

Church Culture Guide

Macedonia Baptist Church of Baltimore City

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Who is MBCBC?

Mission

The mission of Macedonia Baptist Church of Baltimore City is to bring persons in a wounded and fragmented world into a saving and redemptive relationship with Jesus Christ through the Word of God.

Vision

Macedonia seeks becoming a beloved intergenerational movement of disciples, ushering in the kingdom of God, so all might experience Heaven.

Core Values

SERVICE

Our ministry commits to exemplify the giving of self in order to build the kingdom of God in our community and world.

EXCELLENCE

Our ministry strives to give our best in all our endeavors in order to honor God, God's Kingdom and God's people.

EFFICACY

Our ministry seeks to learn, grow, adapt, and innovate our message and ministry to proclaim the never-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to a constantly changing world.

INTEGRITY

Our foundation is that of honesty and accountability in order to establish a trusted ministry for members, partners, and the community at large.

TEAMWORK

We are creating a united community of believers that recognizes working together can accomplish more than working apart from each other.

What to Expect

Locating and entering the building:

The primary entrance to the church is located at the corner of West Lafayette and Fremont Avenues. A handicap/wheelchair accessible entrance is located at the left-hand entrance on Lafayette Avenue. There is also a small elevator that can transport members and guests between the Lower Sanctuary and the Main Sanctuary.

Parking is located in a small asphalt parking lot on the Fremont Avenue, to the side of the church. Additional curbside street parking is available along both Fremont and Lafayette Avenues. Members and guests are also welcome to park in the grass lots on the north and east sides of the asphalt parking lot for overflow parking.

Once inside the sanctuary, ushers will be available at each exit and/or entrance to the Main Sanctuary to provide directions or assistance, as needed.

What to Expect

Service Offerings:

Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 8:30 AM in the Lower Sanctuary. There are Youth and Adult classes with gatherings lasting until around 9:30 AM.

Sunday Service

Sunday service begins at 10 AM in the Main Sanctuary.

MBCBC does not currently offer Children's Church service, but we welcome families with children of all ages to join us for service in the Main Sanctuary.

Members and guests are also welcome to join us virtually for live-streamed service on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/c/macedoniabaptistchurchofbaltimorecity>.

What to Expect

Bible Study

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 12 PM (noon) and 6:30 PM in the Main Sanctuary.

Bible Study takes an annual summer intermission from June to August, and resumes on the first Wednesday following Labor Day.

Intercessory Prayer

The Prayer Team meets on Wednesdays at 11 AM via conference call to offer prayer and support to those in need. Members and guests are welcome to call the prayer line at 605-313-4819, with access code 996073#.

What to Expect

Attire:

Guests are asked to don respectful, reverent attire that does not distract from the worship message. Attire should not reveal silhouettes (see-through) or fit tightly enough to reveal the silhouette of undergarments.

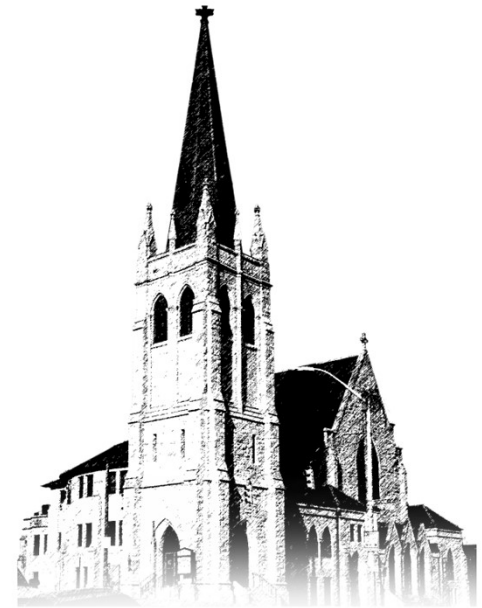
Modesty and appropriateness are key.

Church Rhythms

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

10 AM – 4 PM



Holidays & Office Closures

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Presidents Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Indigenous Peoples Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve through
New Year's Day

Church Rhythms

Christian High Days

- Ash Wednesday
- Holy Week
- Lenten Season
- Advent Season

MBCBC High Days

- Pastoral Anniversary (February)
- Unity Day/Officer's Installation (March)
- Women's Day (June)
- Radical Praise Takeover Sunday (July)
- Homecoming (October)
- Men's Day (November)
- Church Anniversary (November)

Church Rhythms

Water Baptisms

Occurs on the second Sunday of each month, pending individuals who have requested this outward expression of their faith and completed the required study

Right Hand of Fellowship

Occurs on the second Sunday of each month, pending individuals who have sought to join our Community of Faith and completed the required study

Communion

Occurs on the second Sunday of each month

Leadership Summit

Typically occurs annually, during the early Summer (June)

Church Meetings

Occurs quarterly with dates announced by the Church Office or Senior Pastor

Cultural Language

THIS

Community of Faith
Pastor Wade
I would love for us to do better
next year
I'm glad to be here
We
Ours
First Time Guest
May I sit next to you?
Let me find out for you/Let me
help you

NOT THAT

Family
Jonathan Wade
We've always done it
this way
They better be glad I showed up
Me/You
Mine/Yours
Visitor
That's my seat/pew
I don't know

Cultural Phrases

"I love you and there is nothing you can do about it"

"If serving is beneath you, leadership is beyond you"

"The church isn't built on the talents of a few, but on the sacrifices of many"

"Prayer isn't our last resort; it's our first response"

"No one is irreplaceable"

"Whatever you do not address, you permit or allow"

"What fuels us"

Church Leadership

Deacon Board
Trustee Board
Deaconess Board



Ministries

- Archives Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Christian Education
- Couple's Ministry
- Dance Ministry
- Flower Circle
- Health Ministry
- Intercessory Prayer Ministry
- Food & Clothing Ministry
- Media Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Missionary Ministry
- Pastor's Aide Ministry
- Scholarship Ministry
- Social Media Ministry
- Sunday School Ministry
- Usher's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Radical Praise Ministry

Church Covenant

A Church Covenant is a voluntary agreement whose point is to unify and define the goals, behaviors and aims of a congregation. While there is no overarching Baptist Church covenant, each congregation may lay out its own covenant for the people.

We believe, having been led by the spirit of God and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior. We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinance, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

Church Covenant (cont'd)

We pledge to maintain family and individual devotions; to religiously educate our children; to see the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our department; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger.

We vow to seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith. We further devote ourselves to watch over one another in brotherly love.

We commit to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover promise that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.