

JANUARY CALENDAR

- JAN 1 NO SERVICE
 JAN 2 CHURCH OFFICE REOPENS
 JAN 2-4 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO CHILDREN'S HOME
 JAN 8 5:30 PM MEALS RESUME
 JAN 8 6:30 PM DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES RESUME
 JAN 14 12:30 - 2 PM THE NECESSARY CLOSET

Wednesday Night MENU

SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE @
WWW.MBCHIAWASSEE.ORG

- JAN 1 - NO MEAL
 JAN 8 - CHILI
 JAN 15 - MEATLOAF, GREEN PEAS, POTATOES
 JAN 22 - BREAKFAST
 JAN 29 - BAKED POTATO BAR
 WEDNESDAYS, FROM 5:30 - 6:15 PM



Small Group Discipleship begins January 8th

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Linda Barrett	Jan 1
Ryan Pentz	Jan 4
Michael Terry	Jan 4
Vinn Rogers	Jan 5
LG Taylor	Jan 5
Erica Chastain	Jan 7
Seth Marshall	Jan 8
Cynthia Czerwonka	Jan 9
Liz Burns	Jan 11
Janice Hogsed	Jan 11
Larry Kimsey	Jan 11
Jan Waite	Jan 11
Colton Stroud	Jan 12
Jim Rouse	Jan 13
Ron Eavenson	Jan 17
Linda Casey	Jan 18
Roger Dyer	Jan 18
Collier Stroud	Jan 18
Cathy Summers	Jan 20
Cynthia Humphrey	Jan 25
Sandra Jones	Jan 26
Ronnie Youngblood	Jan 26
Patsy Giddens	Jan 27
Marianna Solesbee	Jan 28
Bryson Stowers	Jan 28
LeeAnn Davis	Jan 30
Barbara Mathis	Jan 31
Emanuel Vihrachoff	Jan 31

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



LOVE GOD
 LOVE OTHERS
 SERVE ALL

THE MACEDONIA CHRONICLE - JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year! 2025 has begun and I am looking forward to seeing how God works in our lives through this new year. I want to begin this newsletter article by thanking all that took part in our Christmas activities this year. Our newly formed Forged Men's Ministry made a float for the Christmas parade and our Macedonia KidZ Ministry rode on the float. They represented Macedonia well and I am grateful for all that helped to provide for that float. In addition, there were several people that helped to put together fruit baskets that were delivered to our shut-ins and elderly in our community. Thank you for your willingness to serve others with the love of Christ. Finally, I want to thank Bro. Ken, the Choir, and the musicians for a wonderful presentation of our Christmas Cantata. They were able to sing it at the Anderson Music Hall on Saturday, December 14th, and again at the church on Sunday, December 15th. In case you haven't figured it out yet, our choir and music team is one of the best around!

As we look forward to 2025, I want to encourage you to pray for the ministries of the church. Our Tribe Student Ministry will be going on a mission trip to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, in Meansville, GA, on January 2-4, 2025. They will be trimming some shrubs, serving with the kids on campus, and providing some needed supplies

for the Children's Home. All of this is possible because of your faithful giving to the Gil Hennegar Missions Fund. The cost of travel, all food, and all of the supplies are being provided at no cost to the students, or their families, because you have been faithful to give. Thank you for being a church that is excited about, and supportive of missions!

Speaking of giving to missions, as I write this newsletter article, we are still receiving the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. However, as of this date, we have already received over \$63,000.00! All I can say is WOW! and Thank You for your commitment to missions. You have been a blessing to this pastor with your sacrificial giving. Church family, I pray that we will continue to have a heart for, and a commitment to, missions in the coming year. Again, Happy New Year and I pray that you have a blessed January.

In HIS Service,
 Pastor Wade

JANUARY SERMON SERIES "PROMISES, PROMISES"



What a month this has been! I feel like I have packed at least 3 months into 1 month, but I have had so much fun this Christmas season. In Macedonia KidZ, we have been celebrating the gift of Jesus all month long through special events, activities, games, and Bible lessons. It is pure joy watching these precious children grow in their love for our Heavenly Father.

Macedonia KidZ kicked off the Christmas season riding on the church float in the Towns County Sheriff's Office Christmas Parade. It was a cold night, but we had lots of fun. Thanks to Jay Fowler and Mark Ward and their team of volunteers for designing and creating the float. It looked amazing!

Our 4-week Christmas series, "More Than a Wish, the Promise of Christmas," began on December 1st and will conclude on December 22nd. In this series, the children are learning the significance of the prophecies in the Old Testament regarding the promised Messiah as they relate to the events that occurred in the New Testament. This week we are learning that because of God's Word, we can trust in Jesus. His Word is full of promises not wishes. "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

This year's Macedonia KidZ Christmas Event, "Journey to Bethlehem," was absolutely phenomenal. Our expert team of volunteers decorated and prepared the city market booths better than I could have ever imagined. The kids used coins to purchase various items throughout the market. They bought gifts, made crafts, purchased food and bev-



verages, signed the "census" scroll with a feather pen, but most importantly they learned about the greatest gift ever given to us, Jesus. As I read the nativity story, they unwrapped the pieces to create the nativity scene. At the end, there was one large gift left that contained a smaller gift for each child. I explained to them that this gift is the greatest gift they could give to Jesus. When they opened their small present, I heard a child say, "Mrs. Wendy, it's us." They realized after

looking in the mirrors they had just unwrapped, that they themselves were the greatest gift they could give Jesus. I then shared with them the gospel. My heart is full because of the decisions made at this event. Thank you, Jesus, for your love and faithfulness throughout the year.

I pray that you and your families have a joyful and blessed Christmas celebrating the best gift ever given to us, Jesus. I love you church family!

More details regarding events and activities can be found on our website, www.mbchiawassee.org/macedonia-kidz or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/macedoniakidz.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
Mrs. Wendy

NEWS FROM THE TRIBE



Merry Christmas everyone!! Jesus Is Born!!!

This week is always a special week for the youth in Towns County. This is the last week for students before Christmas break: they are just a little excited and have high hopes for Christmas Day.

The Tribe Youth group had a wonderful Christmas Party at the Retreat on the Hiawassee River. Scotty Fain and his family were so kind to allow us to use their facility for our party. Our mission trip for Macedonia is scheduled to leave at 08:00 on January 2nd to go and work/share the Gospel and encourage those at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Meansville. I am so proud of our youth. They have continued to be faithful, even while working hard in school and sports -- many going to school all day, then to practice and then straight to church. I hope that you will take notice of their sports schedules hanging on the wall in the hallway and go support them. As great as it has been this year in the youth group, I am looking and expecting God to bless us in even bigger ways next year. I have some ideas and may need your help.

Thank you Macedonia Baptist Church for allowing me the opportunity to serve alongside such a great, hard working youth group. Please continue to pray that we will see many souls saved in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Donnie Jarrard
Macedonia Baptist Church, Tribe Ministries



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
IN THE GREAT PURSUIT
TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN
AMONG THE NATIONS.
OUR LOTTIE MOON
OFFERING TO DATE IS
\$63,050.00!**

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COUNTLESS WAYS DURING THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON.
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FORGED MEN'S MINISTRY

Atlanta Gladiators Hockey Game
Sunday February 2nd
Leave church @ 10:45 am
Cost: \$30 for ticket
More Details & Sign up @
<http://www.mbchiawassee.org/men-s-ministry-hockey-game>

