



# Macedonia Baptist Church

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Dear Macedonia Baptist Church Family,

Love and stewardship are inseparable when we consider God's blessings in our life and the way we use our gifts with love and compassion for others and to honor, worship and give thanks to God.

In January 2022, we kick-off our MBC Pledge Campaign. Pledging is a spiritual exercise that lets us reflect on the gifts God has given us and step out on faith. *Why should you pledge and give to your church?* We each have different motivations and capacities for giving, and every gift and pledge is gratefully received. Our one hope is that your support for our ministries comes from a profound sense of gratitude and joy for all you receive through your relationship with God and the members of our church.

Our theme for 2022 is *"Step up Your Faith"* (2 Peter 1:5-11). We share a strong faith with each other. We celebrate the joyful events in each other's lives and comfort each other in times of trial and sorrow. We welcome everyone and anyone to join us, and we change the lives of people in our community – people who may never enter our church – simply because they have no one else to turn to, and we are here, and we count ourselves blessed.

Our church has ministered faithfully for more than 113 years – not because members have given year after year out of duty, obligation, guilt, or fear. Such motivations cannot sustain an institution for nearly a century plus. No, our church is still here, still strong, and vibrant, because generations and generations of members have counted themselves blessed and have therefore supported its mission with generous gifts of gratitude and joy. ***Now it's up to us!***

In worship, fellowship, study, faith-sharing groups, service opportunities and more, we are growing as an extended family. Your generous pledge will continue to build the web of caring and community for all. As you "count yourself blessed," please consider fully participating in our pledge campaign for 2022 and 2023. ***We encourage you to give \$16.00 weekly over and above your tithes and offering or how God has blessed you.***

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Ways to **submit** your pledge commitment:

- Complete the pledge form on our website **www.macedoniava.com**;
- Complete the enclosed pledge form and return it in the mail; or
- Complete the enclosed pledge form and drop it off at the church during business hours.

Once you have submitted your pledge commitment, these are the ways to **pay** your pledge:

- Website: [www.macedoniava.com/tithe/](http://www.macedoniava.com/tithe/)
- Cash App: \$MBCVA
- Givelify: <https://giv.li/mf5ki9>
- Text: MBCVA to 73256
- Mail: Macedonia Baptist Church, 3412 S. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Arlington, VA 22204

To ensure we account for your gift accurately, please mark your gift as “pledge”.

Throughout the campaign, you will hear from the pledge team and some special, deeply personal messages from members of our church family who feel blessed to be among us. Please reflect on the many ways you can count yourself blessed and then give gratefully, generously, and joyfully in support of our ministries.

Thank you,

*Michelle Y. Johnson*

MBC Pledge Team