

Macedonian Call

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR RANDY

"Any group of people living together and loving each other are doing the family thing . . . It doesn't really matter just who you're living with; if there's love, you're a family too." Fifteen years ago this jingle was taught to preschoolers as they sat in front of their TVs watching Sesame Street. In their effort to redefine family, the producers of the show preyed on the minds of its young listeners. This tactic hasn't changed much over the years. A couple of weeks ago Denise & I took our granddaughter to see the recently released movie, "Planes." One last big day before school started back. If you've been to a movie lately, you know that you sit through 30 minutes of previews before even getting close to seeing the movie you paid for. All of the previews featured animated films for children. We laughed at most of them & talked about seeing the ones we thought would be good. The last trailer, however, caused our jaws to drop. Then we became disgusted. The name of the movie is "Box Trolls." The video clip began by redefining family, highlighting animated same-sex couples with a child. The theatre wasn't crowded that afternoon. However, there were more than two dozen children, approximately 3 – 10 years old who saw a short video clip of a cute little boy with two fathers & then with two mothers. Our experience illustrates the importance of having a biblical worldview. We immediately recognized the danger in this subtle attack on the biblical view of family. This month we're continuing our series, "Building a Biblical Worldview" discovering what the Bible says about family. Don't miss it! *Pastor Randy*

Senior Luncheon @ Noon in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, Sept. 5th

Youth "Dinner & a Movie" on Saturday Sept. 7th – See Pastor Brendon for details!



Sunday, Sept. 8th following Morning Service there will be a "Poor Man's Lunch" to help raise funds for the Vermont Mission Trip. Donations for the meal will be accepted and appreciated.



Sunday, Sept. 8th AWANA resumes at 6:00 PM for ages 3 yrs. – 6th grades.

Children's Church
September 8th, 15th & 29th
During morning worship service

In September the Youth will be starting two new series. The first will be on Wednesday evenings and is titled *Tough Questions*. In this series we seek to answer tough questions that Christians face. Questions to be addressed include: Why would God allow suffering? Are miracles really possible? Why does God seem hidden? What about those people who never hear the gospel? What is man's purpose? and others. The questions that will be dealt with include those that Christians face from people outside the faith and questions that arise from within. Not only will this series strengthen the faith of each student involved, but it will also help to reach those who are honestly curious about Christianity. The second new series will be taking place on Sunday nights. In this series we are going to take a look at our family history, specifically our Christian family history. The NT describes Christians as brothers and sisters. So we should know some basics about our brothers and sisters that came before us. This series will not only explain the historical development of Christianity, but we will also see how God has worked and continues to work amongst his people throughout the world. This series will include a DVD component and a study guide component. I am very excited about both of these new series. My prayer is that each of the Youth will be involved in both studies and through these studies continue to grow and develop their faith.



"Walk for Life" Sept. 14th at 8:30 am at Denver Baptist Church West Campus
See Gail Gilbert to sign up

Church Clean-Up Day
Sat., Sept. 14th at 8:30 am
See Jonathan Robinson if you have questions



Sunday, September 22nd HOMECOMING
Covered dish meal following worship

Sept. 20-28 – Mission Trip to Vermont
Pray for our team!



Month of Prayer & NC Missions Offering - You may give anytime during September. Use the specially marked envelopes.