The Vision



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Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm

After hours, email: jrobinson@mbcworship.org or call 270-686-8616 and leave message.

From the Senior Pastor

As you are reading this can you believe that it is already 2023? I think it is absolutely crazy how fast 2022 flew by. As I think about how fast time passes, I begin to reflect on the year we had. If I asked each and everyone of us I believe we could say at some point we were able to see God move right in front of us! 2022 was a special year for me and my family on many different occasions! I also thought about all of the missed opportunities I had; missed opportunities to serve or to share the Gospel. I believe the future for our church is very bright! I want you to reflect on the past year, think about the wins, the losses, and the missed opportunities!

The Kentucky Baptist Convention statement this year is, "Better together." I believe that same statement is true with us. We are better together! As we look to a bright and glorious year of serving and worshiping God faithfully, I want to challenge you to let God have His way with your life. Lay it out there for Him. I believe that if each of us will let go, look up, lean in, and rely and trust God 110%...we will see great things happen!

One of the things we are striving to do in the new year is give each of us another opportunity to be together. Beginning, Sunday, January 8th we are going to be starting life groups! This will not replace anything we are currently doing. It's another time for us to gather together, fellowship, and break into small-ish groups and do some studying. This is new-ish to us! I want to ask a few things. Be prayerful for this; prayer is essential and vital! Pray that this would be a success and many people would be engaged, The second is extend grace. It's so easy to point out the negatives about something new. Extend a little grace as we begin this new thing. The third thing is be positive. If only five show up, that's okay, remain positive because with prayer, grace and positivity a lot can happen!

As a test, if have read and affirm this just mention to me in passing that we are "Better Together!" 🐸

I am blessed to be your pastor! My family and I appreciate all of your love and prayers! We are excited for what God is going to do in our lives here at Macedonia! If we can do anything for you please let us know!



Conner Reed Senior Pastor creed@mbcworship.org 270-999-3735





January 4	Bill Gutsche
February 1	Quisenberry' s
March 1	Delivery/ Sponsor Needed
April 5	Prepare & Deliver Meal
May 3	Delivery/ Sponsor Needed

Volunteers/Sunday School Classes are needed to prepare and deliver supper to Crossroads Women & Children's Shelter on the first Wednesday Night of the month. On the months we have a Wednesday Night Meal, extra food is prepared for Crossroads. On these nights we need a delivery person and financial sponsors to cover the extra cost of the meal (about \$30). Currently, Crossroads provides shelter to 20 women nightly and relies on volunteers to provide supper. Food needs to be delivered to 1631 Breckenridge Street, (across the street from the Health Dept.) between 7:00-7:15pm in disposable containers. For questions or to sign up for a month please email Jo Robinson: <u>jrobinson@mbcworship.org</u> or call the church office 270-686-8616, during office hours.



Monthly Meals for St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter

(Every 2nd Thursday)

January 12	Master Men's Class
February 9	Couples for Christ
March	Class of Joy
April 13	Faith & Fellowship
May 11	Class of Faith

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



Please keep our Student Pastor Search Team lifted in prayer

Jordan Bostick Drew Gregory Tracy Gutsche Karen Katchuk

Nathan Maxwell Amanda Roberts

Kelly Wagner

Wednesday Night Activities 5:00pm-7:00pm

5:00pm Meal

5:45pm Wednesday Night Opening, Worship Center - Everyone

6:00-7:00pm AWANA Brite-Nite (3 y/o - 5th gr.), 2nd & 3rd floor, MAC Room

Student Ministry (6th-12th grade)
Prayer & Bible Study, Room 104 (Adults)
Women's Bible Study, Prayer Room

Menu

(meals include dessert and tea or lemonade)

January 4 Chicken Potpie/Pizza Rolls, green beans, applesauce, rolls

January 11 Spaghetti, salad, bread

January 18 Country Style Ribs/chicken nuggets, baked potato, broccoli, rolls

January 25 Chili, Hot Dogs or grilled Cheese, chips

Suggested Donation:

Adults (13+) \$5; Children (4-12) \$3; Three years and younger, free. \$20 family limit. (Register on the bulletin Connect Card or call the church office)

Children's Ministry Update

Happy New Year! I pray you all had a blessed and family-filled Christmas. I'm very excited to be the Children's Director and interact with your children once again! They are all so special and bring so much joy and energy to MBC. I have many exciting things in store for the Children's program this new year beginning with a Children's group "Kingdom Kids" on Sunday evenings starting January 8. We will have a short lesson, craft and game time. My prayer for this is that the kids from all grades (5 yrs.-5th gr) will develop a deeper sense of being a church family and get more familiar with Scripture. There will also be childcare for babies and tod-dlers during this time so parents can enjoy life group. I will be needing a few helpers so let me know if you can help in anyway! Thank you all for your help, support and prayers over the years, I couldn't do this without you. Our children are the future of this church. Proverbs 22:6

Kim Gregory Children's Director kgregory@mbcworship.org (574)238-0973



Sundays 5:00pm, Room 204 During LifeGroups

Kingdom Kids is for children 5 years old-5th grade.

Join us for a short lesson, craft and game while parents attend Life Groups.

Nursery will be available for Birth-Pre-K

Worship Ministry Update

Happy New Year! If you are struggling to find a New Year's resolution, I have a great suggestion for you! But first:

Our song of the month for January is "House of the Lord" by Phil Wickham. This song is a declaration of our faith, and a message to others that our true Joy is found in our faith in Jesus Christ. It's also a great upbeat song meant to excite us for worship.

It's easy to come to church and just hope that God will do something in our service. But my challenge to you is to come to church actively seeking God's presence! Scripture is clear that God IS in our midst when we gather! When we allow the Holy Spirit to intervene in our service and in our personal worship, we experience His presence in a huge way! Remember, our joy is not found in the music, it's not found in the fellowship, and it's not found in the preaching. It's found in Jesus Christ!



In Christ,
Jackson Covington
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We are in the process of changing our mass calling service to Calling Post from One Call Now. With Calling Post we can send text messages, (up to 320 characters), calls and email. This is how we will send

the weekly church email and important email updates.

To opt-in to receiving text message alerts, please text MBC8616 to 24251. You should get a confirmation message from 24251 saying, "Welcome to MBC Calling Post! Click the link to add your name & email. 24251 is also the number that text messages will come from, so you may want to save it to your contacts as, MBC Text Messages or Macedonia Text Messages. Calls will use our church number, 270-686-8616, however, there will not be intro music, it will go straight to the spoken message.

If you do not want calls, texts, or emails you will have the option to opt-out or unsubscribe from one, two or all communications.

Please be patient with us as we learn this new system, there may be some hiccups along the way. Thank you for your grace, patience and understanding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jo Robinson in the church office, 270-686-8616.

Bill & Tracy Gutsche and Troop 3010 cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Will<mark>iam</mark> Lane Gutsche

Sunday, January 15, 2023 2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

Join us for a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony.

RSVP at 270-929-4997 or capri105@bellsouth.net



Kenneth & JoLynn Reed





Dear Macedonia Church Family,
Oure family would like to express our
sincerest gratitude for each and every
way you have shown the love of Christ
to us during our time of sorrow. The
cards, gifts, prayers, love & support you
all have shown to us have been truly a
blessing! May God Bless each of you
abundantly!

Love in Christ,

Sharon & Kevin O'Bryan

and the Probus family.





You're invited to a baby shower for

Casey & Logan Stempien as they prepare to welcome Sutton to their family.

Saturday, February 4 1:00-3:00pm, MAC Room

The couple is registered at Amazon & Target.

Please RSVP to 270-903-7410

There will be a Regular Business Meeting Sunday, January 29 in the Worship Center at 6:00 pm following Life Group

Vacation Bible School Planning

VBS Planning is underway and we need your input! Traditionally we have held VBS in morning from 9am-Noon. We are considering having evening VBS in 2023, but before making that decision we need to know about our kids and volunteers.



There will be a survey in the bulletin each Sunday in January. Please fill out and return the survey with your contact information if you have a child that will attend VBS or if you would be a volunteer.

VBS is our biggest outreach event of the summer! We are grateful for all of our volunteers and workers that make VBS possible. This is all about making a Kingdom Impact for kids and their families.



Our theme this year is Lifeway's "Twists & Turns" "Following Jesus changes the game" Psalm 25:4



Saturday, January 14 @ 8am Fellowship Hall

Men & Boys of all ages, join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall!

We will have Bacon, Sausage,
Biscuits and Gravy, Eggs,
Hashbrown Patties, Milk, O.J.

& Coffee. Please help us plan for food and sign up at the Welcome desk or on the Connect Card.



Wednesday Night
Women's Bible Study
will meet January 4 & 11 to
finish the current study and
will not meet again until March.

Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information about our next class.

Budget Offering	
Weekly Budget Needed	\$9,154.22
Budget Offering Received	
November 27	\$5,207.00
December 4	\$11,318.00
December 11	\$4,373.00
December 18	\$10,530.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$109,850.00
Budget Received YTD	\$90,915.00
Budget Expenses YTD	\$76,722.04

2022 Contribution Statements will be mailed before January 31, 2023. If you have moved this year, please contact the church office to make sure we have your correct address.

Sunday Attendance			
	AM Worship	S.S.	
November 27	133	87	
December 4	153	104	
December 11	182	110	
December 18	163	103	
December 25	Services can due to wea		

Ways to Give

- ⇒ In-person during Worship or stop by the church through the week
- ⇒ Bank to Bank Transfer using the Zelle app. Contact the church office for more information. This option is free of fees.
- ⇒ Mail to: 4839 Millers Mill Road, Owensboro, KY 42303.
- ⇒ Online through our website: mbcworship.org

This Month @ Macedonia

Sunday, January 1- New Year's Day

Sunday School (All ages) 9:15am 10:30am Moming Worship. Worship Center 10:30am Children's Church, Room 204

No Life Group

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

9:00am Quilters

Wednesday, January 4

5:00pm Wednesday Night Meal

5:45pm AWANA Brite Opening, Worship Center 6:00pm Brite Night Large and Small Groups

> Student Ministry, Student Room Prayer & Bible Study, Room 104 Women's Bible Study, Prayer Room

Sunday, January 8

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Morning Worship, Worship Center

Children's Church, Room 204

Life Group, MAC Room

Kingdom Kids, Room 204

Tuesday, January 10

9:00am Quilters

Wednesday, January 11

5:00pm Wednesday Night Meal

5:45pm AWANA Brite Opening, Worship Center Brite Night Large and Small Groups 6:00pm

> Student Ministry, Student Room Prayer & Bible Study, Room 104 Women's Bible Study, Prayer Room

Saturday, January 14

8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 15

Sunday School 9:15am

10:30am Morning Worship, Worship Center

Children's Church, Room 204 Life Group, MAC Room 5:00pm

Kingdom Kids, Room 204

Tuesday, January 17 9:00am Quilters

Wednesday, January 18

5:00pm Wednesday Night Meal

5:45pm AWANA Brite Opening, Worship Center

6:00pm Brite Night Large and Small Groups Student Ministry, Student Room Prayer & Bible Study, Room 104

Sunday, January 22

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Morning Worship, Worship Center

No Children's Church-4th Sunday

Life Group, MAC Room 5:00pm

Kingdom Kids, Room 204

Tuesday, January 24

9:00am Quilters

Wednesday, January 25

5:00pm Wednesday Night Meal

AWANA Brite Opening, Worship Center 5:45pm

6:00pm Brite Night Large and Small Groups

Student Ministry, Student Room Prayer & Bible Study, Room 104

Sunday, January 29

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Morning Worship, Worship Center

No Children's Church- 5th Sunday

Life Group, MAC Room 5:00pm

Kingdom Kids, Room 204

Business Meeting, Worship Center

Tuesday, January 31

9:00am Quilters



Sundays beginning January 8 5:00pm, MAC Room

Everyone is encouraged to join us as we begin another opportunity to gather, fellowship, and learn together.

Inclement Weather Policy

Our weather policy follows the direction of the Daviess County Public Schools. If school is cancelled, evening activities will also be cancelled. Decisions about Sunday morning and evening will be determined on a case by case basis. We will post cancellations to our Facebook page, send a One Call, and email.

Ministry Volunteers

Deacons on Call		
1/1	Paul Sapp	Carroll Quisenberry
1/8	Jordan Bostick	Brian Roberts
1/15	Kevin Wilson	Scott Katchuk
1/22	Carroll Quisenberry	Bill Parrish
1/29	Brian Roberts	Paul Sapp
Security Schedule		
1/1	Glen Davis	Kevin Wilson
1/8	Josh Keister	Jordan Bostick
1/15	Carroll Quisenberry	Steve Hawkins
1/22	Logan Stempien	Drew Gregory
1/29	Ray Morrison	Kevin O'Bryan
Nursery Volunteers		
1/1	Marijane McNeil, Norma Vanover Kaitlin Covington, Laura Wilson	
1/2	Bonnie Riley, Marisa Smith,	

Samantha Bostick, Angie Abbott Shannon McKeever, Leandra Keister, 1/15

Donna Barton, Ursula Mabrey

1/8

Michaela Reed, Casey Stempien, 1/22 Kim Gregory, Laura Wilson

	1/29	Stacy Sapp, Anita West,
		Angie Abbott, Bonnie Riley

Children's Church (K-3rd grade)

1/1	Kim Gregory
1/8	Erin Basham
1/15	Brian & Amanda Roberts

No Children's Church January 22 & January 29 4th & 5th Sundays

Macedonia Baptist Church

Operation Christmas Child 2023

Goal: 400 Boxes Postage: \$4000

Cost of Boxes: \$264 (\$0.66 per box)

New, Good Quality Items ONLY.

NO toothpaste, NO candy, NO liquids, NO breakables, NO war-like items, NO evil/scary items

Items can be dropped off in donation bin outside church office

January-April: Wow Gifts

Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Small musical instruments (harmonicas, recorders, tambourines), Toy Trucks and Boats (big, not hot wheels), and Backpacks.

May: Monetary Donations

Focus on giving to Operation Christmas Child Designated Fund (all items are still welcomed).

June: Arts & Crafts

Coloring books and crayons (24 count only), stickers, sidewalk chalk (2 chalks in a bag), water-color paint kits (no liquid paint).

July: Small items (fillers)

Hot wheels, jump ropes, jacks, marbles, hacky sacks, tennis balls, small nerf balls, deck of playing cards, foam balls, sunglasses, yo-yo, small frisbee, etch-a-sketch.

August: School items (for ages 5-14)

Spiral or flexible notebooks (40-70 pages), pencils and sharpeners (5 pencils/sharpener bagged together with optional erasers), solar calculators (no rulers, will not fit) markers, erasers, glue stick (no liquid glue).

September: Hygiene

Washcloth and bar soap (bagged together), combs, hairbrush, toothbrush, and bandages (think child band-aids).

October: Catch up

Focus on items we may still be lacking.

Other items that are welcome (for all ages):

Sports balls (football or soccer balls, deflated, with manual pump), an outfit of clothing (shirts, flip flops, boys' and girls' underwear, reusable cups and water bottles, compact mirrors, purses, hair accessories (hair ties, burettes, bandanas, head bands), small puzzles, compass, nail clipper & file, stick deodorant.

Suggestions for Older Child Boxes (ages 10-14)

Fishing Kits, sewing kits, paracord bracelets, camping cups & utensils, tape measures, twine, hand-crank flashlights (if battery powered, include extra batteries in baggie), washable and reusable menstrual pads.

Please contact our Worship Pastor, Jackson Covington with any questions: Email: Jcovington@mbcworship.org Phone: 615-598-7333