

# Macland Press

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Dear Macland,

Nathan and I love the movie, *The Four Feathers*. In the movie, the native African character played by Djimon Hounsou risks his own life to aid an Englishman he encounters in the desert. When Heath Ledger's character asks him later in the film why he not only risked his life but made it his life's mission to help him, he replied, "Because God put you in my path."



In Luke 10, when Jesus was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" he told this story,

*"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'*

In this story, two religious professionals passed the injured man by on their way to do God's work. For them, the man in the road was not their neighbor, not their responsibility. He did not live near them, and because he had been robbed of his clothes, they could not even tell whether or not he was their countrymen, a fellow Israelite, though it seems likely that if their spirituality did not make the man their brother their patriotism wouldn't make him their neighbor. But to the foreigner from Samaria, the injured man was his responsibility, his neighbor, his countryman, his brother, simply because God had put the man in his path.

Jesus' definition of neighbor is not limited by whose house is near ours, whose beliefs are like ours, whose appearance is like ours, but simply anyone who God places in your path.

After telling the story, Jesus asked, "Who was the neighbor to the injured man?" The reply was, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus stopped asking questions and gave a command not only to the hearers of the story then but to us today, "Go and do likewise."

Who has God put in your path? If you don't know, look closer.

JOY!

David



July 2017

July 4  
Independence Day  
Church Office Closed

July 21-23  
Middle School Retreat

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# RESCUE REPURPOSE REDEEM

Rescue Repurpose Redeem (3Rs) thanks everyone at Macland Presbyterian for the generous support shown to us at the recent dinner. We are trying to build a sustainable entrepreneurial business for individuals that may not have been successful in other more traditional work settings. Your donations will allow us to stock up on much needed materials for our creative designs. It's true that most materials are donated, but it's glue, bobbins, interfacing, replacement parts, etc. that we need to create the unique items we offer. We are blessed by your efforts on our behalf and look forward to continued collaboration with the Church and it's members.



Kyle Smith, Firefighter, Macland Presbyterian Church Elder, Haiti for the World Co-founder and Board Member, will be going to Haiti June 29-July 1 along with William Lowry and Bob LeFranc from My Neighbors Children to meet with the Port-au-Prince Mayor and other officials to explore the Mayor's vision for establishing a training program for firefighters in Port-au-Prince. Prayers and support appreciated!

Dear Brethren,

Greetings!

I find it difficult to find adequate words to express my gratitude and appreciation for what you have done for me in the past and what you all are doing for me and my family in the days and months to come. I am so very much thankful to you for being there to join with me in faith, trust, prayers and expectancy. Thank you so very much for specifically providing towards my law schooling in Notre Dame for one program for masters in laws. I assure you that I will make most of your investment, and I also assure you that this would be a blessing to myself, my family and our ministry in Pakistan with the persecuted and marginalized ones.



God is preparing and equipping me for a purpose and you are joining in God's activity who is always at work around us. I have always and I will always continue to present myself to God to be a living sacrifice, and I hope and trust that my life and mission will please Him, and I will be waiting to hear from HIM, "Well done my son!"

I am specially grateful to Nathan who has lead the fund raising campaign at his school and among his fellows. And I once again say thank you all for helping my dream become a reality. I am getting excited to start the classes on 15th of July. Please keep me in your prayers as get into new avenue of life here in USA.

To those who may be reading for the first time about me: I am a human rights lawyer from a religiously controlled country. I served and defended the suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters in my home country. I stood against the extremists and radicals because of which I suffered persecution. Owing to safety and security reasons, I may not be able to give a lot of details publicly, but to get readers some idea: I was shot at multiple times and bounty is on my head in my home country. I and my family need your prayers!

Thank you once again for all the help and thank you so very much for being a blessing and encouragement to us!

Yours sincerely,  
Sadaf

# What's Up Macland?



Macland Church Family and Friends,

The death of a teenager sends pain throughout a community. The premature death of Mahlon Thornton has for us as well. From the Thornton's Deacon, Richard Estes, to the broader church and friends, we gave our heart this past weekend to God's use in hopes that Mahlon's family, extended family, and friends could find some Easter hope and healing through this process. I was honored to serve with Richard Hill and to be a part of the Macland team as we served together through this tough time. Please keep all of Mahlon's loved ones in your prayers.

David



## TRAVIS MEADOWS AT MACLAND AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>

Travis Meadows' songs have been covered by some of country's elite. Among them: an emotional take on "What We Ain't Got" — a hit for

Jake Owen — and "Riser," the defiant title track of Dierks Bentley's latest album." Travis will play a couple at worship on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and then have a concert at Macland that night at 7:00. Bring a friend.

## July Birthdays

7/7 Steve Martz  
7/10 Trinity Townsend  
7/11 Richard Kelly  
7/12 Chevelle Hicks  
7/12 Jackson Newton  
7/13 Anna Wier  
7/15 Debbie Collins  
7/16 Eric Michalke  
7/16 Cindy Zell  
7/18 Praveen Doluweera  
7/20 Griff Carey  
7/20 Sara Wier  
7/21 Rod Bolin  
7/21 Peter Savic  
7/21 Buzz Sawyer  
7/21 Don Zell  
7/22 Jeffrey Sasser  
7/27 Wade Meldrum  
7/28 Mark Dettore  
7/28 Candace Lester  
7/29 Brenda Clark  
7/30 Naomi Townsend



## Macland Presbyterian Preschool

We still have preschool  
spots for the fall  
available!

Help us spread the word!

Visit our website, [macland.org](http://macland.org), or  
email [Preschool@macland.org](mailto:Preschool@macland.org)



There are red-strap tote bags for sale at \$12 a piece. Please see Doug Michalke.

**Session News and Notes**  
**June 2017**



The Session met on June 26, 2017 in the copy room.

**Team reports**

**Finance**

	May YTD 2017	May LYTD 2016	Change	% Change	YTD Budget	Delta vs Budget	% Change
Revenue	\$173,823	\$173,761	\$61	0.0%	\$174,918	(\$1,096)	-0.6%
Revenue less Pam Brotherton and BQ Funds	\$161,638	\$159,533	\$2,104	1.3%	\$147,672	\$13,966	9.5%
Expenses	\$157,421	\$163,291	(\$5,871)	-3.6%	\$175,259	(\$17,838)	-10.2%
Net Income	\$16,402	\$10,470	\$5,932	3.6%	(\$341)	\$16,743	-4909.6%
Net Income less PMF	\$4,217	(\$3,758)	\$7,975	-3.6%	(\$27,587)	\$31,804	-10.2%

**Christian Nurture**

- Montreat for high school.
- Weekend retreat for middle school. (5 - 7th grades) - Either Smith's or Savic's place. Correlate topics with Montreat.
- July - Sunday, July 16 and July 30, have youth dinner/get-together, Middle school retreat
- Youth starts back on Rally Day, August 13
- Sunday School – Summer Plans:
  - \*Buddy's class will take a break.
  - \*No Youth classes
  - \*Each adult class will decide if they're meeting or not.

**Worship**

- Carol Thomas is offering a new opportunity for the congregation to sing- during the month of June singing will be open to all. The music will be familiar songs and practice will be at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the choir room.
- Looking ahead- Carol Thomas is planning to have the Christmas Music Program on 12/10/17.

**Outreach**

- **Blood Drive September 12, 2017 more information to follow.**
- **Sweetwater Mission**  
 Quarterly Food Pantry Program  
 Food pantry dates are July 22 and November 4  
 400 lunches made and delivered.
- **Men's Extension**  
 Meal Schedule for rest of year is needed  
 Outreach Team will handle in July  
 Deacons will handle in August  
 October and November need to be filled please contact the outreach team if you can help.

**Fellowship and Evangelism**

- **Hillgrove Football Concession Stand** – Carla Pierce contacted David McCarl regarding the possibility of getting volunteers for concessions at one of the Hillgrove Football games again this year. Possible dates are TBD but considerations include October 6<sup>th</sup> or October 20<sup>th</sup>, TBD. Contact David McCarl or Carla if you are interested.
- **Name Tags and Tag Board Mounting** – David Jones will get with Kyle to schedule a time for the Tag Boards to be mounted. David J. will also remind folks about the importance of wearing those tags weekly.

## **Facility Use Guideline and Fee Schedule: Macland Presbyterian**

Revised 6.12.17

- **When reviewing request for use of MPC facilities, consider the following questions:**
  - \*Does offering this group our facility fulfill or relate to the Macland Mission Statement?
  - \*Does offering this group our facility help in reaching the lost, relieve suffering, or develop disciples of Jesus Christ?
  - \*By offering this group our facilities, is MPC performing a legitimate community service?
  - \*The Facility Use Fellowship Task Force determines what rent is appropriate, under the approval of the session.
- **Priorities**
  - \*First – Macland sponsored events such as classes, small groups, special events and services
  - \*Second –
    - Groups not affiliated with MPC may be permitted to use the facilities if the purpose of the meeting is to fulfill or is in some way related to the Macland Mission Statement
    - Non -profit organizations offering training to children, i.e. Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and Cub
    - Use by organizations or individuals for “profit” shall be approved by the session
- **Scheduling**
  - \*Precedent is for Macland Sunday and Wednesday use.
  - \*No conflict with church programming
- **Private use by active members – A Building Use Request form is required**

It is our desire that our facilities be available for our active members to use free of charge. Along with this privilege, appropriate set up, cleanup, storage and security of the area is an expectation of all. These areas would include the Family Life Center, FLC classrooms, Kitchen, gymnasium, Sanctuary, Narthex, classroom in main building, upstairs kitchen and grounds.

### **Building and Grounds.**

- A big thank you to Jim Kuykendall for the clearing of the downed cypress tree at the corner of the building.
- Exterior lighting and gym door repair are in the works.
- There are several small projects being lined up for the summer, please let Sandra Aufderheide know of any painting needs you foresee.
- A medium range plan for the facilities and their maintenance/replacement is shaping up. Please let Sandra Aufderheide or Kyle Smith know of any longer term needs.
- Mowing season is upon us. If you know anyone that would be interested in helping out have them reach out to Kyle Smith.

### **Session Actions**

- **Approved Kathi Parchem to fill the pulpit on July 2, 2017**
- **Approved Kelly Barge as acting Clerk.**
- **Approved a proposed fee schedule and guidelines for Facility Use at Macland Presbyterian. See fellowship committee report.**

### **Calendar of events**

- July 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Youth visits and stays in our gym
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Middle School Retreat
- July 24- Stated Meeting
- August 6<sup>th</sup> - Travis Meadows – at morning service and concert that night @ 7PM
- August 13 – Rally Day
- August 16 – Wednesday Night Dinner resumes

