

Macedonian Call

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A Note From Pastor Randy



Sparky, the world's most amazing Chihuahua, (or at least Pumpkin Center's most amazing Chihuahua) loves to chase lizards. When I let him out of the house he immediately heads for the sunny flower bed where one of his adversaries is usually basking in the warm sun. When Sparky spots his target, the chase is on! Fixated on the lizard's tail Sparky weaves around obstacles, following his potential prey in circles until the lizard decides to go vertical. The chase ends with the lizard's intimidating 7lb. captor gazing helplessly up a wall. Sparky has never caught a lizard. I don't know what he would do if he did. He seems to enjoy the chase at the moment. But, he always comes up empty-pawed. Do you ever feel like you're running around in circles chasing something that's always out of reach? What are you chasing? Is it something worth the time, effort & worry? Usually, the things we become fixated on have no real, lasting value to them. But, we're ready & willing to weave around obstacles, exert a lot of energy and do whatever it takes to get them into our grasp. Jesus helps us put our lizard-chasing (so to speak) into perspective in Matthew 6:33, where He said: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (things you really need) will be added to you." You will eliminate a lot of chasing after things when your attention is focused on what really matters—the kingdom of God & His righteousness.

~ Pastor Randy



September is designated for giving to the North Carolina Missions Offering.

This year's theme is based on John 13:34-35, "So They Know". Support the men & women serving Christ in North Carolina.

*CARE Night – Wed., Sept. 9th
Meal @ 6:00 pm
Ministry @ 6:30 pm*

"Walk For Life"

Fundraiser sponsored by
East Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center
Saturday, Sept. 12'
Registration begins at 8:00 am

Monday, September 7th - Labor Day
Church Office will be closed



We are excited to welcome Rev. Jeremy Smathers and his family to Macedonia!

Pastor Jeremy will begin at MBC on Monday, August 31st as our Pastor to Youth & Children. Please pray for Jeremy, Heidi and their children as they begin this new chapter in their lives and ministry.



Children's Church
September 6th, 13th, & 20th

**AWANA for children 3 years –
6th grade Resumes Sunday, Sept.
13th at 6:00 pm**



*Baptist Women's Annual Banquet
Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 pm
Lincolnton Citizens Center*

Work Day
Saturday, Sept. 19th
8:30 am



Men's Meeting
Saturday, September 26th at 7:00 am
Local Missions at 8:30 am

Deacon Elections - Sunday, September 20th

HOME COMING

Sunday, September 27th
Special Singing – Dinner - Fellowship



As you may have noticed, we have a new name. No longer are we called “older members”, “mature saints”, or “senior adults”. Our Senior Ministry Team looked over a long list. We really wanted a name that would help define us, not just by age, but by character. Listen to some names we found: Keenagers (No), Jolly Saints (No), Empty Nesters (some nests are not empty yet), The Epics (No), Golden Agers (No), Golden Heirs (sounds like a southern gospel quartet), and Golden Reapers (No, No, No – sounds like a funeral director). We decided to go with the name JOY Ministry (Yes) for two reasons. First this would be a way of honoring a very special lady who headed this ministry so wonderfully for many years, Joy Keever. Second it represents our attitude, *the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10)*. With all of our aches and pains we are still very committed to our Lord and our family of faith. We are also very committed to sharing what Christ has done in our hearts and lives with those who have never met our Savior. So when you see the JOY Ministry announcements just understand, JOY stand for Just Older Youth and we are still loving and serving our Lord and will always be here for you no matter what age you are. Our bodies may not show it but the phrase Just Older Youth defines our hearts. ~ Pastor Joe



**Thursday, September 3rd
At Noon in the Fellowship
Hall**

**JOY Ministry Weekly Bible Study
Thursday at 10:30 am**

October at a Glance

- ❖ **Thursday, October 1st - JOY Monthly Lunch at Noon in the Fellowship Hall**
- ❖ **Sunday, October 4th - Deacons' Meeting at 5:00**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 10th – JOY Trip to JAARS in Waxhaw 8:00 am**
- ❖ **Sunday, October 11th – Church Council Meeting at 5:00 pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 14th – CARE Night Meal at 6:00 pm Ministry at 6:30 pm**
- ❖ **Sunday, October 18th – SFBA Annual Meeting, Westport Baptist Church 4:00 – 8:00 pm**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 24th – Men's Meeting at 7:00 am - Local Missions at 8:30 am**



“Old Time Revival”

September 23rd - 25th

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Inspiring Messages

Uplifting Music

Encouraging Fellowship

**Don't Miss out on this event sponsored by our
JOY Ministry!!!**