Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc.



Mailing Address: POB 12126 – Wilmington, NC 28405 Location: 4925 New Centre Drive – Wilmington, NC 28403 Reverend Dr. Terry L. Henry, Senior Pastor

> Our Theme: Draw Me Nearer! James 4:8 NIV

130 Years of Preaching, Teaching, Serving, and Leading Souls to Christ!

Newsletter for Friday, December 13, 2024







Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment. While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign. The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us. Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in the joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O [Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church) you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us? God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as Godbearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.



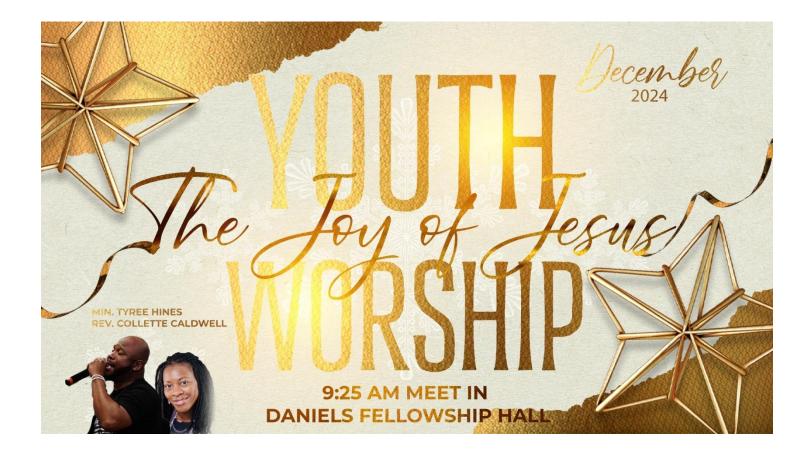
ACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2024

Afternoon 12:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. 4925 NEW CENTRE DR. DANIELS HALL

Dress: Business Casual

YOU MUST RSVP. ALL MEMBERS CAN BRING ONE GUEST. CALL:910-251-8772





Dear Church Family:

Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and just being there for our family during our grief journey. You are truly a source of comfort for us. Thank you and God bless you all.

> The family of Willilam "Bill" Pickett



Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hope you know how very much you're appreciated and what a difference you make.

Marilyn Brown and Family



It's the thoughtful things people do for us that make all the difference. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me, and I just want you to know I truly appreciate it.

Pastor Henry: Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony with your church family. Also, thank you for the powerful and energizing message about Hannah!

> Be blessed, Daniel Webb

Christmas Cards Drop Off Begins Sunday, November 3 – Sunday, December 15



Please arrange your cards in <u>alphabetical order</u> from A to-Z according to the <u>last name</u>

Place your cards in either box located in the vestibule or in Daniels Hall daily until December 15th.

Cards will be sorted daily during the week for distribution. If you stop by the church Tuesday – Friday, check to see if you have cards waiting. You will be surprised! Also, check before or after our Sunday service.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute cards. Please see Sister Genevieve Beatty if you would like to volunteer. We will provide rubber bands to hold your cards. Only cards for people who are members. We do not mail your cards.



Deacons on Call December 15 - 21







Pictured from left to right:

Mark Alston Vincent Grant Ronnie Jenkins Joe Mitchell

919-610-9204 614-743-1053 910-523-0497 910-789-2368 or 910-796-9590

<u>Church Office Hours</u> 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday Office – Closed Monday-Thursday December 23-26

Transportation Ministry Need a ride to church?



Please call Brother Dan Foy our Transportation Coordinator.



Contact him no later than 4 p.m. the day before Worship service at 910-200-8550.

Don't miss the fellowship, and most importantly, the Word!



Saturday, December 14

- 4 12 3 p.m. Christmas Gala (Daniels Hall)
- 6-8:30 p.m. Christmas Gala (Daniels Hall)

Youth Fellowship – Raleigh, NC

<u>Sunday, December 15</u>

- 🖊 8 a.m. Adult Sunday Bible Study
- 🖊 8:45 a.m. Praise and Worship
- 4 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Facebook and YouTube Live

Tuesday, December 17

- 9 a.m. 12 Noon MBK Shower Outreach
- 4 3:30 4:30 p.m. Reading Academy

Wednesday, December 18

12 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Adults Bible Study (Daniels Hall)

<u>Thursday, December 19</u>

- **4** 6 p.m. Women's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Prerecorded Bible Study on Facebook

Saturday, December 21 2 p.m. At North Chase Nursing Facility





Find the Info You Need

All the information you would like to know about Macedonia can easily be found on our website:

- ✓ Service times
- \checkmark driving directions
- ✓ the most recent sermons
- ✓ and important links can be accessed there.

Discover it for yourself! Click the icons to access the information you want!

Click the icon to

Replay the Sermon

View Bible Study Notes for our current Series on the Book of Isaiah

View our most recent Bible Study lesson

Sermon Reflections! See what lessons were learned from our congregation

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Sunday Morning Bible Study Lessons

Topic of the Month—Jesus, the Heir of David

Unit I prepares us for the Christmas season with five lessons from Ruth, 2 Samuel, and Luke.

- Lessons one and two deal with key moments in the history of Jesus's ancestors.
- Lesson three considers the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for "a Savior from the house of David," while
- Lesson four highlights how the birth of Jesus, as the heir of David, brings good news to the world.
- Lesson five is a glimpse of Jesus, the "Son of David," who bestows mercy on those in need.

December 1—Jesus' Ancestry: Ruth 4:9-17

The "family tree" of Jesus, as heir of David, testifies to the wideness of God's grace for divine purposes.

December 8—God's Promise: 2 Samuel 7:4-17

When David wanted to build a house for God, God promised to build a "house" for David—a never-ending kingdom!

December 15—Zechariah's Prophecy: Luke 1:67-80

Prophecy and its fulfillment prove the truth of God's expressed plans.

December 22—Savior's Birth: Luke 2:8-16

The good news of Jesus' birth is still good news today.

December 29—David's Son: Luke 18:35-43

The man whom the crowd tried to silence is an enduring witness to the importance of persistence.

Click the link below to join us on Zoom! <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9022328705?pwd=NFQ3YXhJcGR1UHltUGVuRWRzZnBCZz09</u> Meeting ID: 902 232 8705 Passcode: 7777777

****ATTENTION MACEDONIA MEMBERS****

Download our New Church App** to receive text messages, emails and other updates from Macedonia!

In the office, we are working to move to a NEW DATABASE called ChurchTrac. In this database, ONE APP is used to CONNECT you to Macedonia!

- ✓ The app is EASY to setup
- ✓ Information about Macedonia is readily ACCESSIBLE
- ✓ You get to **CONTROL** the information included in your profile.

From the Internet, go to: https://macedoniambcwilm.churchtrac.com

- ✓ Click Sign in
- ✓ Enter the email address that you want your Macedonia news delivered to
- ✓ Create a password
- Click beside Log me in automatically. This way, when you tap or click the app, you Stroll down and SIGN UP to receive email and text messages from Macedonia

Or,

- 1. Using the camera on your cell phone or tablet
- 2. Scan the QR Code below
- **3.** Tap the text with the YELLOW underline to Download the App
- 4. Go to Step 5 (below) for further assistance



5. If you need more assistance, Click here to complete your sign-in!





DECEMBER 16, 2024 4PM TIL 7PM * IST ANNUAL KIDS CUT-A-THON!

> 104 GRACE ST * WILMINGTON, NC 910-399-1295

The Exchange Barbershop and Lounge, in collaboration with The New Hanover County Sheriff's Department are offering complimentary haircuts for children aged 5 to 17 and the distribution of official child identification cards.



2025 MLK Breakfast WERENOTGOING BACK; WERENOTGOING BACK; WERENOTGOING BACK;

JANUARY 25, 2025 - 9 - 11 AM

HOTEL BALLAST 301 N. WATER STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401 TICKETS: \$50 INDIVIDUAL \$550 - SPONSORSHIP TABLE available online at https://nhcnaacp.org/

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT Ivy Murrain @ akaivy88@gmail.com or Teddy Howell @ lamar089@gmail.com

our purchase and/or donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds support our local programs and scholarships. Donations are not tax deductible as a charitable donation for Federal income tax; they are deductible as ordinary business expenses. Rev. Jermaine B. Armour Senior Pastor St. Luke AME Zion Church Wilmington, North Carolina

December 2024

Youth Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Shepherd
Slice of Life 8:15 AM						@ 4:30 PM
Youth Worship 9 AM						Coold Shepherd Center 811 Martin Street Withington, NC 28401
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Slice of Life		Reading Academy	11	12	15	Youth Christmas Trip
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Youth Sunday		3:30 pm				
9 AM						
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Slice of Life 8:15 AM		24				
Youth Worship 9 AM						
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Christ and Coffee		New Year's Eve				
8:45 am		Glow Worship				
Off Campus Trip		Service				December 31st Spm - 12am
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December 3 December 10 December 14 December 20 **December 28**



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1 8a Sunday Bible Study 8:15a Youth Sunday School 8:45-9a Praise and Worship 9a Worship Service 9:25a Youth Worship	2 Office Closed	3 9-12 Noon: MBK Shower Outreach 3:30 – 4:30p Reading Academy	4 No Bible Study	5 6p Combined Choir Rehearsal	6	7		
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22 8a Sunday Bible Study 8:15a Youth Sunday School 8:45a Praise & Worship 9a Worship Service	23	24	25	26 6p T. L. Henry Male Chorus Rehearsal	27 Office Open	28 10a – 2p MBK (Patio, Kitchen, Daniels Hall)		
9:25a Youth Worship Service		Church O	ffice Closed					
29 Mission Emphasis 8a Sunday Bible Study 8:15a Youth Sunday School 8:45a Praise & Worship 9a Worship Service	30 Church Office Closed	31 10p New Year's Eve Fellowship	If you are scheduling meetings, rehearsals, etc. that will require use of the building, please send your request with name of events, exact dates, times and contact information to <u>grbeatty810@gmail.com</u> b Dec. 18. <u>Choir Rehearsals</u> : Thursday before 1 st Sunday: Praise Team Thursday before 2 nd Sunday: Combined Choirs Saturday before 3 rd Sunday: Youth/Sunshine Band Thursday before 4 th Sunday: Women's Choir Thursday before 5 th Sunday: Men's Choir					



Nickeisha Highsmith	1	Jaylen Herring	11	Deidre Murphy	19
Janice Brown	1	Emma Jackson	13	Reverend Dollina Brown	20
Diane M. Nixon	1	LaDonna Sloan	13	Cheryl McMillan	21
Raphael Teixeira	1	Andrew Wilson	14	Douglas Person	21
Angela Robinson Tuten	3	Talaysia Campbell	15	Barbara Pridgen	21
Willie E. Sloan	3	Daniel Foy, Jr.	15	Cornell Slade	22
Vickie Spicer	3	Gaberilla Singleton	15	Tanita Wallace	22
Mae Lee Wilson	4	Jada Walker	15	Carole Ann Miller	23
Milford Mix, Sr.	4	Laila Walker	15	Tonia McKoy	23
Annette Murphy	4	Tyrell Wilson	15	Deaconess Leslie Sims	23
Annette Smith	5	Dennis Chaison	16	Lorene Johnson	24
Warrell Harper	5	Reverend Gaysheron Bell	16	Reverend Nicholas Brown, Sr.	24
Sheryl Green	5	Priscilla Streety	17	Reverend Royce Brown	24
James Clay	6	Edward Banks	17	Valeria Holmes	24
Reverend Edith Bell	8	Wygenia Adger	17	G. Patricia Murphy	24
Deborah Newkirk	8	Lisa Worley	18	Laverna West-Murray	25
Anneth Keith	9	Norma Crummy	18	Tamala Wallace	25
Sharkia Coker	10	Andre' Garrett	18	Ronia Burney	25
Brent Evans	10	Sarah Bailey	19	Anna Patton	28
Deaconess Jennifer Terrell	10	Cherita Puryear	19	Mamie Brown	30
Deaconess Karen Carlton	11	John Wilder	19	Ronnie Burnett	30



Mr. Daron and Sister Chauntoyia Edwards	12/4/2020	4 Years
Brother Anthony and Sister Tasha Parrell	12/21/1996	28 Years
Brother Wayne and Sister Valerie Wilson	12/22/1993	31 Years
Rev. Ronald and Sister Betty Henry	12/2/1988	36 Years
Mr. Frederick and Sister Trina Elder	12/12/1984	40 Years
Mr. and Minister Peggy Mack	12/30/1984	40 Years
Brother Daniel and Sister Janie Walker	12/23/1984	40 Years
Deacon Treadwell and Reverend Edith Bell	12/18/1982	42 Years
Mr. Don and Sister Diane Murphy-Nixon	12/1/1973	51 Years

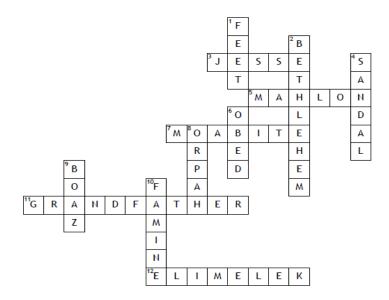
God's Promise to David

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David	Nathan	Covenant	Jerusalem	Israel	House
Solomon	Kingdom	Servant	Throne	Forever	Prophet
Promise	Bless	Peace	Heart	Lord	Rest

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Answers to: Jesus' Ancestry



Bible Reading Plan

"Christmas"

Christmas time is upon us, and as our hearts fill with joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, it creates a sweet opportunity to saturate ourselves in God's Word. This Bible Reading Plan allows you to submerge yourself in the Word by focusing on one or two central verses.

Week One: Read Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:4-20. While Luke didn't know Jesus personally, he did travel with Paul after the accession to help preach the good news. He was also a physician by trade. Luke is the go-to gospel when it comes to sharing the Christmas story. Luke paints a rather unconventional, yet humbling story as God orchestras every single detail from the fear that grips Mary in Luke 1:29-30 to her complete surrender to the Lord in Luke 1:38. For further reading, Luke 1:39-45 shares the sweet encounter with Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, and the tender exchange of greetings between baby Jesus and John the Baptist in the womb! Luke also describes the whimsical host of heavenly angels and the confusion and shock of the shepherds in Luke 2:8-9. He then shares how they quickly responded to their plea to find a baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger (Luke 2:16-18).

Week Two: Read <u>Matthew 1:18-24</u>. As we read this account from the tax-collector-turned-disciple, we see several similarities to Luke's version of the birth story. Matthew shares more of Joseph's side. Matthew also gets more into the genealogy of Jesus in <u>Matthew 1:1-17</u> and the Magi in <u>Matthew 2:1-9</u>. Matthew's writing also highlights many references to the Old Testament and is more topical and based on certain themes. Matthew really taps into the distress Joseph must have felt upon first hearing of Mary's unexpected pregnancy (<u>Matthew 1:19</u>). In those times, engagements lasted for up to a year and were legally binding and, therefore, calling for devastating consequences (including stoning to death) if a woman were to become pregnant during this time. Yet, God's plan conquered those fears when the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, calming his heart (<u>Matthew 1:20-22</u>). When Joeseph awakes, he immediately does what the Lord asks of him and, in an act of obedience, brings Mary home, keeps her safe, and does not consummate their <u>marriage</u> until after Jesus is born (<u>Matthew 1:24</u>).

Week Three: Read John 1:14 and John 14:1-7. John wrote his account towards the end of his life, and while there is no documentation of Jesus' actual birth story, this "disciple who Jesus loved" (John 21:7) takes a rather personal approach in his writing style. More than any other book in the New Testament, John presents Jesus as the divine Son of God. His literary characteristics bring forth a more theological retelling of sorts and share how the Christian community has a unique purpose and identity. John 1:14 alludes to Jesus becoming "flesh," therefore, creating the second person in the Trinity. John emphasizes the fact that Jesus was truly, fully, and physically human; even more than that, John presses that Jesus came from the Father God. John also notes here that God temporarily "dwelled" with His people, as the perfect Man-God.

Week Four: Read <u>Isaiah 7:14</u> and <u>Isaiah 9:6-7</u>. This week, we flip back to the Old Testament and see how Jesus was a prophetic promise delivered to God's people. Isaiah was a prophet who preached God's message to the southern part of Judah during a turbulent time when the Israelites were living in unethical ways and morally declining. Isaiah's mission and call by God was to give the people comfort and hope while sharing that God's justice can be wrapped in mercy and grace. <u>Isaiah 7:14</u> is linked to the New Testament in Matthew 1:23, which foretells of the promised Messiah. This bold message was delivered to Ahaz, the king of Judah, stating that no other kings or rulers would destroy the lineage of David and that God would one day come in human form. This prophecy eventually came to be 700 years later, when Mary became pregnant with the Son of God.



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Our Mission

We seek to create an atmosphere of <u>worship</u> and <u>community</u> among our members and our guests. We also strive to help you grow by sharing the <u>Word of God</u> with you through preaching and teaching.

(Composed by our members: Sister Genevieve Beatty, the late Sister Mary Belser, and the late Deacon George Syles)

Ways to give to Macedonia

- 1. In Person during worship service. Offering envelopes are available from the ushers.
- 2. Bring your donation to the church: Tuesday Friday, 10 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- 3. Scan the Code below. Tap in the yellow shape and you will be directed to our online giving page.



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