#### MACEDONIA — Est. 1839 — Baptist Church

#### **MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

THE LORD'S DAY <u>Beginning July 12th:</u> Sunday Morning Worship @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS The Tribe Student Ministries 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult "ReFuel" Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. Gospel Project Kids @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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# 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 - JULY 2020

What a joy it has been to have the ability to worship in-person once again! I am grateful for the opportunity, that we have had, to begin to gather again for worship. It has been a joy to hear your voices lifted in praise to our Lord and to see the response that you have given to the messages. Please continue to pray that the number of positive tests for the virus would decrease and pray for the safety of our community in the coming days.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know that we will be moving into Phase 2 of our regathering process on July 12th. On that Sunday, we will begin to gather once again for Sunday School. We will move our first morning service to 8:30 a.m., Sunday School will follow at 9:45 a.m., and our second morning service will begin at 10:45 a.m. This will continue to allow for some space in our Sanctuary during our worship times, but will allow for us to begin to gather for Bible study and fellowship again with our Sunday School classes.

I would also like to share some other upcoming events that you will want to have on your calendar. Revival Prep Sunday will take place on July 12th. Jon Reed will be our visiting Evangelist for our August Harvest Revival, and he will preach for us in both morning services on July 12th. That evening, at 6:00 p.m., he will train our church in how to effectively prepare to experience a Harvest Revival. The dates for our Revival services are August 23-26. Please begin to pray, even now, that the Lord will send a great harvest of souls!

The other dates that I want to make sure you have on your calendar are July 26-30. These are the dates for our rescheduled Vacation Bible School. VBS is one of the most important events that we will do each year. Statistics tell us that more people are saved through VBS than any other event. Please pray and invite children to come be a part of this great week.

Church family, I love you and I am grateful for the blessing of being able to serve you as your Pastor. Have a blessed July!!

> In HIS Service, Wade



## JULY CALENDAR Wednesday services will continue @ 6:30 p.m.

July 16:30 PM Josh Bennett to speakJuly 129:45 AM Sunday School to ResumeJuly 12Rev. Jon Reed in a.m. servicesJuly 126 PM Harvest Revival Preparation

- July 14 12:30 2 PM The Necessary Closet
- July 19 High School Senior Recognition during morning service
- July 19 6 PM Baccalaureate @ McConnell
- July 26 30 Vacation Bible School

Last week I learned that a child who had been part of our church died...he was only 25. My thoughts instantly turned to whether or not he knew the Lord -it had been a while since they moved and I just couldn't remember. I checked the records and found that he had been saved and baptized after Vacation Bible School some years ago. My next thoughts were, "Did we do enough? Have we done enough with our children?"

We know that parents have the first responsibility as spiritual teachers and leaders for their families ...and we know that as a body of believers we are to undergird and strengthen the families: we are to further nurture and teach the children. The question remains, "With the time that we have with our children in church, are we doing enough? Is our time well-spent?" I am so thankful for the volunteers who teach our children...it requires a passion and a purpose. Pastor Wade noted in one sermon that if we follow the Lord, it will require our time...and often, that is the best we can give the little ones -- our time, our energy, our care.

From the first moment that children are in the nursery, they learn that church is a place where they are cared about...a safe place, where they are loved. As they grow, they learn that not only do these teachers care about them, but Jesus loves them, too! From there, children learn about a relationship that Jesus longs to have with them. They learn about the people in the Bible who believed God's promises. They hear stories about real people who were not perfect, but who God used to demonstrate His great love. They learn that knowledge of God is about the heart. They learn that following God is not always easy, but it is worth it. The children learn that God's plan for them is personal -- He wants to have a relationship with them. He wants their heart and their lives.

When I think about this great responsibility of teaching, it can be a little overwhelming...but it's really not about who we are and what we know, but <u>whose</u> we are and what He has done in our lives. Working with children begins with our relationship with Christ. May our time with Jesus prepare our hearts for time well spent with His children.

- Lennie Poteat

#### Dear Faith Family,

The Tribe is back! We are so excited for the chance to physically assemble. These teenagers are ready for things to be back to normal. You can see the excitement on their faces when they walk in. It does my heart good to see them so excited.

We have once again started our impossible shot challenge. This is where a student will shoot a toy bow and arrow into a hole in a large bulls-eye. We have already had one student make the shot! Grayson Youngblood made Tribe history as the first Middle School student to make the shot! See that smile in the picture attached! He was so proud!

Last newsletter I asked the question "Barnabas was determined to take

this person with he & Paul on their journey. Paul did not want to take this person, so they decided to split ways. Barnabas took \_\_\_\_\_ and sailed to Cyprus. What was the name of this person?" The answer is John Mark. Check out Acts 15 to read about this story. The following people correctly answered the question: Lynn Chambers, Gary Poteat, Kris Yeomans.

Answer this month's question and your name will be added to the list. Here is this month's ques-



tion: Name the King of Israel that was killed by a bow and arrow in Ramoth Gilead.

We are excited for the chance to serve the children and youth of our community with a Vacation Bible School! If you want to help, see the information in this newsletter!

It has been an honor to worship with you all again! Have a blessed month!

> Love, Pastor Bradley



#### **VBS** @ MACEDONIA

**JULY 26 - 30, 2020** FROM 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Ages 4 Years - 5th Grade Youth 6th - 12th Grades

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