



# 2022



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The **OCTOBER** Food Pantry Donation is  
**POWDERED GRAVY MIX**

Thank you to everyone who helps us  
help our friends and neighbors.

We can't do this alone.

**-Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.



AT MACEDONIA  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH



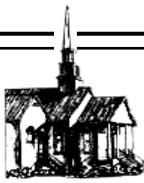
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### Deacons of the Week:

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Layton, Al Walker  
9<sup>th</sup> Phil Huey, Richard Kern  
16<sup>th</sup> Tom Bass, Heath Hughes  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mike Layton, Joey Byrum  
30<sup>rd</sup> G. Mike Jones, Elmer Overton

MBC Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Book Recommendation: *The Serpent and the Serpent Slayer* by Andrew David Naselli

I want to try something new this month and would like to periodically do this in newsletters. As a pastor, I do a lot of reading and studying for sermons and Bible studies. I also try to read books that are for my own benefit outside of my dedicated study time for sermons and Bible studies. These books vary from being devotional, theological, or even novels to refresh me or cause me to think about doctrines, church, leadership, and learning how to read a good story.

This past month, one of the books I read was a short little book called *The Serpent and the Serpent Slayer*. It is one in a series of books about biblical theology. Biblical theology is defined as focusing on a particular thread or theme and showing how it fits into God's grand narrative of redemption. The author Andrew Naselli writes to focus the reader on the promise made in **Genesis 3:15**, "**I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.**" That first prophecy in Genesis informs a major part of whom we are looking for when we read the Bible. Who is this serpent slayer?

To summarize the contents of the book, the author points us to how we love a good "dragon-slaying story." In books, movies, and television, we enjoy seeing how good triumphs over evil. Naselli then begins to show how the Bible frames itself. The beginning in Genesis begins with a deceptive snake. That snake is the Enemy, Satan himself. He deceives Adam and Eve and continues to deceive God's people throughout Scripture. But a promise is made that this serpent will be crushed. But we see throughout the Bible the work of the Serpent. He is pitted against God and His people. He often shows up himself, and also has his own seed that are the enemies of God's people. Egypt and Pharaoh. Wicked leaders in Canaan and Moab. Nahash the Ammonite. Goliath. King of Babylon. King Herod.

This all culminates in Revelation when we see in fullness the dragon, which serpents and dragons are portrayed as the same in Scripture. But what we see throughout Scripture is that Jesus is this Serpent slayer, this dragon slayer, that saves God's people and defeats the Enemy himself. We see that totality of victory in Revelation.

With all of that said, this is a great little book and highly recommended to you. Little studies like this can help us in our understanding of the story of Scripture and how God is and has defeated the greatest Enemy himself, Satan. Through Jesus, our enemies of sin, death, and Satan are crushed!

- Pastor Chris Gravning



**MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in October!**

1 Larry Ambrose 2 Carl Forehand, Rachel Young  
3 Tommy Forehand 5 Elizabeth Layton 8 Larry Jones 9 Charlotte Baker  
11 Ann Fourman 13 Sarah Ainsley Bass, Bertha Blanchard 14 Eric Baker, Reagan Lee  
19 Stacey Banks 20 Marjorie Smith 25 Jimmy Yates 27 Rebecca Hobbs  
29 Ramona Askew, Jimmie Keeter 30 Matthew Simons



**Oct. 2** - Breakfast & Fellowship 9:00 am

**Oct. 3** - Senior Adult Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

**Oct. 11** - Red Cross Blood Drive 3:00 pm–7:00 pm

**Oct. 16** - Pray for Me Campaign Launch following morning worship in the fellowship hall  
Deacons Meeting 7:15 pm

**Oct. 18** - WMU hosting guest speaker 12:00 pm, Annual CBA meeting at MBC 2:00 pm

**Oct. 19** - Business Meeting in the fellowship hall 8:15 pm

**Oct. 21** - Nov. Newsletter info due

**Oct. 30** - Trunk or Treat 6 pm–8 pm at MBC

### Upcoming Student Ministry Fall Events

Pray for me campaign Oct. 16 12:30 pm

Mystery Dinner Oct. 29 6:00-8:00 pm

Trunk or Treat Oct. 30 6:00-8:00 pm

Widows lunch Nov. 19 10 am—1 pm

Our annual Pray for Me campaign will be held on October 16th. right after morning worship (12:30pm) in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a special service of worship, commitment, and for each student and their prayer champions to get to know one another. We will also eat a pizza lunch together! Please consider being a prayer partner for our students. We believe that bridging the gap between generations in the church is essential to seeing boys and girls, young men and women thrive in the church and in their faith. Sign up sheets are available on the bulletin board and in the Sunday School class rooms.

The deadline to sign-up is October 9th so we know how many books need to be ordered.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor Chris Lindsey!

The family and wife, Jackie, of Rod Mumma would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and food prepared after rods passing. Thank you so much for being such a loving church family during our time of need. **-Jackie Mumma**

Our Chowan Baptist Annual Meeting will take place October 18th here at Macedonia at 2:00pm. We will have dinner provided at the meeting for all in attendance. We highly encourage as many of our church family to come to the annual meeting, even if you aren't a messenger. I believe one of the most important parts of cooperation is our presence. Let's be an encouragement to our association leadership and other churches by showing how much we care.

*We welcome new members Adam and Tracy Gray who joined in September!*

## Senior Adults

**Monday October 3rd  
Senior Adult Dinner at 6:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

We will be having lasagna and playing bingo. Please contact Joyce Jack if you need a ride to the dinner and back.

**It's time for Operation Christmas Child!** We have 100 boxes to be packed for children across the world that, in most cases, will receive nothing for Christmas. Pre-assembled shoeboxes can be picked up from the table in the hallway heading into the fellowship hall or from the sanctuary foyer. A brochure with instructions on how to pack a box that also contains the shipping label have been placed inside the pre-folded boxes. It is requested that \$10 to help with the cost of shipping be included. Information on ways to donate are listed in the provided brochure. Packed boxes are due back to the church by Sunday, Nov. 6.



### WMU

On October 18, we will host a special speaker for this meeting, which will be in the fellowship hall at Macedonia Baptist Church at 12 noon.

**Lunch will be "bring your own sandwich plus one extra." Dessert and drinks will be provided.** Our guest: Dmytro Yakym, age 19, is a Christian young man from the Ukraine, who is currently staying with Mary and Billy Nixon. Dmytro has a wonderful testimony that I am sure you will want to hear. We will have lunch together and fellowship with Mary Nixon and Dmytro Yakym. If you can attend please let me know so that a menu can be planned. Should you have friends or family who would like to attend please encourage them to come. Looking Forward to our meeting  
Blessings to all, Pat Britt

### **TRUNK OR TREAT / SUNDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 30TH**

This year, we are planning a trunk or treat here at MBC, combining what we normally do with a fall festival with trunks to hand out candy! We are asking you as a church to volunteer your own vehicle to hand out candy. You can have fun decorating your trunk and it will be a great opportunity for us to greet families, love them, and have gospel opportunities. We will still have a cake walk, games, and other activities that evening. We are also asking that if you do sign-up for a trunk that you will purchase your own candy. We will have extra candy if needed throughout the night to help supplement your own.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the education wing or in the foyer to set up a trunk. We would love to have at least 25 trunks on our property!

### **Chowan Baptist Association WMU Redbox Ministry to NC Women Prisoners**

MBC will be collecting Women's White Crew Socks (Can accept white only) Please bring any donations to the church by October 16 and place in the designated box on the table in the hallway heading into the fellowship hall.

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# Trunk or Treat

**October 30  
6:00-8:00pm**

**Chili Cookoff, Candy, Games**

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