

Macedonian Call

October 2022



Queen Elizabeth II died on September 8, 2022 and was laid to rest on September 19 after a funeral in Westminster Abbey followed by a committal service in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. She died in Balmoral Castle in the north of Scotland. Her body was regally borne by a motorcade through Scottish towns and villages to Edinburgh, to Holyroodhouse at the end of the Royal Mile. Queen Elizabeth was escorted along the Mile to St. Giles' High Kirk where she lay in state for 24 hours for a public viewing. Some 33,000 people paid their respects. A thanksgiving service was held afterwards, with the opening hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," sung in response to the words, "Let us worship God." The queen was later flown to London for several days of public viewing before her funeral on September 19.^[1] It's reported that 11.4 million people in the US watched her funeral on TV and an estimated 4 billion tuned in throughout the rest of the world. It is said to be the most watched TV event in history. I was able to watch a portion of the Queen's funeral and the procession of her body through London to Buckingham Palace. I was struck by the tremendous crowds that waited in line for hours, in some cases days, just to catch a momentary glimpse of her flag draped coffin. Commentators on the channel I watched repeatedly emphasized the decades long planning that went into this final farewell of the longest reigning monarch in British history. It seems that almost everyone alive during her reign knew the Queen's identity. I mean, when we mentioned "the Queen," we didn't have to follow with "Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. ."^[2] At the moment Queen Elizabeth II

closed her eyes in death, her eldest son, Charles, Prince of Wales, shed that royal title and became henceforth known as Charles the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith (plus several other official titles). Charles too has been well known throughout his lifetime, but needless to say he won't be as popular as his mother. The succession of the UK's monarchy will seemingly continue for ages to come. King Charles will be succeeded by William, Prince of Wales and then William will be succeeded by his son, George. And on it goes. The history of the UK, as well as the world, may be arranged by the reigns of queens (and kings), or other "rulers of the earth" (presidents or dictators) but one King of kings sees all and takes the measure of their deeds. He is the King to whom all, including kings, queens and rulers of nations, will bow one day, acknowledging His sovereign authority.
~ Pastor Randy

1. "Royal Shades," James M. Kushiner, 09/16/22 (jmk@fsj.org, accessed 09/21/22).

2. "The Many Titles of Queen Elizabeth," 08/20/17 (royalcentral.co.uk, accessed 09/21/22).

**You are invited to
join us for Sunday
School each week at
9:45 am. Classes are
available Nursery
through Senior Adults!!**

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE.**



**CrossWalk Adult Small Groups
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**

**Amos: An Invitation to the
Good Life (Women's Study)**

**Flying Closer to the Flame: A Passion for the
Holy Spirit**

Living By the Book



The first Wednesday of each month is CARE Night. CARE is an acronym for Christians Actively Reaching Everyone. We have a meal at 6 pm and ministry opportunities at 6:30 pm. This month CARE Night is **October 5th**.



*Embrace Women's Ministry
Event Tuesday, October 18th @
6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.*

**MEN'S
MINISTRY**

**Quarterly Breakfast
Sunday, October 23rd
9:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall**

**FAMILY MISSION
TRIP TO SOUTH
MOUNTAIN BAPTIST
CAMP OCT. 14-15**

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PLAY
PRACTICE:**

**THE "MANDY IN THE
MORNING" SHOW**

**K-6TH GRADE
OCTOBER 2ND &
16TH @ 4 PM**



A Note From Ashley

"Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." In Proverbs 19:20-21 we are reminded that oftentimes our plans are overruled by God. Truly seeking out the counsel of the Lord, and then accepting that God's sovereign will trumps ours is no easy feat. We have many wants and desires in our hearts.

They could be centered on social situations, money issues, sinful desires, etc. We cannot lean on the longings of our heart, but we can hold to the promises and desires of God. God's ultimate desire is that we live a hopeful, joyful, and spiritually peaceful life in fellowship with Him; and then help others to do the same. When we become frustrated that a certain situation has not been resolved, or something has not happened in the time frame we have set it is a gentle (maybe even an abrupt) reminder that God's timing is not under our control. How can we learn to accept this reality? By laying our plans down before God and surrendering them to Him. Plans, wants, desires change on a daily basis for us, but not for God. He is always the same: yesterday, today, and forever. He always wants what is best for us. The circumstances upon which this "best" comes about may not be what we dreamed of or planned for, but they are for our ultimate good. Start surrendering your plans to God and watch Him move in your life.

~ Ashley Therrell



**Sunday,
Oct. 30th
4:00—5:30 pm**





A Note From Susan

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Robert Robinson (1757)

Robert Robinson was what you would call an “unruly child.” At only eight years old his father died, and he was raised by his mother. In spite of Robert’s intellectual giftedness, he had a penchant for mischief. Robert’s mother sent him off for an apprenticeship when he was only 14, but once he got out of the home his life got worse. Instead of working and learning, Robert chose drinking, gambling, and carousing with the wrong crowd. Caught up in his reckless life, Robert and his friends decided to go to an evangelist meeting one night just to heckle the preacher, George Whitfield. Sitting in that meeting, however, Robert felt as if the preacher’s words were meant for him alone. He couldn’t shake the feeling that God wanted him to surrender his life and serve him. When he was twenty, Robinson gave his life to God and entered the Christian ministry. At the age of 22, he wrote the song “Come Thou Fount”.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

In the last stanza, Robert had written:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love
Take my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above.

In later years the author was accused of becoming a Unitarian. Had he left the God he loved? A widely-told, but unverifiable, story says that one day as he was riding in a stagecoach a lady asked him what he thought of the hymn she was humming. He responded, "Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then." Gently, she replied, "Sir, the 'streams of mercy' are still flowing." He was deeply touched by that. As a result of the encounter, he repented. His fellowship with the Lord was restored through the ministry of his own hymn, and a Christian’s willing witness. I love how the Holy Spirit used the author’s own words to bring him back into a relationship with God. When we are prone to wander let’s remember that God’s mercies are never ceasing and He welcomes us back with open arms! ~ Susan Davis



Choir Practice Sundays
@ 5:00 pm
New Members are Welcome!!



A Note From Pastor Joe

As I welcome you to October, I will greet you as Jude, the half-brother of our precious Lord Jesus, greeted those receiving his letter. Ready? Joe, a servant of Jesus Christ, to you who are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called, greetings. (Isn't that great!!! Sanctified or set apart unto God, preserved or kept by omnipotent power by God) and there's more. Mercy, peace, love be abundant to you all. That's my welcome, my greeting and my prayer for you. But keeping in tune with the previous two months my second encouragement from Colossians 4:5-6 is "Make the most of every opportunity. How?"

Redeem the time (Col. 4:5, Eph. 5:16)

Joe’s paraphrase could be – be aware of the ticking clock, invest in the seconds! You may be like me. I have three lists, 1-To do, 2-Still to do, 3-Not done yet. But when it comes to things of eternal value I have to make important choices. How about you? Every second, every opportunity matters and is very significant.

Remember – Once the second is gone it is gone forever. It can't be set back and get a do over. Let's get serious. Remember in my greeting, we are sanctified and preserved by God our Father and precious Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing can stop us except us!! I'll close my letter or note as Jude did – To God our Savior, be glory and majesty now and forever! ~ Pastor Joe



Weekly Bible study Thursdays at 11 am
in the JOY classroom. This is a very special time of fellowship, prayer and Bible study. We invite all senior adults to join us.

ECLM Tuesday, Oct. 11th —8:30 am
Lunch Following at a local restaurant



Family Style Breakfast

Friday, October 7th

We will leave the church at 7:30 am



Saturday, October 22nd
Narroway Productions

“Lord of Light”

We will leave the church
at 10:00 am