

## March Calendar

MAR 5 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS  
MAR 12 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
MAR 14 12:30 - 2 PM THE NECESSARY CLOSET  
MAR 18 CHURCH WORKDAY  
MAR 20 7 PM NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR EASTER  
MAR 26 4 PM NO SWEAT EVANGELISM  
MAR 30 HOPE FOR TOWNS COUNTY



### MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

#### THE LORD'S DAY

Worship @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.

KidZone Worship @ 10:45 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Meal from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Adult Small Groups from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Tribe Student Ministries from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Gospel Project Preschool & Kids from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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Church Office Hours : Mon.- Thurs.

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Max Hogsed	March 2
Grayson Youngblood	March 5
Eddie Palmer	March 6
Leila McFalls	March 7
Diane Rogers	March 7
Kevin Carleton	March 8
Kendal Jordan	March 8
Bradley Thomas	March 10
John Youngblood	March 10
Vannah Chastain	March 12
Lynn Chambers	March 12
Laura Kate Gleaton	March 12
Garrett Bradshaw	March 13
Jordan Hicks	March 16
Noel Waite	March 16
Frances Dyer	March 18
Mickey Wilson	March 19
Dylan Roberts	March 20
Cynthia Wood	March 20
Devin Hunter	March 21
Ken Hunter	March 21
Tyler Osborn	March 22
Jonathan Terry	March 23
Mary Lee Durham	March 24
Ward Woolley	March 25
Carol Hayes	March 29
Kristi Daniels	March 31



## 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

Director of Children's Ministries - Mrs. Wendy Gleaton

## THE MACEDONIA CHRONICLE - MARCH 2023

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the third month of 2023 already! March is the time of the year that we turn our attention toward Easter and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. On Sunday, March 5th, we will begin our Week of Prayer for North American Missions and will begin receiving the offering. One hundred percent of this offering goes to support the work of our North American Missionaries. One of the missionaries, that will be highlighted in this year's Week of Prayer guide, is Kay Bennett. Kay is the missionary that Macedonia has worked with at the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans. I am so very grateful for our partnership with Kay and I look forward to our church being able to help support the work of missionaries, just like her, all across North America.

As I said earlier, this is the time of the year that we begin to turn our attention to Easter. Easter will fall on April 9th this year and we have already begun to fill out our 7x7 Prayer Cards and to focus our prayers on those that we will invite to join us for Easter Sunday. Easter is the highest attended Sunday of the year for us at Macedonia. As such, it is the best opportunity that we will have, all year, to get lost or unchurched people to come to church. If you have not filled out a 7x7

Prayer Card yet, please take time to identify seven people that you will commit to prayer for, and invite, so that we can share with them the greatest news of all!

We are going to have a couple of nights of prayer leading up to Easter. Our sole purpose will be to pray for the services and for lost people to be saved. The first of these nights of prayer will take place on Monday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. I want to encourage you to join us as we pray for God to do an incredible work at Macedonia on Easter Sunday!

Finally, Rev. Steve Foster is going to be with us on Sunday afternoon, March 26th, at 4:00 p.m. for a No Sweat Evangelism Training. This event should take just a little over an hour and it will put another tool in our hands to be able to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus. Please plan to attend this event and get equipped to share your faith, as you invite others to join us at MBC. I dearly love each of you and I am grateful to be your Pastor. Have a blessed March!

In HIS Service,  
Pastor Wade

## EASTER

AT 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

April 9th





The month of March encompasses one of my favorite seasons, Spring; a time where we begin to see signs of new growth, warmer weather, longer days to spend outside, and a lot more porch sitting. It gives me a feeling of renewal and a time to recharge. We all need to take time to rest, so that we are refreshed and ready to serve wherever God places us. Throughout the Bible, Jesus acknowledged that even He needed rest to carry out the works of the Father. A year ago, God placed me in the position as Children's Ministry Director at Macedonia, and it has been an absolute privilege to serve these children. Although Children's Ministry is no easy task, it is so rewarding! When you witness these kids asking questions, seeing their minds at work, wanting to serve others, worshipping and praising God through song, praying for their friends to know Christ, feeling the Holy Spirit speaking to their little hearts and coming to know Jesus as their Savior . . . I can't even put into words the blessings that I have received from God for allowing me to be in a position to serve His children. I am thankful for my church family for the opportunity to utilize my gifts to carry out God's works in this way. Thank you to those who always have an encouraging word for me, as well as, all of the volunteers who serve in Children's Ministry. I am truly thankful for each person God has sent to serve alongside of me. They are a blessing too!!

The Children's Department hosted a Parents' Night Out Valentine Edition on February 11 where we played games, made crafts, ate dinner, watched a movie, but most importantly we learned about God's love for us. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) His love for us is like no

other; so much so that God sent His Son to die on that cross, so that our sins could be forgiven, and we can have eternal life through Him. I don't ever want to pass up the opportunity to present the gospel to our kids; the Holy Spirit can speak to their hearts at any event that we have, and let me tell you, God's presence was at Parents' Night Out! Skylar Davis and Abraham Thomas accepted Jesus as their Savior that night; to God be all the glory! We are also thankful for Bryson Stowers' decision to be baptized this month. He was saved a while back, and recently made the decision to follow-up with baptism. God continues to work in the lives of our kids.

The kids put a lot of work and "heart" into Valentine cards for the residents at the local nursing home. This is one of our compassion projects for this year, and they were very creative and thoughtful when making the cards. Although the kids were not able to deliver them to the nursing home, I was able to personally give a few of the cards and handkerchiefs to some of the residents, and they were very excited to receive them.

In KidZone, we are finishing up our Gospel Project book series, "Into Captivity." On Sunday, March 12, we will begin a new series, "Game Plan." March is also the month of "March Madness," so what better time to begin a series that entails sports. We will be learning about God's "game" plan for our lives and training for God. Most of our kids play or have played some type sport, so I am super excited to teach this series. We will be having some special guests too!! Your kids do not want to miss out on this 8-week series!

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[facebook.com/macedoniakidz](https://facebook.com/macedoniakidz)  
for updates and upcoming events.

Love in Christ,  
Wendy



#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS:

MAR 1 - POTATO BAR & SALAD  
MAR 8 - CHILI & CORNBREAD  
MAR 15 - CHICKEN POT PIE & SLAW  
MAR 22 - BBQ & BAKED BEANS  
MAR 29 - PREACHER'S PREFERENCE  
SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE

Dear Faith Family,

Recently our youth group traveled to Andrews, North Carolina for a Winter Youth Conference. As you can see from the picture we had a great group to participate. The camp has been around for over 25 years. Brody Holloway first shared the vision of Snowbird with his father-in-law Steve Coleman in 1995, while working in camp ministry in central Virginia. As the vision developed, the Colemans and Holloways committed to develop a high-adventure student camp focused on making disciples through personal relationships, in a ministry that would be grounded on the authority of Scripture. Preparations began on family land near the base of the Snowbird Mountains in Andrews, N.C., and Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters was created. During its first year of operation in 1998, Snowbird offered a 50-person capacity in its three housing facilities and had nearly 200 junior high and high school students visit its campus. The following year, Snowbird offered its first seven weeks of summer camp and six retreat weekends with a staff of six. Camp attendance advanced to more than 600 students that year. The next several years brought about many additional facility and recreational changes, including Snowbird's first kitchen, bathhouses, additional housing, the 3-Man Swing and a variety of other recreation options.

Our kids loved the rec times. The Goliath was a hit. You climb a telephone pole to the top and bungee off a wood base into a swing. We had a blast sharing time around the fire and even in the cold mountain air some of the kids ordered milkshakes from the snack shack!

Trivia time! Last month I asked what were the first two questions God asked humans and what's the first question humans asked God. Genesis 3:9, "Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" and in verse 11 we see Him ask "Who told you that you were naked?" Humans asked this as their first question to God. After Cain murdered his brother in Genesis 4:9 he pops off to God saying, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The following people answered correctly: Ken Gabrielse, Lynn and Henry Chambers (sorry I forgot you last month Henry), Becky Woodard, Gary Poteat, Kaye Allen, The MacBrides, and Shirley Hunter.

This month we are going to have two trivia questions. You can answer both or just one; it is totally up to you. The first one is a little different. This will require the use of the internet. Look up the pilot episode of the Brady Bunch. In this episode a Bible verse is mentioned but the location in scripture is not given. Watch the episode and listen for the scripture and see if you can locate it in your Bible. There are a few apps you can watch old episodes for free on Pluto TV - It's Free TV, The Roku Channel or Paramount Plus on your Roku device are all options. Or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWQVPS-Wz10>

I have also prepared the following "traditional" trivia question for those without the internet. Please give a complete inventory list of what Sheshbazzar brought along with the exiles when they came up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Now for our monthly humor, I struggle with Roman Numerals until I get to 159. Then it just CLIX. Let me know if you need help with this one! Faith Family, I hope you all have a wonderful month!

- Pastor Bradley

