

December Calendar

DEC 1 LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF OFFERINGS
 DEC 1 6 PM HANGING OF THE GREEN
 DEC 3 11 AM GLOW LUNCHEON
 DEC 3 6 PM PRAYER MINISTRY
 DEC 8 1:15 PM SPECIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
 DEC 9 6 PM SECRET SISTER PARTY
 DEC 10 12:30 - 2 PM NECESSARY CLOSET
 DEC 14 7 PM CHOIR CANTATA @
 ANDERSON MUSIC HALL
 DEC 15 DELIVER FRUIT BASKETS
 DEC 15 6 PM CHOIR CANTATA & DESSERT
 FELLOWSHIP
 DEC 18 KIDZ MIN. & YOUTH PARTIES
 DEC 24 5 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
 DEC 24 - JAN 1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 DEC 25 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!
 DEC 29 10 AM FAMILY WORSHIP
 JAN 1 NO SERVICE

Wednesday Night MENU

SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE @
WWW.MBCHIAWASSEE.ORG

DEC 4 - SOUP BEANS, CORNBREAD
& SLAW

DEC 11 - TACO SOUP

DEC 18 & 25 - NO MEAL

WEDNESDAYS, FROM 5:30 - 6:15 PM



MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Michael Chastain
 Janice Rogers
 Karen Sevison
 Gabriel Walls
 Marti Harper
 Stephanie Small
 Lois Palmer
 Gary Poteat
 Shirley Hunter
 Mark Ward
 Katie Lyvers
 Margie Winkler
 Lynn Harper
 Riley Swan
 Pam Floyd
 Aimee Brown
 Donnie Jarrard
 Cooper Kell
 Sue Davenport
 Virginia Palmer
 Kathleen Cole
 Jane Robinson
 Bert Rogers
 John Swan
 Audie Bradley
 Nyoka Rogers
 Chase Reece
 Waylon Hedden
 O.J. Simpson
 Becky Woodard
 Benny Barrett
 Stetson Hedden
 Heather Parker

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MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Love God...Love Others...Serve All

Senior Pastor - Dr. Wade Lott

Youth & Associate Pastor—Rev. Donnie Jarrard

Music Minister - Dr. Ken Gabrielse

Director of Children's Ministries - Mrs. Wendy Gleaton

THE MACEDONIA CHRONICLE - DECEMBER 2024

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
 The Christmas season has arrived and we are excited to celebrate the birth of our Lord. His birth in Bethlehem was the earthly beginning of God's plan for salvation. The incarnation of Christ set in motion the greatest gift that mankind will ever receive. As you make your Christmas plans for your family, make sure to include the Gospel in your gatherings. Without His birth, there would be no death on the cross. Without His death on the cross, there would be no salvation. Let's make sure that we celebrate the true reason for the season this Christmas.

Our holiday schedule for church events is going to be very busy this year. Please take time to look over all of the events that are on the church calendar and make plans to participate. There are a couple of churchwide events that I want to highlight in this article. First, on Sunday evening, December 1st, we will have our annual Hanging of the Green service. This is a service to kick-off the holiday season by singing some carols, reading some Scripture, and finishing the decorating of our Sanctuary for Christmas. Our children and families will be a big part of helping us decorate the room. This service will take place at 6:00 p.m. and it is always a special time of worship as we get the Christmas season underway.

The next event that I want to highlight is the Choir Christmas music at the Anderson Music Hall. Our choir will, once again, be pre-

sending our Christmas music at the Fairgrounds during the Mountain Country Christmas in Lights. The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. on December 14th and this would be a great way for you to invite your neighbors and friends to join you as we present "Hope Awakes in Bethlehem." Another Christmas favorite is our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carols, and Communion service. The service will take place at 5:00 p.m. and will last about an hour. This is a great, meaningful event for the entire family. Make your plans, today, to include it in your family Christmas Eve celebrations.

On a personal note, Tammy and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. Words fail to adequately show how much we love and appreciate each of you. It is a joy to worship with you each Sunday and we pray God's richest blessings upon you during this joyful season. Merry Christmas!!

In HIS Service,
 Pastor Wade





November is the month that just sneaks right by us. I recently read where someone described Thanksgiving as one day, while Christmas is a whole season; which I believe to be on point. Like many other people, I already have my Christmas tree up and decorated and have been listening to Christmas music. It is my favorite time of year! Although I do acknowledge many things that I am thankful for while celebrating Thanksgiving, what I am most thankful for was gifted to us in the month of December when God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born in a stable on the night of the first Christmas. Oh, how thankful Mary and Joseph must have been to be chosen by God to be the earthly parents of the Savior of the world!

This year's Macedonia KidZ Christmas Event, "Journey to Bethlehem," will take place on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Kids will travel back in time to the night of the first Christmas in the city of Bethlehem. This event will be an authentic depiction of what the city market was like during that time. They will receive coins to purchase items throughout the market and will visit the stable where baby Jesus was born. Parents, have your kids invite their friends. This is for preschool through 5th grade. Please register at mbchiawassee.org/macedonia-kidz.

Our 4-week Christmas series, "More Than a Wish, the Promise of Christmas," will begin on Sunday, December 1st in KidZone. In this series, the children will learn the significance of the prophecies in the Old Testament regarding the promised Messiah as they relate to the events that occurred in the New Testament. I always get so excited when I get to teach about the birth of Jesus!

Our church is entering a float in the Towns County Sheriff's Office Christmas Parade this year, and Macedonia KidZ preschool through 5th grade get to par-

ticipate. Children need to be at the MBC float at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Parking Lot at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30th. Parents will need to pick up their kids at the McConnell Baptist Church Parking Lot immediately following the parade. Kids need to wear RED and/or WHITE. The theme this year is "Candy Canes on Main."

Hanging of the Green is Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. Like last year, pre-school through 5th grade will be helping adorn our church for the Christmas season

by creating the Poinsettia tree and decorating the Christmas tree. Please have your children in the sanctuary at 5:30 that evening for practice. Nursery will be provided for birth to 2 years.

Earlier this month, Macedonia KidZ organized and packed 7 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This was a great opportunity for our kids to learn about this particular mission and how these shoeboxes help open the doors for missionaries to tell children about Jesus.

My prayer this Christmas season is that we include Jesus in every single event and activity that we participate in during this month. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season! May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. I love you church family!

More details regarding events and activities can be found on our website, www.mbchiawassee.org/macedonia-kidz or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/macedoniakidz.

Love in Christ, Mrs. Wendy



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News from the Tribe

Happy Thanksgiving Week everyone. This week is always a special week for the youth in Towns County. Not only is it the week of Thanksgiving feasts and football, or Towns County wrestling or basketball; but it is a week of sleeping late because school is out.

The Tribe Youth group has been busy getting ready for the Christmas Party and the first mission trip for Macedonia in 2025. Man, this year has gone quickly; but it has been a wonderful year. We have seen several students accept Christ as their Saviour, along with many more making a decision to follow Him in Believer's Baptism. We have grown spiritually through youth camps like Snow Bird and Superwow. It has been a great year! Please continue to pray for us and for the exciting events we already have planned for 2025.

Thank you Macedonia Baptist Church for allowing me the opportunity to serve alongside such a great, hard working youth group. Please continue to pray that we will see many souls saved in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Donnie,
MBC Tribe Ministries



OUR LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF OFFERINGS
BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST.
WE COMMIT ALL THAT WE
RECEIVE FOR THE WEEK TO
THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS
OFFERING.

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HOPE AWAKES IN BETHLEHEM

7 PM Anderson Music Hall
December 14th, 2024



The Worship Choir will present "Hope Awakes in Bethlehem" again on Sunday, December 15th at 6PM in the Church Sanctuary followed by our church-wide CHRISTMAS GATHERING (bring a dessert to share.)

