 3 by August 31<sup>st</sup>)



**Sunday, Oct. 27th**  
**4:00—6:30 pm**  
**Games—Food**  
**Trunk or Treat &**  
**Lots of Fun!!!**



**Children's Christmas Program**  
**Practice**  
**"A Rockin Royal Christmas"**  
**Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**  
**All children Pre-K—6th Grade**

**JOY Ministry Weekly Bible Study**  
**Thursdays at 11:00 am**  
**in the Fellowship Hall.**  
**All Seniors are invited!!!**



This may be a morbid thought, but have you ever thought about writing your own epitaph? Seriously, have you? At least you may have control over what is said about you. Here are a couple I found;

"Under the sod lies Elmer P. Pod,  
P shelled out and went to God"  
"For all these years they said I just thought  
I was sick, well, I told you so!"  
"Here lies the body of John Yeast. Pardon  
me for not rising."

That is all I will print, but the definition of epitaph is something by which a person, time or event will be remembered. In three more months we close 2019 and 2020 will arrive. What have you done in 2019 that will be remembered? When you think about it that is a very serious thought. What have I done? Allow me to give you a suggestion. It comes from a child's song, Obedience.

Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe.  
Doing exactly as the Lord commands, doing it faithfully.  
Action is the key, do it immediately.  
Joy you will receive.  
Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe.

My epitaph for 2019 is simple, which makes it easier for me, "Three more months of obedience." Obedience in what? Talk to the Lord and ask Him. He is the one we are obeying. A good place to start is found in 2 Timothy 4:5-7. ~ Until next month, Pastor Joe



**JOY Ministry Trip**  
**Thursday, Oct. 17th**  
**8:30 am—11:00 pm**



**SFBA Senior Fall Festival**  
**Tuesday, October 22nd 1:00—**  
**3:00 pm Boger City BC**