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the
Vision



**Let all
that you
do be done
in love.**

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Macedonia
BAPTIST CHURCH
Love God, Love Others.



Nine Good Reasons to Attend Church Weekly



Mike Jones

I think I have heard most of the excuses. "You don't need to attend church to be a good Christian." "We give our family priority when we miss church to do sports on Sunday." "My church really doesn't meet my needs." "I'm not getting fed at my church." "Sunday is really the only day we have off." "My church has a bunch of hypocrites." The list goes on of excuses that people make for not attending church weekly. I really want to focus on the positive.

Why is it important for us to attend church services regularly, usually weekly? Allow me to share nine reasons.

1. The local church was God's plan in the New Testament. From the founding of the first local church in Jerusalem to the growth of new congregations throughout the Roman Empire, the New Testament is clear. God wanted His people gathering regularly and faithfully. And lest, we forget, all of these congregations had problems. All of these churches had problem people. Hypocrisy was real and pervasive, but it was not a valid excuse to give up the local church.

2. The Bible speaks clearly about the priority of local congregations. If you read the New Testament from Acts to Revelation, you will see that a gathered church was not just one important factor for the Christian, it was one of the highest priorities. After the ascension of Jesus, the local church was truly "the body of Christ."

3. We are commanded and designed to enjoy worshipping the one true God as a gathered community. What if church members really did one thing in worship services? What if they asked God to let them see Him and know Him fully as the church gathered together? What if that was the priority over evaluating the style of music? What if that was more important than the preacher preaching five minutes more than you deemed appropriate?

4. A unified church can be strong in a culture turning away from God. We can't be a unified church with sporadic attendance. We can't stand together if we aren't persistently gathered together. Do you remember how the early church in Jerusalem reached a culture opposed to God? The outside world saw the unity and joy of the church and wanted to know more about this Jesus they worshipped. Remember, they were "praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being

saved" (Acts 2:47). A faithfully attended church is a unified church. A unified church is an evangelistic church.

5. The world looks at our priorities and evaluates what we deem as important. Expanding on the previous point, we can't expect the community we serve to get excited about our church if the members of the community see it to be a low priority among the members. The twice-a-month attendees make the church an afterthought. The once-a-month attendee hardly thinks about the church at all.

6. Accountability takes place in the local church. When we gather together worshipping with others, we are holding each other up and accountable. When we belong to a small group (Sunday School/Life Groups) in the church, our absence is visible. We need people holding us accountable in love. We need others looking after us. Accountability is indeed a good thing.

7. Families that attend church faithfully and regularly are happier and healthier families. The research from the secular world is overwhelming. Study after study shows that families who are in church almost every week are among those with the best-adjusted children. Marriages are healthier. Small children grow to become mature and joyous adults. Though these studies are affirming, we can see throughout the New Testament how God has a clear and compelling plan for His children and their families to gather together regularly and faithfully.

8. Discipleship takes place in the local church. There seems to be this big mystery about discipleship. How do we do discipleship? Exactly what is discipleship? How does that work in the local church? Remember, discipleship is simply becoming more like Christ. We become more like Christ as we gather and worship together. We become more like Christ when we belong to a small group (Sunday School/Life Group) and do community together. We become more like Christ as we listen to the preached Word of God every week. We become more like Christ as we do ministry and evangelism through the local church. The New Testament clearly demonstrates the local congregation is God's "Plan A" for growing as a disciple. *NOTE: Please don't miss out on the series of messages that I will be preaching on Biblical discipleship.*

9. God gives us great joy when we serve others through the local church. For sure, there are some grumpy and miserable church members. They seem to have a common trait. There are things in the church that aren't going their way. They are not getting their worship style. They are not getting themselves fed. They don't like the way the church leaders do things because it's

Senior Pastor: Mike Jones

not their way. They focus on three people: me, myself, and I. But we can experience incredible joy as we serve others, as we put others before ourselves, as we don't focus on our own preferences and desires. We experience incredible joy as we serve other church members and those who reside in our community.

These are nine great reasons to attend church weekly. We are neither obedient nor are we able to experience the full joy of our church if we attend once or twice a month or even less. Faithful weekly church attendance is important. It brings us joy. It helps us to grow spiritually. It is one of the primary characteristics of a healthy family.

Above all, it is an act of obedience to God. And that's what really matters.
(Adapted from Thom S. Rainer)

I look forward to seeing each of you at the next time our church meets. God loves you and so do I!

In His Service,
Bro. Mike
Jeremiah 33:3



Sunday, February 2, 2020 **High Attendance Sunday School, 9:15am** **Church-Wide Super Bowl Party, 5:00pm**

Invite friends, family and co-workers!

Wear your favorite team shirt/jersey and a name tag. There will be a contest among the classes (based upon age and size) to see who has the most in their class and the most guests. *The classes that win will have their class members names put in for a drawing at half-time during the **Church wide Super Bowl Party at 5pm in the Green Room** to watch the game. Bring snacks and finger foods and guests. If we hit our goal of 200 in Sunday School attendance Bro. Mike will take a pie in the face at half-time.*



MOPS will meet **Wednesday, February 5, 9:00am-11:00am**, childcare is provided. If you are a mom of a preschooler, or if you're expecting, you are welcome! Join us and bring a



FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- 5th** Chicken noodle casserole, (nuggets), corn, applesauce, rolls, dessert
- 12th** Baked pasta, salad, bread, dessert
- 19th** Ham, mac & cheese, green beans, rolls, dessert
- 26th** Pulled pork or turkey sandwiches, baked beans, chips, slaw, dessert



\$4.00 for persons 12 & up, \$2.00 for ages 4-11; Free ages 3 and under



Women on Mission
Thursday, February 6, Baptist Center

Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 20; 6:00pm
Mastermen SS Room

MEN'S & BOY'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MEET AT UTICA BAPTIST CHURCH AT 8:00AM



**Monday, February 17
6:00pm, Green Room**

Those who are at least “50-something” are invited to the Slyders Fellowship. Dinner will be provided for a suggested donation of \$4/person. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so that we can plan for the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Davis.

Canvas Blessings

Canvas Blessings Art Workshops & Ministry is focusing on God's LOVE for us during the month of February. On February 5, the MOPS group will be painting from 9:00-11:00am. We will be painting a church with the theme “Love Lifted Me” from the hymn by James Rowe based on Matthew 14:22-32.

Brochures about the program are located in the Welcome Center along with the featured art piece you will be painting. Register online at: canvasblessings.site123.me or contact Connie Stephens at 270-929-9564.



This Month's Schedule

February 20, 6:30-8:30pm; February 21, 1-3pm; February 24 7-9pm



Inclement Weather Policy

Our weather policy follows the direction of the Daviess County Public Schools. If school is cancelled, there will be no activities that evening at MBC.

We will post to our FaceBook page and notify local TV Channel 44 (CBS). We will also send out a One Call.



INDY MISSION TRIP

FRIDAY- SUNDAY, APRIL 24-26

Save the Date . . . The cost is approximately \$75 which includes meals, lodging, & materials.

A \$25 deposit is due by March 8.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or the bulletin Connection Card.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Macedonia's 2020 Vacation Bible School will be **June 8th-12th, from 9am to noon.**

Please be praying about how you can help with this ministry. We will be putting signup sheets out soon. Stay tuned and watch for the announcement in the bulletin.



Welcome New Members



Rebecca Sparks



Maverick Bevil, Kenneth Kerchevall



Many shelves of the cupboard are bare.
These items are needed to help replenish our supplies:

Spaghetti/ Spaghetti Sauce
Beans/Rice
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Oats/ Pop-tarts
Chicken Noodle/ Tomato Soup
Crackers

Jell-O
Juice
Individual wrapped toilet paper
Paper towels
Dishwashing liquid
Condiments



Fresh Start would like to say Thank You for your generosity in helping our ladies to have a Very Merry Christmas.

Happy New Year!

Fresh Start for Women

**2020 Monthly Meals for
St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter
(Every 2nd Thursday)**



February 13.....	Couples for Christ
March 12.....	Class of Joy
April 9.....	Faith & Fellowship
May 14.....	Class of Faith
June 11.....	Students
July 9.....	Quilters
August 13.....	Worship Center Class/Deacons
September 10.....	Class of Joy
October 8.....	Class of Faith
November 12.....	Faith & Fellowship
December 10.....	Women on Mission

If there are any changes concerning the monthly assignments for your group, please call the office so that the schedule can be updated.



One Call Now is an automated telephone system used by the Macedonia Baptist Church that allows a message, announcement, or urgent prayer request to be communicated to many people in a very short window of time. Messages concerning the church family may be called in to the church office for distribution. Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- ◆ Messages should be short & to the point.
- ◆ Please try to avoid last-minute announcements when possible.
- ◆ Urgent prayer requests should be placed into prayer chain status only as the individual mentioned or a close family member has given authorization to do so.
- ◆ Restrictions prevent calls from going out before 8:00 am or after 9:00 pm.

If you are not receiving calls and would like to, please call the church office, 270-686-8616.

Student Pastor: Connor Reed

As 2020 has started we give God all the Glory for what he has already done in our student ministry and we look forward too what is ahead. Here's a couple of things to look at.

“Late Night @MBC!” February 7th, from 7pm-Midnight

The theme of this event is “Neon Night” and we will have a Neon Dodgeball and Neon Nerf Tournament as well as food and fun for everyone! If you know of anyone that is interested in attending this event please see Student Pastor Conner Reed.



Crossings Camp sign up sheets are in the student room for this summer (June 29-July 3), a **\$75 non-refundable deposit be made no later than FEBRUARY 25th** for those that are interested in going to camp this summer. There are only 30 spots so claim your spot today!

If you are interested in volunteering or helping out in anyway with the student ministry please see Student Pastor Conner Reed.

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12*

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CENTERSHOT starts back on February 9 for 3rd grade-12th grade. There will be a signup sheet across from the office on the table.

Please make sure you sign your child/children up so we can get an accurate number of workers based on number of participants. The cost per child is only \$10 for one child or \$15 for two children in one family. These fees cover any replacement parts we purchase, food, and/or drinks.

Please feel free to invite visitors to come with your child. This is a great opportunity to get unchurched people into church! Our session will be for 6 weeks (Feb. 9- Mar. 15) with any training for new participants being offered the first two weeks.

If you are an adult that would like to volunteer and be a part of this program, please feel free to contact Kelly Wagner (kelly@mbcworship.com) or Conner Reed (creed@mbcworship.org)

Schedules

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

February 2	Bill Parrish	Paul Sapp
February 9	Paul Bates	Matt Davis
February 16	Roger Ellis	Drew Gregory
February 23	Jim Hawkins	Scott Katchuk

SECURITY TEAMS

February 2	Steve Hawkins	Scott Katchuk
February 9	Ray Morrison	Louis Norris
February 16	Carroll Quisenberry	Kevin O'Bryan
February 23	Mike Riley	Roger Ellis

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER TEAM

During Worship Service in Prayer Room

February 2	Worship Center Class
February 9	Sisters in Christ
February 16	Mastermens Class
February 23	Class of Faith

WORSHIP KIDSTYLE SCHEDULE

February 2	Amanda Beshear	Emily Reynolds
February 9	Stephanie Scott	Gracie Wright
February 16	Amanda Roberts	Brian Roberts
February 23	No Children's Church -Last Sunday	

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO MBC:

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/macedonia.baptistchurch.1

SERMONS ONLINE: www.mbcworship.org/media

CONTRIBUTIONS: www.mbcworship.org/giving

WEBSITE: www.mbcworship.org

ONE CALL NOW: Prayer Chain & Event Calls/Texts

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

- 1 Youth Fundraiser Scrap-a-thon
- 2 High Attendance Sunday School
SuperBowl Party, 5pm
- 5 MOPS, 9am
- 6 WOM to Baptist Center
- 7 UNBalanced
Student Ministry, 7pm-Midnight
- 8 Men's & Boys Breakfast, Utica
- 13 St. Benedict's- Couples for Christ
- 17 Slyders, 6pm
- 20, 21, 24 Canvas Blessings
- 20 Women on Mission, 6pm
- 26 Deacon's Meeting

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Morning Worship
- 6:00pm Bible Study
CenterShot resumes (2/9)
- Student Ministry
- Ladies LIFEgroup

Tuesdays

- 9:00am Quilters & Clippers
- 6:15am G.R.O.W.

Wednesdays

- 9:30am Ladies LIFEgroup
- 5:00pm Meal
- 5:45pm Awana
- 6:00pm "House of Prayer"
Ladies LIFEgroup
Student Ministry

Thursdays

- 1:00pm Nursing Home/Shut-in Visits

Your MBC Pastoral Staff:

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