

# Macland Press

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Dear Macland,

January 6 is Epiphany. Unlike our current Christmas Season that focuses on shopping and keeps moving farther back in the calendar, the traditional celebration of Christmas was twelve days, like the "partridge in a pear tree" twelve days of Christmas and took place in the twelve days following Jesus' birthday to the arrival of their Magi at Epiphany.

Epiphany is not a bad way to start a new year. In the story in Matthew, when the Magi came to the end of their journey following the star and encountered Christ in a transforming way. The work of God in this humble home had to be so far from their expectations, they had to be transformed personally.

James Taylor tells the story of their transformation in *Home by Another Way*

*Those magic men the Magi, some people call them wise or Oriental, even kings. Well anyway, those guys, they visited with Jesus, they sure enjoyed their stay. Then warned in a dream of King Herod's scheme, they went home by another way.*

*Yes, they went home by another way, home by another way. Maybe me and you can be wise guys too and go home by another way. We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say. Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.*

*Steer clear of royal welcomes, avoid a big to-do. A king who would slaughter the innocents will not cut a deal for you. He really, really wants those presents, he'll comb your camel's fur Until his boys announce they've found trace amounts of your frankincense, gold and myrrh. Time to go home by another way, home by another way. You have to figure the Gods, saying play the odds, and go home by another way. We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say. Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.*

*Home is where they want you now, You can more or less assume that you'll be welcome in the end. Mustn't let King Herod haunt you so or fantasize his features when you're looking at a friend. Well it pleasures me to be here and to sing this song tonight, They tell me that life is a miracle and I figured that they're right. But Herod's always out there, he's got our cards on file. It's a lead pipe cinch, if we give an inch, old Herod likes to take a mile. It's best to go home by another way, home by another way. We got this far to a lucky star, but tomorrow is another day. We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say. Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.*

In this season of Epiphanies and New Year's Resolution, how will you travel differently this year?

JOY!

David



## January 2017

January 6  
Epiphany

January 8  
Baptism of the Jesus

January 11  
Wednesday Night  
Dinner is Back!

January 16  
MLK Jr. Day  
Church Office Closed

January 21  
7:00 PM  
Travis Meadows

January 22  
Youth Sunday

January 29  
Bob & Etta Britt

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## What's Up Macland?



### Macland Presbyterian Preschool

Wishes you a very  
Happy New Year!

Registration for the fall will be the week of  
February 6th.

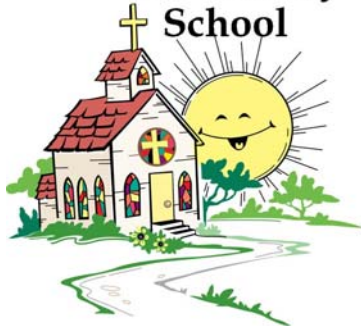
Please stop by for a visit any time!  
For more information either call the  
preschool office 770 439-1548  
Or email the director  
[preschool@macland.org](mailto:preschool@macland.org)

### After Worship Cookies



Cookies will be served after  
worship on January 8.  
Stay and visit with us!

### Al's Sunday School



We will begin  
studying Luke on  
January 15 in the  
parlor. Books will  
be handed out on  
January 8.

Come join us!

### Griefshare

GriefShare is a program for anyone who has lost a  
loved one. A new GriefShare session will begin  
Monday February 20, 2017. We will meet at the  
church every Monday for 13 weeks from 6:30 pm to  
8:00 pm. Please pass the word to those who may  
find this program helpful. If you have any  
questions, please contact:

Lanette Hatfield  
[lanettehatfield@gmail.com](mailto:lanettehatfield@gmail.com)  
or 404-455-9560.



# January Birthdays

1/1 Don Yates  
1/3 Yuka Hirose  
1/3 Paige Hubert  
1/3 Jason Scott  
1/4 Jim Kuykendall  
1/5 Sharron Duff  
1/5 Grace McCarl  
1/5 Janet Robison  
1/5 Bill Russell  
1/7 Donna Hill  
1/7 Pat Richardson  
1/10 Poli Brunot  
1/11 Doug Michalke

1/11 Bill White  
1/16 Brian Foley  
1/16 De Anne Foley  
1/18 Meredith Carter  
1/18 Jim Tabb  
1/20 Haley Coyle  
1/24 Tristen Hubert  
1/25 Greg Yaramishyn  
1/27 Frank Spain  
1/29 Kimberly McCarl  
1/29 Jack Tucker  
1/31 Heather Scott

# MUSIC NIGHTS AT MACLAND

Living in Nashville for fifteen years, Carrie and I developed some close personal friendships with folks that just happen to be professional singers, songwriters, and musicians. Early in 2017, we are looking forward to sharing our friends with our church family. Here the dates for singer/songwriter nights at Macland. In order to aid in their expenses for coming to us, there is a \$10.00 cover charge at the door.

## Travis Meadows: Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00



Living comfortably under the radar, Travis Meadows is overwhelmingly recognized by top recording artists as a true songwriter. His long list of cuts include country music icons and rockers alike... Dierks Bentley, Eric Church, Jake Owen, Blackberry Smoke, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Hank Williams Jr., Wynonna Judd and recently Randy Houser. He is without a doubt, an artist to the core. However, his story is not one about music, it is a story about life – a narrative on religion, family, addiction, survival, sobriety and freedom with music as the narrator.

Growing up in Jackson, Mississippi, Travis found that life was not on his side right from the beginning. Between the death of his brother, divorce of his parents and a battle with cancer, he was exposed to nothing but pain before he even learned to shave. Music was his sanctuary, while alcohol was his crutch. Raised by his grandparents and the nightlife

of the local blues bars, Meadows abused drugs and alcohol for most of his adult life. Even after he became a touring preacher, his addictions steered the wheel all the way to Nashville, Tennessee where he attended rehabilitation multiple times before gaining traction on his career in country music.

Sobriety and songwriting success have brought Travis on a path to a much brighter future than his past. "I'm a riser, I'm a get up off the ground, don't run and hide," he sings. Sharing his story of survival across countries and oceans, you can find him on tour, volunteering in treatment centers. <http://travismeadows.com/about>

## Bob & Etta Britt: Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Worship



Etta Britt; Soul, R&B, and Blues With a Heart

In 1978, Etta – still known as Melissa -- joined Dave Rowland and Sue Powell in the country-music trio Dave & Sugar. She stayed with the trio from 1979 to 1985, during which time they received CMA Vocal Group of the Year nominations five years in a row. The group toured with Kenny Rogers, Dottie West and Conway Twitty, among many others. The experience led to TV appearances on shows from "Pop! Goes the Country" and "Solid Gold" to the "Dinah Shore Show" and "Dance Fever."

After Dave & Sugar, she made the rounds in Nashville, playing clubs and singing on sessions with Marty Stuart, Waylon Jennings and others. During a session at Leon Russell's house, Etta's husband, renowned guitarist Bob Britt, memorialized his wife's stage name

when he scribbled the name "Etta Britt" on a track sheet after Melissa's sister called asking for Etta.

Etta Britt is a Nashville-based R&B singer and songwriter who performs across the country and around the world. Her most recent CD, "Etta Does Delbert," released spring 2014, is a collection of Etta's takes on a variety of Delbert McClinton songs. The disc also includes a duet with Delbert. For more info: <http://ettabritt.com/>

Bob's background is no less impressive. Bob has recorded and toured with many common names in the music industry including Leon Russell, Bob Dylan, John Fogerty, and others.

Bob and Etta can also be seen Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> with Delbert McClinton at The Variety Playhouse in Atlanta. Ticket info:

<http://www.variety-playhouse.com/event/1340719-delbert-mcclinton-cd-release-atlanta/>



## Danny Flowers, Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

Danny is an American songwriter, recording artist, and guitarist who is best known for his own songs that have been hits for

other musicians. These included "Tulsa Time" for Don Williams and Eric Clapton; "Back in My Younger Days" for Don Williams; "Gulf Coast Highway" for Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson, and Nanci Griffith (co-written with Griffith and James Hooker); and "Before Believing" from Harris' Pieces of the Sky. Flowers has also enjoyed a solo recording career including the 2007 album, Tools for the Soul. From that album, "I Was a Burden" was recorded by the Blind Boys of Alabama featuring Lee Ann Womack.

In late 2014, Flowers began work on a new record at RCA Studio A titled "Anytime, Anywhere, Everywhere" for release later in 2015.

In addition he has been a session musician for Williams, Griffith, Vince Gill, Marshall Chapman, George Hamilton IV and Dobie Gray, as well as having toured with Williams, Gill, the Sweethearts of the Rodeo, the McCrary Sisters and many more.





**Reaching, Raising Relieving**  
*Making a Difference One Child, One Person at a Time*

### Save Your Bags for Sweetwater Mission

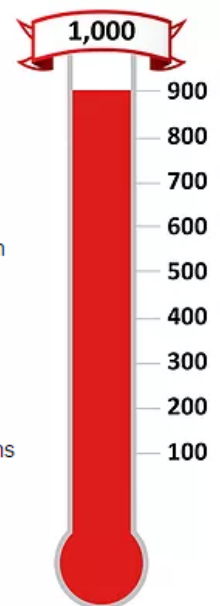


In the future, rather than taking your used plastic grocery bags back to the grocery store for recycling, bring them to MPC and place them in the white box in the gathering area (Narthex). The food pantry at SW Mission can really use them! Otherwise, they are forced to buy plastic bags. Thank you.



*Warm Coats  
 Warm Hearts*

OUR GOAL  
 1,000 NEW COATS  
 250 CHILD SIZES  
 500 TEEN SIZES  
 250 ADULT SIZES



As cold weather arrives, parents are faced with an urgent need for their children to stay warm. We want to say "yes" to every parent looking for a warm coat for their child this winter.

**A new coat not only warms the child, but warms the heart of the giver!**

Please prayerfully consider supporting "Warm Coats Warm Hearts" by promoting a new coat drive (we need all sizes, from children's size 6 through adult sizes for older children). We ask that all new coats and monetary donations be delivered before December 22 allowing us to meet this goal!

For more information contact Barb Cogliano at 770-819-0662, ext. 19 or [Barb@SweetwaterMission.org](mailto:Barb@SweetwaterMission.org).

### Happy New Year!

It's a new year and another opportunity to serve those in our community. Serving those living at The Men's Extension to improve their lives has been a passion for many at MPC. On the first Sunday evening of every month a team of volunteers prepare and serve about 60 to 75 men dinner. It is a wonderful time of fellowship where we encourage and uplift those who need our support. Volunteers are essential to the success of this mission outreach. Please form a team of 6-8 friends from your bible study group, small group, Sunday School class, choir, Session committee and others to serve during one of these 12 opportunities. The 2017 sign-up sheet is now posted on the mission team bulletin board, so run, don't walk to get your team on the list to make someone's day just a little brighter!



## January 2017

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| New Year's Day<br><b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Powerhouse International  | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Renegades<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Worship Team<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> AA   | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> CE Meeting<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard  | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Bible Study<br><b>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Christian Doctrine<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> ESC<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> Bartlett Basketball  | Office Hours 9:00- 3:00<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> AA   | Church Office Closed<br><b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Men's Connection<br><b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Bulletin Folders<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts                          | <b>9:00 AM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting   |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Powerhouse International<br><b>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts<br><b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts<br><b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Groups   | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Mission Team<br><b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Evangelism Team<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Administration Team<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> AA | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard   | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Bible Study<br><b>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Christian Doctrine<br><b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Wednesday Night Classes<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> ESC<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> Bartlett Basketball | Office Hours 9:00- 3:00<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> AA | Church Office Closed<br><b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Men's Connection<br><b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Bulletin Folders<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard                | Girl Scout Father/Daughter Dance<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting  |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Powerhouse International<br><b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> Buildings & Grounds Team<br><b>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (GYM/FLC)<br><b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts<br><b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Groups | MLK Jr. Day (Church Office Closed)<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> AA  | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting | Office Hours 9:00-4:30<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Bible Study<br><b>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Christian Doctrine<br><b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Wednesday Night Classes<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> ESC<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> Bartlett Basketball | Office Hours 9:00- 3:00<br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> MPC Preschool<br><b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> AA | Church Office Closed<br><b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Men's Connection<br><b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Bulletin Folders<br><b>6:00 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Cub Scouts Overnight               | <b>12:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts Overnight<br><b>9:00 AM - 9:00 PM</b> Harrison Color Guard<br><b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Travis Meadows Concert |
| <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  |
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