

# The Voice Of MBC

"We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too." 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)

February

## The Stability Of The Redeemed Community— The Church!



With the passage of time ... I have been so Blessed to have the stability and strength given to me by the church. Being part of God's church as a young boy, being redeemed in God's church as a young man and maturing in God's church through the years has kept me on a "Path" that I am so thankful for.

Better yet is the stability God has given to my family life. Yes, time has passed, and I can see how God has been actively involved in my family. Yes, the best years are the years "My Whole Family" have been actively involved in God's church and engaging in His Word!

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27 NKJV*

Yes, the church has been the strength and stability on so many levels.

Now, yesterday was January 16th, a day of ice and freezing rain and we needed to cancel Sunday Services for safety reasons. Ouch, the day seemed to be a giant mess. See even missing one Sunday I can feel the effect. Even in the afternoon watching my favorite team play football I felt uneasy. Even though my favorite team The Bucks won!

Now, just as yesterday was a messy day with the weather the last two years have been messy with Covid. I believe and can see how the Devil will use and is using this to cause and bring about long-term instability to many Christian homes! In many homes good Godly habits of church life have been constrained and minimized. My concern and burden are this ... what will the effects be on the families, marriages, and children in ten years? Then beyond that what effect will that have on the next generation?

Now, I also speak reflecting back on the years of my life from about age ten through twenty-five. Personal problems entered my family life and as a family we stopped going to church. As you can imagine instability stepped in and my teen years took a downward turn spiritually and emotionally. I just Thank God The Lord brought me back to His House and in my mid-twenties I started seeking out a church home. Soon at about age twenty-five I met Shelly and was now dating a Godly woman who also desired to go to church with me. Yes, God has been so good to me! And yes, the last thirty-one years I have found stability in my church life and in my

marriage! Now I am so Blessed to leave a Legacy to my children. Yes ... I am Thankful to be part of the MBC Community!

Billy Graham writes ...

When a person experiences the new birth, he or she becomes a member of the invisible church. He or she should seek to identify immediately with a local church which honors the Lord and His Word, in order to take an active part in worship, fellowship, evangelism, Bible study, and prayer. This is a responsibility which the Bible teaches: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching"

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Hebrews 10:23-25 NKJV*

So ... as we can see "The day approaching" of Christ return let us "Hold fast without Wavering" actively taking part in the Lord's church!

Yes ... as for me and my house we shall not forsake the Assembly!

Pastor Darryl



Age 45

Age 44



Age 57



### Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages	9:30a
Morning Worship	10:30a
Prayer Closet	4:00p
Children's Groups	5:30p
Evening Worship & Study	5:30p

#### Wednesday

Chapel Worship Service	10:30a
Fellowship Meal	6:00p
Worship Service	6:30p

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"Trust In The Lord With  
All Your Heart..."

## The CREW News

As February approaches, The CREW has once again had its share of challenges. With the "new variant" of Covid and having limited nights of MNM, it is best that we postpone Youth Day for now. I will discuss with Pastor Darryl and hopefully reschedule soon. We would like to have it somewhere close to Easter so that we can incorporate Easter into our program. Please pray for Youth Day and continue to pray for our youth and youth meetings.

This year, I have been given the task of leading Community Changers. One of the biggest challenges last year, was getting our MBC youth and surrounding youth involved daily. This year, we will return to our normal overnight camp and we will be seeking lots of volunteers to help get Community Changers back to where we know it can be. Community Changers will be June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, please discuss this amazing opportunity with anyone you know that will complete 6<sup>th</sup> grade this school year up to any senior in high school. We will be serving God in the mornings and praising Him at night, and the best part is our teenagers can do it right here in our own community. I look forward to seeing what God has planned.

As of now we are still planning to take our Puerto Rico Mission Trip in June. We will begin meeting in February so please be on the lookout for a date in the near future. Anyone interested in going or anyone who would simply just like to help support our trip is welcome to join us. As always, Cyndi has an account set up in the office so anyone who would like to make a donation can do so. If you have any questions about the trip please feel free contact Pastor Stanley or Suzie.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Stanley

## INDIA MISSIONS CHRISTMAS PROJECT - DECEMBER 2021

We would like to thank each one of you for your kind generosity in giving for the India Christmas Project. With the gracious offering of our church members, we were able to bring joy to many underprivileged families and orphans during this Christmas season.

We gave a Christmas offering to the Pastors of 4 churches and distributed clothes, food and blankets to over 30 poor church families in the rural villages in the southern part of India.

We organized Christmas celebrations for the orphan children in the school where Naveen completed his schooling. This school was started by Missionaries over 100 years ago and is still run with aid from kind donors like our church. We shared the gospel and provided food and clothes for over 20 children.

We organized a Christmas get-together for the youth who attend the India Bible Study. Powerful testimonies were shared by these young people as to how God has been transforming their lives through this Bible Study. We organized Bible games, shared the Gospel, presented small gifts and provided them with a meal to show them that they are loved and to encourage them to continue to learn more from God's word.

Please uphold the India Missions and our Bible Studies in your everyday prayers. Thank you again for being a part of this ministry through your prayers and support.

In His Service, Naveen and Evangelina

Dosapati



It's never too late to express our Thanks and Love for those who refresh others. (Ps. 11:25) A big thank you to each one who participated in or Caroling and Ham distribution. Those who purchased the fruit, hams, the 37 who filled baskets, and visited 80 homes. What a gift of Love to those who could be out being a Blessing and to those who needed and received the Blessing. An excerpt from a Thank you message: "Rueben and I ate some of the brownies. They were right tasty. I love the caroling groups. It really touched our hearts. It meant a lot to us. God's Blessings to you! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! (Rueben & Dot Muldrow) Such a beautiful confirmation of God's Word "He who refreshes others will be refreshed". (Ps. 11:25) "He who sows seeds will reap the Blessing..." (Luke 6:38) Let's keep on Being The Body Of Christ and sharing. As a friend says, "Making GOD look good"!

Submitted by: Jane Gunter



# MBC KIDS

# NEWSLETTER

Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship with us on

Sunday Morning @ 10:30am  
Wednesday Evening @ 06:30pm



## Jokes Corner

Why didn't anyone want to fight Goliath?  
It seemed like a giant ordeal.  
Which King liked to do things on his own?  
Solomon

## True Love

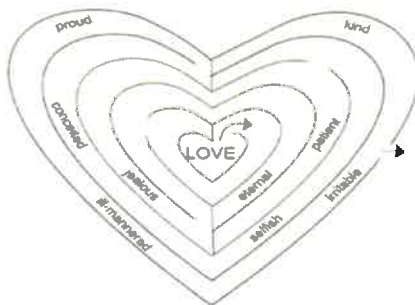
For God so lo **V**ed the world.  
That He g **A**ve  
his on **L**y  
Begot **E**n  
So **N**  
**T**hat whosoever  
Believeth **I**n Him  
Should **N**ot perish,  
But have **E**verlasting life."  
John 3:16

## Bible Puzzle Love Maze

1 Corinthians 13 is called the love chapter because its words describe how to show love to others. Some of these words are in this maze.

Draw a path through the maze from the center to the right side. Some of the words will be crossed out by the line you draw.

If a word is not crossed out, write it in the "LOVE IS" list.  
If a word is crossed out, write it in the "LOVE IS NOT" list.



LOVE IS

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LOVE IS NOT

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How will you show love in these ways?





# GRACE MOMENTS



*Hello ladies! We want you to come join us for a night of devotion, fellowship, and fun as we gather together on **February 10th at 6:00** in church fellowship hall.*

*We will be sharing and expressing some love to others.*

*In the next couple of months we will be focusing on some different local ministries.*

*Beginning with this month we want to **STOCK the box** - our very own **BLESSING BOX!***

*Some items of need include: Peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruits, noodles, sauces, soups, and hygiene items.*

*So join us and bring what you can to help us stock the **BOX** and bless others!*

## RUN 4 GOD 5K

I was so Thankful for being able to participate in this event even though I walked and finished last with my friend Wanda. It was not just completing the “Physical Challenge” but meeting new people who have a heart to make a difference in our church and community that was an encouragement and confirmation to our Lord’s speaking this is the right thing to do on a cold morning that the flesh says “Stay under these warm covers today!”

Thank you Bailee Heatherly and all my friends who made this event a success for the Macedonia Life Skills Center and all who participated and supported it. Let’s do it again if God speaks!

Submitted by: Jane Gunter



## Let's Bless Others!

MBC Blessing Box Ministry  
Can you help bless someone?

### • Some Guidelines

1. It is best not to leave things that will go bad in heat or cold.
2. **NO** expired food.
3. *Handwritten notes* spreading our message of kindness to our neighbors!
4. Toiletries and baby care items are welcome- bandaids, soap, toothbrushes, etc.
5. *School supplies* are welcome!



## Peaceful Piecemakers

This missions-minded crafting group has been very busy, in spite of all that has been going on over the last couple of years. Made up of ladies from several different churches, our combined efforts produce craft items to will minister to others. Necessary materials for our ministry is provided through the funds from sales of some of our crafts, donations by members and other individuals, and by MBC fundraisers. God always provides!



As a final 2021 missions project, a delivery was made to The House of Hope of The Pee Dee women’s shelter. We presented them with filled Christmas stockings, children’s toys, along with some quilts and pillow cases made by Tess Andrews and her mother. These gifts were joyfully received and we were given a tour of the women’s shelter which provides not only rooms, but a laundry, kitchen, and a safe and secluded playground. We immediately noticed that the facility was filled with Scripture decorating the walls in various forms and was a peaceful haven. It is a real blessing to hear and see confirmation that we have partnered with a mission organization that recognizes that God is the most important necessity! The various mission location buildings of The House of Hope of the Pee Dee provide shelter for men, women and children, and a “Soup Kitchen” which provides meals for the homeless. If you supply homeless bags and kits to them for distribution, they ask that you please include a Bible! They have a program that helps the participant get up on their feet and have a tiny house program in progress to help with that also. They are supported through donations and by sales from their Mission Mart located on Irby Street, Florence in the old Big Lots store location next to Harbor Freight. Many people begin a new year by cleaning out closets and garages and this ministry would welcome all kinds of donations and may be able to pick up large items/quantities if you would like to donate. It would be a blessing to know that you partnered with a ministry that not only gives a helping hand but, more importantly, shares the Gospel with those to whom they minister!

For 2022 the Peaceful Piecemakers are already busy with homework on more mission projects! If you are interested in participating with this talented group of crafters, contact Dale Montrose for a meeting schedule. **We are looking forward to how God will direct our talents to minister for His glory!**

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Stan Thompson 843-230-7118	John Bonnoitt 843-616-4386	Kacy Gunter 843-618-2441	Birch Skinner 843-639-9308			
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Deacon Stan Thompson 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time	ISI 6:00pm MNM 6pm	Community Changers Meeting @ 6:30pm	6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study	GRACE MOMENTS @ 6:00		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Deacon John Bonnoitt 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time	ISI 6:00pm MNM 6pm	Fund Raiser Meeting @ 5:30pm	6:00 Fellowship 6:30 Worship & Bible Study	Church Council Meeting @ 5:30pm		
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Deacon Birch Skinner 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Service 4pm-Prayer Time	ISI 6:00pm MNM 6pm					

# FEBRUARY

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- 25-Brittany Blackman



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