



MACEDONIA
— Est. 1839 —
Baptist Church

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The Tribe Student Ministries

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult "ReFuel" Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m.

Gospel Project Kids @ 7:00 p.m.



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Church Office Hours : Mon.- Thurs.

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April Fair	May 1
Mason Yeomans	May 3
Branch Chastain	May 4
Sue Beck	May 5
Brooklyn Daniels	May 6
Eli Phillips	May 7
Zoe Phillips	May 7
Victor Walters	May 9
Bernie DuBose	May 10
Junith Ledford	May 11
Vaughn Barrett	May 13
Crede Kendall	May 13
Cody Chastain	May 15
Ann Kendall	May 15
Sonny MacBride	May 15
Jean Thomas	May 17
Cale Kirby	May 18
Chase Rogers	May 18
Tammy Lott	May 19
Matt Griffin	May 20
Kristy McNabb	May 20
Joe Rogers	May 20
Sterling Waite	May 21
Ollie Parton	May 22
Gerrell Bishop	May 27
Vie Ledford	May 30

*"All the days ordained for me were
written in Your book
before one of them came to be."
(Psalm 139:16b, NIV)*

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

LOVING GOD...LOVING OTHERS...SERVING ALL

Senior Pastor - Dr. Wade Lott

Associate/Youth Pastor - Rev. Bradley Thomas

Music Minister - Dr. Ken Gabrielse

THE MACEDONIA CHRONICLE - MAY 2020

Another month has passed and we are still dealing with the effects of Covid-19. Who would have thought that this virus would have lasted this long? As of the time of this writing, our numbers in Towns County continue to rise and, while they do, we will continue to worship online through our Facebook Live services. I recently met with our deacons and shared a plan for reopening the church – when that time comes – that the staff and I developed. We feel like it is a plan that will help us to ease back into meeting in person, while giving our church family the protection that we need to feel safe. We will be communicating the plan for reopening with the church in the days ahead, when it seems that the conditions have improved enough for us to begin to meet.

While it would be easy to feel frustrated with the current situation, I would, instead, like to focus on some things for which I am grateful.

1. I am grateful for the technology to be able to come together for worship online.
2. I am grateful for a church staff that has quickly learned to adapt to an ever-changing situation.
3. I am grateful for our worship team that has been faithful to lead us in worship.
4. I am grateful for a church family that has been incredibly faithful to worship through giving – even in a time of pandemic.
5. I am grateful for a group of deacons that has loved and served our church family during this time.
6. I am grateful for our Lord making the ultimate sacrifice so that we might have eternal life.

I love you, church family, and I look forward to the day that I can see each of you sitting in the pews worshipping our Lord together!

In HIS Service,
Wade

MAY CALENDAR

Currently there are
no activities
on the calendar.



WE ARE UPDATING OUR DATA ON OUR MEMBERS.

If you currently do not receive emails from us, please email your address to mbc@brmemc.net.

If you are not receiving calls on our OneCall Now system, please make sure we have your current phone number or cell phone number.

If you have a new address or post office box, please contact the church office.

Thank you!



There are many things I have learned or at least observed during this time of quarantine. My Mom and I were talking and she learned that when you don't go to Bojangles' every day for breakfast, you lose a few pounds. I on the other hand have learned that while working from home is enjoyable, that mid-morning cup of hot chocolate will cause you to gain a few pounds.

I have been reminded of the joy of hearing your loved one's voice...of seeing your little one's smile.

I have noticed how personal connections encourage the spirit...and how isolation causes a loneliness that burdens the soul.

I have watched compassion in the midst of incalculable suffering.

I am reminded that "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

As Jesus walked on this earth, He healed the sick, He wept with his friends during their time of sorrow, and He was deeply aware of the lonely, the poor, and the disenfranchised. Jesus' compassion compelled Him to action. He poured Himself out so that we could be made whole despite our sickness, so that joy would come instead of sorrow, and so

fellowship with the Father would replace our separation. Christ lived, died, and rose again that we might have an abundant life. The abundance is not out of our possessions or circumstances, but out of His great love.

I spoke to a woman yesterday whose husband had been in a terrible car accident and then he had a mental breakdown. She lost her job because of the pandemic. She wondered if God is punishing her because she had stopped going to church. As she cried and we prayed, I assured her of God's great love which compelled Him to act -- not because of the circumstances, but because of His love for her.

May we be "near the brokenhearted", may we have eyes to see, and may we act because of His great love.

- Lennie Poteat



...following the shepherd. John 10:4)

Dear Faith Family,

I wanted to start with a hard Bible trivia question. In order to play along, you must not Google the answer but instead only look in your Bible. If you know the answer email me at thebradleythomas@gmail.com and next month I will give the answer and list the names of the people who are correct.

In the Old Testament this man was put on the throne. He served in this position for eleven years. He is the brother of Jehoiakim. Who was he?

I hope you have fun trying to find the right answer! I dropped two hints to get you started in the right direction. If you get stuck, email me and I will give you a hint!

I wanted to take a moment and give you all an update on the Tribe! Things are going well. Each week I send out a video lesson that the students watch before we meet on Wednesday night on ZOOM. Right now we are in a study entitled "This is my story". We are talking about our testimony and studying about people who led others to Christ in the Bible. If you have never shared your testimony with someone, I would encourage you to do so. One easy way to share your story with someone is to tell them about your life before you met Christ, when He saved you, and your life since that moment.

Another fun aspect of our time together has been our weekly challenges. I have attached a few pictures to show what the youth have been sharing. We have had a few challenges that students had to re-create photos and famous paintings. We are also working on some video challenges. If you would like to see all the pictures, check us out on Facebook at [facebook.com/MBCTribe](https://www.facebook.com/MBCTribe).

One final note before I close out. I want to thank Mrs. Lennie for 22 years of faithful service here at Macedonia. Lennie is more than just a clerical worker... she is a minister of hope and peace. Having worked with her over the past few years has been a true pleasure. She is always willing to help our staff and members with any issue they have. She does this for one reason. She loves Jesus. She has been working at home and I have missed seeing her cheerful smile around the office. So to you Mrs. Lennie, thank you for all you do for the Kingdom! Your example of faithful service is an inspiration. Whether you are talking to a person ask-



ing for emergency benevolence or if the President of the United States called in, you would treat both calls with equal attention showing the love of Christ to both individuals. The Thomas family loves you! And the entire Faith Family here at Macedonia does too!

Love,
Pastor Bradley

