

# THE MACEDONIAN CALL

*"Taking the Church to the Community, Inviting the Community back to the Church"*



**February 2010**

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## "The Year of Transition"

The year 2010 will, in many ways, be a Year of Transition for Macedonia Baptist Church. We will be assessing the current state of the church, coming to terms with our past, redefining our mission, measuring our ministries by our mission and moving toward the installation of a new Senior Pastor. A church-elected group, the Transition Team, will guide the process. There is already "buzz" about the team. The process for nominating members of the team will begin Sunday, February 7 (delayed one week because we did not meet on January 31). Nominations will be received on February 7 and February 14 and the vote on the team will be on February 21. In the quarterly business meeting on January 27 the church asked the deacons to guide the nominating process. You will find an insert in the bulletin for February 7 that lists areas of churchmanship you may think about as you make your nominations.

The Transition Team will be charged with leading us through dialogue and development around five areas: (1) Heritage/History, (2) Leadership and Decision Making, (3) Connections (to other Christian entities), (4) Mission (reclaiming our mission from God and examining its relevancy to current context), and (5) Future (the calling and installation of the next Senior Pastor). The team will have multiple town-hall type meetings on Sunday nights to receive congregational input that the process may be jointly owned and reveal the data and decisions that should guide the process. Our Sunday night events will continue the theme of "Macedonia's Family Gathers" which I began on January 17.

This will be an exciting year of transition for us. This is the church of Jesus Christ and we will trust him to guide the process and insure for us a healthy future.

Dr. Tom Jenkins

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

**Sunday School**  
9:45 AM

*Grades 6-12*  
9:45 AM  
XA Youth House

**Worship Service**  
11:00 AM

**Bible Drill**  
*Grades 3-5*  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

**Youth Choir**  
6:20 PM

**Youth Bible Study**  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

### Monday

**Heaven's Heart**  
10:00 AM

**Teen Bible Study**  
6:00 PM

### Tuesday

**Cub Scout Pack 222**  
7:00 PM

### Wednesday PM

**Fellowship Meal**  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Mission Friends**  
*Preschool*

6:45 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Team Kids**

*Grades 1-5*  
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

**"Claim the Life"**  
*Grades 6-12*

6:40 PM - 7:35 PM  
*XA Youth House*

**Adult Bible Study**  
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

**Praise Band**  
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

**Adult Choir**  
7:40 PM

### Thursday

**MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers**

6:30 PM

*(Second and Fourth Thurs of each month)*

## Prayer Triplets

Where do we begin in the Transition Process? Prayer is a neutral place for our "beginnings" that is sacred and holy. Prayer cultivates our relationship with God and helps us in building relationships with other members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Our journey in 2010 must be secured by our praying individually and together.

Emily Slade has developed a strategy for prayer called "Prayer Triplets". The strategy calls for our gathering together in groups of three to pray together four times during the season of Lent. Why should we pray together? Emily, in her brochure on "Prayer Triplets" writes,



"One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the presence of other believers in our lives. To practice Christianity in isolation is to practice a one-dimensional version. How much fuller is religious expression when it is shared with a body of believers!"

You will receive a copy of Emily's brochure about "Prayer Triplets" and a card you can use to sign up in the bulletin on February 7. You may sign up as a group of three or as an individual and be placed with two other people. J. Winston Pearce said, "Prayer is the key that unlocks the doors of heaven." Heaven holds the future for MBC. Prayer will unlock the door.

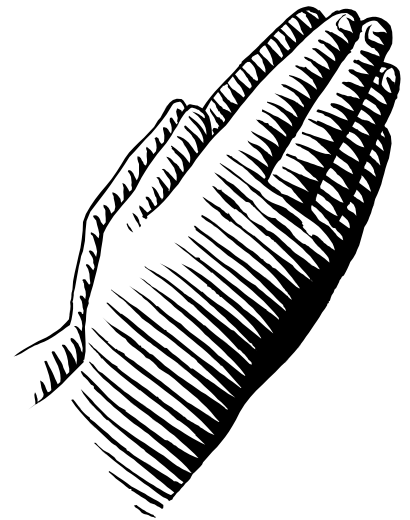
## A Woman of Faith and Vision: Lilly Atkins

If you are a member of MBC, you may have heard the name Lilly Atkins. Lilly Atkins Road is off Holly Springs Road about a quarter-mile south of the church. In honor of Miss Atkins, who was born in February of 1899, the senior ladies' Sunday School class is known as the Joy-Lilly Atkins Sunday School class.

Lilian Atkins, always known as Lilly, was the first child of John Atkins and his wife. After bearing two more children, Mrs. Atkins died an untimely death and her husband raised the children and farmed. The Atkins farm grew corn and cotton in the MBC church vicinity. Although not exceptionally prosperous in farming, Mr. Atkins was able to amass land here and there, a good-sized acreage at a time.

The story goes that Miss Lilly was a teacher for many years at the Enterprise School on Yates Mill Pond Road, teaching grades 1 through 6. Another version has Miss Lilly being a piano teacher for local students who came to her modest home for weekly lessons. Miss Lilly never married. She lived all her simple life at the family farm, taking care of her father in his later years.

The Atkins attended Swift Creek Baptist Church. Miss Lilly is buried there at the church-side cemetery. Lilly was a faithful, productive member of Swift Creek Baptist Church. In 1962 the vision was born for a new church. A group was formed to consider building a church in the Macedonia area of Wake County. Led by their strong belief in doing God's work, twenty-two families decided to establish Macedonia Baptist Church. With their intention secure, one of the first tasks of the group was securing suitable land for building a church structure and making arrangements for a parsonage.

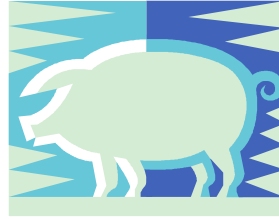


Earl Shaw, father of charter MBC member Mac Shaw, initiated a meeting with Miss Lilly, who as a good steward, had managed the land left by her father. Miss Lilly was willing to donate some land for the church at 7100 Holly Springs Road. At the time, the Hardison family owned an acre and a building suitable for a parsonage and Miss Lilly owned three acres adjacent. It seemed to all to be a good location. The proposal was for Lilly to donate three acres and the church to purchase the Hardison acre. Miss Lilly believed that a church should have five acres and volunteered to give another acre for the establishment of the church with the request that there never be a cemetery on the grounds. The verbal plan also was for Miss Lilly to donate funds to reimburse the church for the Hardison land after her death; for some reason her will did not indicate her verbal agreement.

Miss Lilly Atkins was a pioneer for her time, a wise business woman, but most of all a steadfast and devoted member of the fellowship of Macedonia Baptist Church, which was established in 1962

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Braxton Montague	2/2
Will Gorham	2/3
Zach Gorham	2/3
Scott McCollum	2/4
Julie Chriscoe	2/5
Brenda Holladay	2/5
Greg Tuttle	2/5
Jetta Allen	2/6
Christopher Sutton	2/6
Emily Blackwell	2/7
Norah Bagley	2/11
Rob Mitchell	2/11
Jo Jeffreys	2/12
Andy Johnson	2/13
Jody Lewis	2/14
Maxwell Allen	2/15
Spencer Allen	2/15
Morgan Parker	2/15
Pam Caron	2/16
Morgan Francis	2/16
Michael Lee	2/17
Joyce Coats	2/18
Lesa O'Neal	2/18
Roland Stutts	2/19
Brett Burgiss	2/20
Riley Darden	2/21
Susan Allen	2/22
Kaitlyn Cox	2/24
Leslie McCullen	2/24



## Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Barbecue for Missions! 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

This is the date where the largest cross-section of our church comes together in service. It's a true joy to serve together in the spirit of unity and partnership. If you've never been part of it, you'll never forget it.

What can you do? Pray, invite friends and colleagues. Sell tickets; plan to volunteer for promotion, prep work, serving, cleaning, and delivery.

There's plenty to do but more importantly, plenty of needs locally, and across the globe, to be served. We can make a difference and send needed support funding as we take part in our greatest purpose: bringing Christ to those who need Him most.

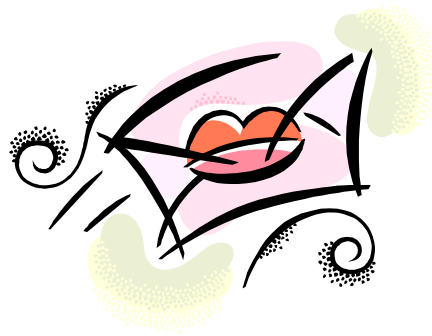
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Brenda  
Holladay 2/02  
Lee & Leigh Holmes  
2/07  
Jamie & Nancy  
Blackwell 2/21



## Sunday School Love Letters

When was the last time you thanked your Sunday School teacher? When was the last time you told him or her how much you appreciate all the time spent preparing the lesson each week? Have you thanked your child's teacher lately? In 1 Corinthians 12:28 it says, "God has appointed... teachers in the church."



With February being the month of LOVE, what better time to write a note of appreciation, send a Valentine or at the very least say "thank you" to your teacher or your child's teacher for their commitment week after week to you and their Sunday School class.

**2010 LEADERSHIP ROSTER**  
**Prepared by the 2009 Nominating Ministry Team**

**PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Tony Withers 2010  
 2 Debbie Johnson 2011  
 3 Shannon McCollum 2011  
 4 Ramey Beavers 2011  
 5 Ann Banks 2011  
 6 Steve Chriscoe 2011  
 7 Harvey Montague 2011

**FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Carl Banks 2010  
 2 Scott McCollum 2010  
 3 JoAnn Wegman Staff  
 4 Sherri Montague Treasurer  
 5 Betty Darden Asst. Treasurer  
 6 Randy Devers 2011  
 7 Kim Harris 2011

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Carrie Dove 2010  
 2 Sarah Kotzians 2010  
 3 Steven Inglis 2011  
 4 Andy Johnson 2011  
 5 Celeste Lowndes 2011  
 6 Greg Tuttle 2011  
 7 Carla Tuttle 2011

**NOMINATING MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Steve Hoskins 2010  
 2 Kristie Adams 2010  
 3 Perry Darden 2011  
 4 Don Shirley 2011  
 5 Camille Sutton 2011  
 6 Mark Dennis 2011  
 7 Lesa O'Neal 2011  
 8 Jana Taulman-SS Dir.

**ADVENT MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Debbie Cox Chair  
 2 Amy Sugg 2011  
 3 Nancy Blackwell 2011  
 4 Crystal Holladay 2010  
 5 Sharon Withers 2010

**PUBLIC RELATIONS MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Melanie Edwards Staff  
 2 Emily Blackwell 2011  
 3 Debby Davis 2011

**MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Andrea Raynor Pianist  
 2 Mary Beth Hoskins Organist  
 3 Debbie Johnson Choir Member  
 4 Shelley Darden At-large

**COUNTERS**

1 Brenda Dennis - Chair 2011  
 2 Steve Thomas 2011  
 3 Jeanne Williams 2010  
 4 Kevin Harris 2010

**WELCOMING MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Diana Mitchell - Chair  
 2 Ron Coats  
 3 Betty Darden  
 4 Elizabeth Johnson  
 5 Warren Sugg  
 6 Willie Bea Lindsey  
 7 Crystal Holladay  
 8 Lee Holmes  
 9 Leigh Holmes  
 10 Rob Mitchell  
 11 Texanna Montague  
 12 Sherri Montague  
 13 Debra Honeycutt  
 14 Rose Austin  
 15 Sarah Kotzian  
 16 Linda Hodges  
 17 Howard Hodges  
 18 Melanie Edwards  
 19 Drew Edwards  
 20 Ramey Beavers  
 21 Karen Beavers

**ORDINANCE MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Charlie Hunley - Chair  
 2 Vonda Hardee 2011  
 3 Mark Dennis 2011  
 4 Larry O'Neal 2010  
 5 Don Shirley 2010  
 6 Brenda Shirley 2010  
 7 Judy Hunley 2010

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Lee Holmes 2010  
 2 Elizabeth Johnson 2010  
 3 Ida Sumerlin 2010  
 4 Judy Hunley 2011  
 5 Brenda Shirley 2011  
 6 Diane Truelove 2011  
 7 Eleanor Upchurch 2011

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Tommy Johnson 2010  
 2 Charlie Hunley 2011  
 3 Harvey Montague 2011  
 4 Tony Withers 2011  
 5 Lee Holmes 2011  
 6 Ron Coats 2011  
 7 Staff

**PARKING & SECURITY MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Steve Hoskins - Chair  
 2 Warren Sugg 2010  
 3 David Robertson 2010  
 4 Mike Adams 2010

**ASSISTANT COUNTERS**

1 Joy Lucas	2011
2 David Gunnells	2011
3 Kevin Huston	2011
4 Debra Honeycutt	2011

**SOUND COMMITTEE**

1 Jamie Blackwell - Staff
2 Larry O'Neal
3 Steve Hoskins
4 Kingsley Platts
5 Stuart Edwards
6 Sarah Kotzians
7 Emily Blackwell

**KITCHEN COMMITTEE**

1 Michelle Crumpler
2 Charlie Hunley
3 Hellen Stallings
4 Sherri Montague
5 Bryant Montague
6 Jana Taulman

**THE CHILDREN'S PLACE COUNCIL**

1 Ramey Beavers	2011
2 Drew Edwards	2011
3 Woody Scott	2012
4 Elaine Lee	2012
5 Warren Sugg	2012

6 PTO Rep	
7 Finance Rep	
8 Personnel Rep	
9 Bldg/Grounds Rep	
10 Julie Chriscoe	Director
11 Andrea Raynor	TCP Fin. Rep

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM**

1 John Owens	Staff
2 Joy Lucas	Chair
3 Lesa O'Neal	
4 Kristel Page	
5 Drew Edwards	
6 Brenda Dennis	
7 Jana Taulman - SS director	
8 Julie Chriscoe - TCP	
9 Joyce Coats	
10 Mary Beth Hoskins - VBS	
11 Brenda Dennis - Wed PM	
12 Tempe Earnhardt - JAM	
13 Michelle Reese - JAM	
14	

**MODERATORS**

1 Ramey Beavers - Moderator
2 Carl Banks - Assistant

**CHURCH CLERK**

Fannie Miller

**JESUS & ME (JAM)**

Tempe Earnhardt	2010
Michelle Reese	2010

**RECREATION MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Warren Sugg	2010
2 Rob Mitchell	2010
3 Drew Johnson	2010
4 Kevin Harris	2010

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Emily Slade	Staff
2 Chris Raynor	2010
3 Jeanne Williams	2011
4 Joan Neal	2011
5 Kevin Huston	2010
6 Angie Huston	2010

**PROPERTIES ACQUISITION TEAM**

1 Bob Mott - Chair
2 Jamie Blackwell
3 Sherri Montague
4 Carl Banks
5 Harvey Montague
6 Tony Withers

**WEDNESDAY PM COORDINATOR**

Brenda Dennis

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

Jana Taulman

**PRESIDENT OF CORPORATION**

Chairman of Deacons

**CHURCH TREASURERS**

Sherri Montague - Treasurer  
Betty Darden - Asst. Treasurer

**WOMEN'S MISSION DIRECTOR**

Jean Sidlo

**MEN'S MISSION DIRECTOR**

Mike Adams

**MISSION COUNCIL**

1 Jean Sidlo - Chair	2010
2 Paul Taulman - Staff	
3 Larry O'Neal	2011
4 Mike Adams	2011
5 Mark Wegman	2010
5 Tempe Earnhardt	2010

**VBS DIRECTORS FOR 2010**

1 Mary Beth Hoskins	2010
2 John Owens - Staff	

**BENEVOLENCE & MEMORIAL MINISTRY TEAM**

1 Finance Rep	
2 Stewardship Rep	
3 Jean Sidlo - Missions Council Rep.	
4 Betty Darden	2010
5 Eleanor Upchurch	2011
6 Randy Kotzian	2010
7 Diana Voliva	2010

# MISSION TRIP: Honduras 2010 is coming Next Month!



MBC will once again be on mission to Honduras, March 25 - April 2nd. We will be working with the Gates of Hope girls' home and orphanage, as well as Salem Baptist Church. Our ministries will include construction of a home for a member of Salem Baptist, Backyard Bible Clubs, sewing instruction at both Salem Baptist and Gates of Hope, general repairs at Gates of Hope, dental cleanings, and lots of time spent playing with the children there!

On Wednesday, March 17th, we will have a fundraiser as a part of our Fellowship Meal that night. Information will be available that night as to how you can help support our ministries there, such as covering the cost of food for children at the feeding station sponsored by Gates of Hope. For further information you can speak to Mike Adams, Randy and Donna Devers, Missy Harden, Paul Taulman or Woody Scott.

## All about META

Meta 2010 will be February 12-14. **The revised schedule is:**

February 12, 5:30 PM, Youth meet at youth house  
February 13, 9:00 a.m.--Boys return to youth house and we all have breakfast together  
10:00 AM Youth are picked up by their parents  
5:00 p.m.--Youth house for dinner, then Apex  
10:30 PM - Pickup

**YOUTH:** The deadline for signing up for the ski trip is Sunday, February 14. The trip itself is March 12-14 and the cost is \$75. Please see Emily with any questions!

## All about Benevolence

week of February 7 Randy Devers  
week of February 14 Eleanor Upchurch  
week of February 21 Randy Kotzian  
week of February 28 Betty Darden

These benevolence team members will take "call" for a week at a time and will be the key or contact person for needs that come our way. These folks will complete the request/application form, verify information, make appropriate recommendations of other places to secure help and/or verify needs that can be met per the MBC benevolence criteria. According to the need there are varying levels of team sign off required; generally the greater the amount of money requested the greater number of signatures needed.

The next benevolence team meeting will be Wed., February 10 at 6:15 pm. A folder for each new benevolence team member--and for the office--will be developed in the next 7 days. It will include policy, resources, application, etc. (For IRS regulations we are to keep appropriate records of people who have been assisted; the team needs clarification on where that documentation is kept. We also wish to keep a list of folks we do not assist with modest explanation of the "disqualifying" or other circumstances.)

# February Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Snow Day	1 Teen Bible Study 6:00 PM	2 Cub Scouts 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	3 Evening Worship Pathways Class/Chef: Bryant & Sherri	4 TCP alumni registration	5 Boy Scouts: Pinewood Derby 6 pm	6
7 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Scout Sunday Children's Committee 3 PM Youth 5 PM – 6 PM Children's Choir 6:20 PM Family worship night	8 Teen Bible Study 6:00 PM	9 Cub Scouts 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	10 TCP tour Benevolence Team Meeting 6:15 PM Regular Wednesday PM Schedule 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM  Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Yeast Rolls <i>Cornerstone Class</i>	11 Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM  MOPS 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	12 META 5:30 PM Youth meet at youth house	13 META 9:00 a.m.--Boys return to youth house and we all have breakfast together 10:00 AM Youth are picked up by their parents 5:00 p.m.--Youth house for dinner, then Apex 10:30 PM - Pickup
14 META 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship  Scrapbooking 4 pm Building and grounds committee 5 pm Bible Drill 5 pm 6:00 MBC Family Gathering: Transition Children's choir 6:20 pm No Youth Meeting	15 Teen Bible Study 6:00 PM  Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Cub Scouts 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	17 TCP public registration  Regular Wednesday PM Schedule 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM  Menu: Chicken Pastry, Corn Bread, Green Beans, Hot DOgs  <i>Ramey &amp; 2 by 2 Class</i>	18	19	20
21 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 AM Preschool Teacher Training  11:00 Worship Bible drill 5 PM Youth 5 – 7 PM Children's Choir 6:20 PM	22 Teen Bible Study 6:00 PM	23 MBC newsletter deadline  TPC Council 6:30 PM  Cub Scouts 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	24 Regular Wednesday PM Schedule 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM  Menu: Italian  <i>Salt &amp; Barnabus Class</i>	25 MOPS 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	26 Boy Scout Blue and Gold Banquet	27
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