

# Macedonian Call

## September 2018



Some of you, I'm sure, are keeping up with the devastating flooding in the state of

Kerala, India. Abraham Thomas, of Agape Royal Ministries, has posted a lot of information regarding the flooding and heart-breaking pictures of its relentless onslaught on his Facebook page. For those of you who may not have access to either Abraham's Facebook page or receive his emails, I want to share the information I received from Agape on Monday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. The message said: "Due to heavy rain, reservoirs and rivers are overflowing. The floodgates of 33 reservoir dams are fully open due to the continuous heavy rain. There are landslides being reported all across the state's hilly areas. The water has risen up to many buildings' second level roof. There is no transportation, no electricity, and no internet or telephone in most places. The airports are shut down; the railroads are closed. Thousands of people are helpless and stranded in houses and not able to be rescued, although efforts are being made. There is no food to eat, no clean water to drink, and gas stations and grocery stores are closed. The hospitals even evacuated their patients because of the rising water. The people and government administration are helpless. The military is trying to rescue people. Helicopters are engaged in rescue missions, but rescuers are finding it hard to locate people because it is still raining. Fishing boats have been called in to sail through the floodwaters to provide help. The roads are completely broken up and bridg-

Our Bible College in Trivandrum is situated on higher ground and is safe, but the downtown city area nearby, is under water. . .



Please pray to the God of creation to stop the rain or many more will die. . . . Only God can help! We have already received reports of our local church members' homes being flooded and people losing everything. People have moved to higher ground, but they are in desperate need of everything from shelter, clothing, utensils and, of course, food and comfort." Having financially supported the construction of four church buildings in India, Macedonia is heavily invested in the spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ there. I encourage you to invest in their physical lives as well by contributing to Agape's flood relief efforts. You may do this by going to their website [agaperoyalministries.org](http://agaperoyalministries.org). Then go to the menu item "How You Can Help." Once on that page click on the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page. Identify your gift as "Urgent—Kerala Flood Relief." Or, if you wish to send a check, make it payable to Global Compassion. Write in the memo "Urgent—Kerala Flood Relief." Mail the check to Global Compassion, 354 West St. Ste. 1, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Please faithfully pray for brother Abraham and the others on his team as they involve themselves in rescue and recovery efforts, sharing the love of Christ to many who find themselves in hopeless situations.

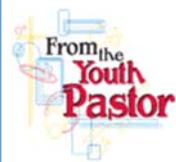
Thanks! ~ Pastor Randy





### 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.



I've found that letting go of control is one of the hardest things to do. Worry grips me as I lose control and I seek to regain it to "make things right".

But I've started to ask myself a serious question, "Do I trust God?". Do I really trust Him in all things to do what is right? Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." That is certainly easier said than done. It's not that the Lord is telling us to abandon our logic and common sense. God is saying that we must trust in Him above all things including our own understanding of things. This means when His will makes no sense to us, trust in Him. When we do that, we say I trust in you Lord even when I can't see what you are doing, and I don't understand why these things are happening. Do you trust God, even when it doesn't make sense? Do you trust God in every situation and with everything? God is faithful and worthy of our full trust, so trust in Him and not in your own understanding.  
~ Pastor Jeremy



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 September 12th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



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



**Men's Meeting**  
Saturday, Sept. 22nd  
7:00 am

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



*East Lincoln Pregnancy Care Center (Heartbeats)*  
*"Walk For Life"*  
*Saturday, September 15th*  
*Registration @ 8:30 am*  
*Walk @ 9:00 am*

If you can't participate but would like to make a donation or buy a luminary see Gail Gilbert.



**SFBA Baptist Women's Banquet**  
**Tuesday, September 18 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Boger City Baptist Church**  
**Guest Speaker—**  
**Mrs. Terri Broome**  
**Music—Mrs. Kristen**

*Homecoming*  
*September 23rd*

*Guest Speaker—Rev. Ken Gibson*  
*(Former Pastor of Macedonia 1978-1981)*  
*We will have a covered dish lunch following the worship service*  
*No evening activities*



**Sunday Evenings  
@ 6:30 pm**

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

**Wednesday night study is geared to  
teach our youth how God's Word  
applies to our everyday lives.**



*Ephesians 3:14 "For this  
reason I bow my knees  
before the Father"*

**For over 25 years, See You at  
the Pole has been about one  
simple act—prayer. SYATP  
is still about students uniting  
themselves in prayer before  
God interceding for their  
generation.**

**Wednesday,  
September 26th**



**AWANA Clubs Begin  
Sunday, September 9th  
@ 6:00 pm  
For Children 3 years—6th Grade  
(Must be 3 by Aug. 31st)**

**Children's Church** is worship  
designed especially for children  
3 years - 6th grade. They will meet  
this month on September 2nd, 9th &  
16th during our morning  
worship service.



William Barclay made this statement, "There are two great days in a person's life. One, the day they were born and two, the day we discover why." What would you think Mr. Barclay meant?

David Jeremiah was teaching about the omniscience of God. He said, "God knows everything – the thoughts we have before we have them, the words we speak before they are spoken, the things we hear before we hear them and the things we see before we see them. There is never an uh-oh moment with God."

Back to Mr. Barclay's words. Two great days, when we are born and when we discover why. Very simply you were born because God has a plan for you. He knows what it is and how it can change your life. The book of Jeremiah said it this way. Jeremiah 29:4-14, "Build your homes, plant your gardens, marry and have children then grandchildren, work for peace in the city you are in." Then God says in verses 11-14, "I have plans for you, good plans that will give you a future and hope so talk to me, pray to me and I will listen and bless your lives." (All of the above was paraphrased.)

The next four months of 2018 will be filled with many opportunities to share our faith right where we live. When we discover our purpose, as Mr. Barclay talked about and commit these months to an all knowing God, which Mr. Jeremiah speaks of, this could be one of the best Fall seasons we seniors have ever had. Thankfulness will be abundant and who knows (God does) there may be a few of our friends or family who celebrate the One who hung on the real Christmas tree before the year is done!! Keep pressing on. ~ Pastor Joe

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

  
**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch  
Thursday, September 6th @ Noon in the  
Fellowship Hall**