

APRIL

2023

CAMP CALE SUMMER CAMPS

MBC will pay half of the camp fee for each camper who is a member, immediate family of a member, or regularly attends MBC. MBC does not pay for the non-refundable deposit. Anyone planning to attend Camp Cale who wishes to receive half of the fee paid for, needs to contact the church secretary. The camp schedule and registration applications can be found online at www.campcale.com. You can also contact Camp Cale to inquire about available scholarship applications.



VBS 2023 / SAVE THE DATE!
June 19-23 6:00pm-8:30 pm

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Custodian.....Joyce Jack

Deacons of the Week:

2nd Tom Bass
Heath Hughes
9th Elmer Overton
Joey Byrum
16th G. Mike Jones
Mike Layton
23rd Larry Jones
Mike Jones
30th Chris Layton
Al Walker

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

Edenton Chowan Food Pantry Collection

APRIL Food Pantry Donation - CEREAL



Book Review: *The Thrill of Orthodoxy* by Trevin Wax

This month, I'd like to give you another book that I found very helpful. It is called *The Thrill of Orthodoxy*. First, let me say that this was a gift to me from our own *North American Mission Board*. A donor bought these books for every pastor to be sent out. What a blessing from our Southern Baptist Convention!

The book is a look at what it means to rediscover and the "thrill" of Christian orthodoxy. In our current culture and the currents that we are finding to be pushed upon us every day, the prospect and belief that there is one defined truth is not readily accepted. Many hold to a truth as being defined by one's feelings or by one's perspectives. The Christian and the church can even be tempted to waver from orthodox truth because it challenges the narrative of a sinful world. The results of standing on orthodoxy can be isolating and make us out of place. But the truth is what saves and redeems. The world doesn't need to be catered to, but rather, the world needs truth. That truth found in biblical Christianity brings true hope, hope of salvation from sin and brokenness.

But one other area of need that this book brought out is that especially applicable to us. We can get the truth right but forget the thrill of it. Doctrine of scripture isn't boring. It's invigorating to know our God and to grow in faith from it. It is invigorating and adventurous to go and make disciples of all nations, even when it is difficult. Christianity is not boring. Far from it. To truly hold on to the basic truths of who God is, who we are, and how we come to know Him is life-giving and sets us on a path this is greater than anything the world can offer.

So, I echo with the author Trevin Wax. The church's creeds and orthodox beliefs gives us confidence and boldness in a world that is in desperate need of it. I highly recommend picking this book up for your own spiritual benefit.

-Pastor Chris Graving



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

3 Angela Jones, Joyce White 6 Lucas Bond
8 Aubrey Coker 9 Betty Venters 12 Anna Grace Huey, Jan Layton
13 Karen Huey 14 Sophie Banks 15 Rudy Askew, Elizabeth Hughes
16 Brandon Woodley 19 Robert Britt 21 Loretta Shaw 22 April Bond
24 Jamie Griffin 26 Silas Gray 28 Kevin Goodwin 30 Tommy Castelloe



April 2 - Easter Egg Hunt 5:30pm–7:00pm.

April 3 - Senior Adult Dinner in the fellowship hall 6:00 pm

April 7 - Good Friday Service at Access Point Church 7:00 pm; Church office closed

April 9 - Join us Easter morning for our sunrise service at 6:30 am. We will have special music and a morning devotion from the Word. Join us afterwards in the fellowship hall for breakfast pastries, juices, and coffee. No evening services.

April 18 - Executive Committee Meeting at Camp Cale 7:00 pm

April 16 - Deacons Meeting 7:15 pm **April 19** - Business Meeting 5:30 pm

April 21 - May Newsletter info due **April 29** - Pig on the Perquimans



Senior Adults, join us on Monday April 3rd at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall for dinner and music that will be provided by the student ministry.

Join us at MBC for an egg hunt, food, crafts, bingo, cake walk, and more! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday April 2, 2023 5:30pm–7:00pm.



Baptist Children's Homes
April 2023 | bchfoodroundup.org



It's that time of year again; The Baptist Children's Homes of NC is doing their annual April Food Roundup. This brochure contains this year's item supply list of needs. Macedonia will be collecting items through April 23 on the table in the water fountain area next to the nursery. Any gift cards mailed to the church should be sent to our PO Box 18.

Be the **hands and feet of Jesus** to North Carolina boys and girls by collecting non-perishable food and supplies.

Thank You

Thank you church family for the many expressions of concern during the past few months of my health concerns and treatment. Your prayers are so much appreciated, I give thanks to God for each of you. **-Pat Britt**

Dear Church Family, Danny and I thank you so much for your kindnesses during my recent illness. Your cards, phone calls, food, and visits were deeply appreciated. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family.

-Much love in Christ, Joanie Evans

Macedonia Church, Thank you for all the prayers for George and our family. We so appreciate everyone who brought food and took time to visit with us. We are so fortunate to have such a loving and giving church family. **-Love, Reta Jones**

Thank you church family for the Christmas cards and food lion gift card at Christmas time. It is so great to have such a wonderful, good, loving church family. Love you all, God Bless. **-In Christian Love, Eveline Britton**

Macedonia Church Family, Thank you so much for my gift card and for all the beautiful Christmas Cards. Also for keeping me in your prayers. God is good all the time! **-Love, Dot Titus**



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STUDENT MINISTRY



What is family discipleship?

Often the idea of family discipleship is easier to process than doing the act of family discipleship itself. My desire is to equip you to do the work of discipleship.

But why? Why is the primary means of discipleship to be done in the home? We see in Deut. 6 that the main place for discipleship of our children should be done by parents themselves. Of course we understand that Mathew 28:18-19, that our responsibility as a Christian is to make disciples. This is the main imperative.

For us as parents of Children and Teens, we spend a lot of time teaching and training our children how to live in the world. This is what we do daily isn't it? Our son goes to walk into the road, we grab him by the shirt collar and remind him to look both ways. If our daughter lifts her hand to brace herself on the stove and we are cooking, we grab her arm quickly and exhort her not to touch because it is hot.

So what about eternal things? Are we taking the time to exhort or children in the things of God? Are we having conversations about what they are learning in student ministry, Sunday school, and church?

One of our families practices during Sunday lunch is to ask three questions:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Dinner- April 3rd
We will be hosting the Senior Dinner in April. Please plan on arriving as close to 5:00 pm to prepare the dinner.

Fuge- July 3rd-8th
Be on lookout for more information coming soon.

1. What did you learn in Sunday School?
2. How did it point to Christ?
3. What did God show you through the preaching of the Word?

These are simple questions that promote conversations.

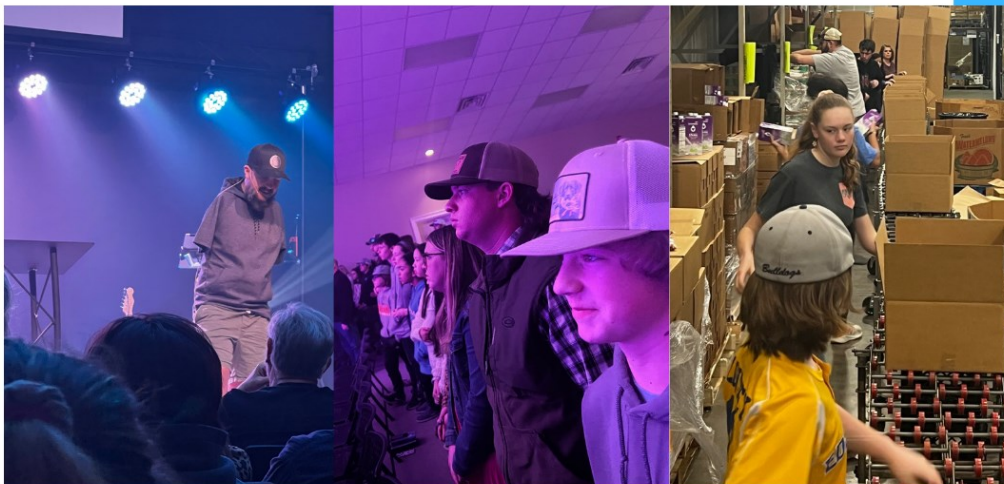
Conversations are key. Not lectures nor preaching but thoughtful conversations on how the Christian life pertains to what is going on in the world.

One of the best ways to model Family Worship is to set apart at least three evenings to read from the word, explain it, talk about it and pray.

Of course you could add singing... if you want. A good practice would pertain to what we are studying on Sunday and Wednesday nights. I try each week to text an update on what I am teaching on Sundays so that you can use that to speak more into your students life.

I am always open to conversations and I hope to serve you well.

By his Grace,
Pastor Chris Lindsey



RECENT EVENTS

Last Month, we attended Youth Fest at CampCale. Our students enjoyed time of fellowship, singing, and preaching. We heard from Daniel Ritchie (who has a fantastic testimony, look him up on Youtube, it is great).

The next weekend we filled over 500 boxes at the Albemarle Food Bank.

Thank you for your continued prayer for our students.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from sin.
1 JOHN 1:6-7

What scriptures are we studying for the next month?

3/22- 1 John 2:18-27
3/26- Luke 20
3/29- 1 John 2:28-3:3
4/2- Luke 21
4/5- 1 John 3:4-10
4/9- Easter
4/12- Bible Study with Pastor Chris G
4/16- Luke 22:1-38
4/19- 1 John 3:11-18