

♥ Welcome ♥

A decorative graphic featuring the word "Welcome" in a stylized, cursive script. The text is rendered in a dark purple color with a metallic, reflective sheen. On either side of the word is a heart symbol, also in the same purple, metallic style. Below the word and hearts is a large, ornate flourish that mirrors the cursive style of the text, extending outwards to the left and right.



Christianity

Cults & Religions

October 21, 2025

Rev. Deborah Dillard

Menu

Biblical Christianity †

Jehovah's Witnesses 

Mormonism 

Seventh-day Adventism 

Unification Church 

Christian Science 

Unity 

New Age 

Wicca 

Scientology ✧

Islam (Sunni & Shi'a) 

Nation of Islam 

Bahá'í Faith 

Judaism 

Kabbalah Centre 

Hinduism 

Hare Krishna 

Transcendental Meditation 

Sikhism 

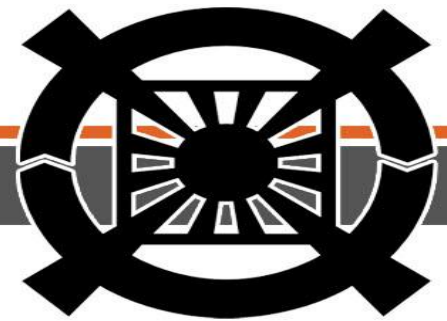
Buddhism 

Soka Gakkai 

What the Bible Teaches

Unification Church

The Holy Spirit Association for
the Unification of World
Christianity

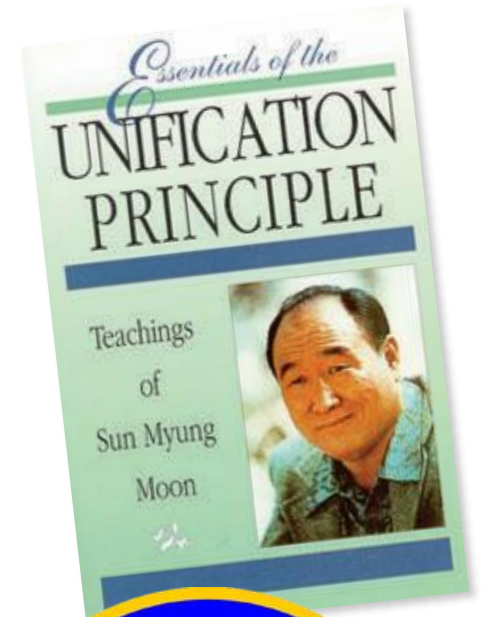


Unification Church



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012) started *Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity* in 1954 in Korea.
- Also known as *Family Federation for World Peace and Unification*, and *Lovin' Life Ministries* in the U.S.
- Based in New York City.



Logo of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification



KEY WRITINGS

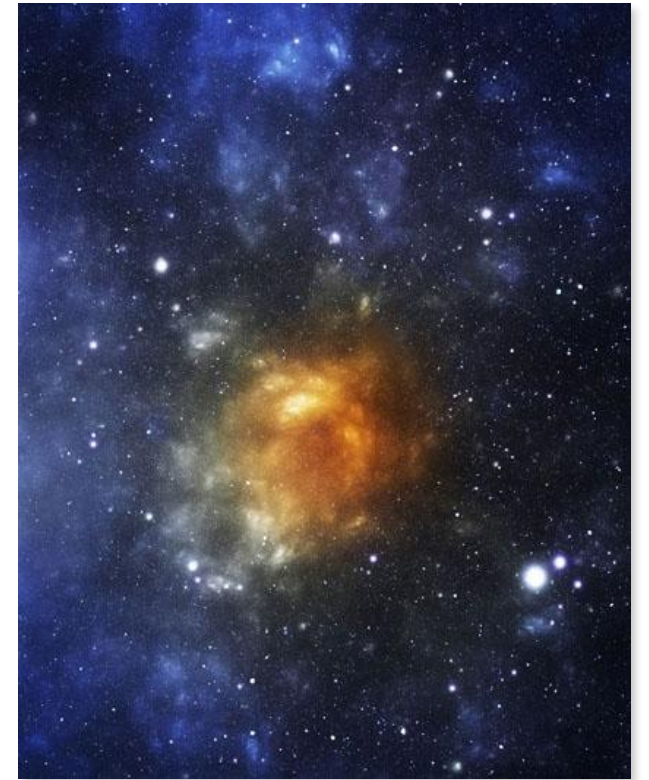
- *Divine Principle* by Sun Myung Moon, considered the “Completed Testament” and *Outline of the Principle, Level 4*.
- The Bible is considered “not the truth itself, but a textbook teaching the truth.”





WHO IS GOD?

- God is both positive and negative.
- God created the universe out of himself; the universe is God's "body."
- God does not know the future, is suffering, and needs man (Rev. Moon) to make him happy.





WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus was a perfect man, not God.
- He is the son of Zechariah, not born of a virgin.
- His mission was to unite the Jews behind him, find a perfect bride, and begin a perfect family—but the mission failed.
- Jesus did not resurrect physically.
- The second coming of Christ is fulfilled in Rev. Moon, who is superior to Jesus and will finish Jesus' mission.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is a feminine spirit who works with Jesus in the spirit world to lead people to Rev. Moon.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Obeying and accepting the True Parents (Rev. Moon and his wife, Hak Ja Han) eliminates sin and results in perfection.
- Members must compensate God for their own past sins, as well as those of ancestors, by paying “indemnity.”
- Members advance spiritually by persuading others to follow Rev. Moon.
- Everyone will eventually be saved—even Satan.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Mass marriages based partially on different racial backgrounds are arranged and performed by Moon.
- The couples drink a special “holy wine” containing 21 ingredients (including the True Parents’ blood).



Moon and his wife performing a mass wedding



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- After death one goes to the spirit world.
- There is no resurrection.



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Belief that Jesus bows down to Rev. Moon, who is the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and the Lamb of God.
- Emphasis on mediumism (channeling) to contact the dead and “liberate” the souls of one’s ancestors.
- Organized efforts to persuade Christian churches to remove their crosses.
- Rev. Moon founded the *Washington Times* newspaper and backs various ecumenical, political, and cultural front groups.

Christian Science



Christian Science



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Founded by Mary Baker Eddy (1821–1910) in 1875 in Massachusetts.
- Headquarters and “Mother Church” in Boston, Massachusetts.



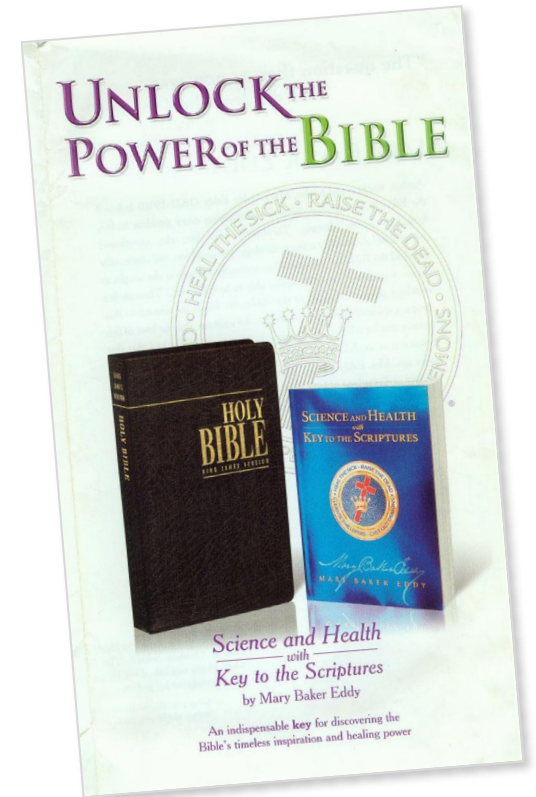
Mary Baker Eddy

Christian Science



KEY WRITINGS

- *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures, Manual of the Mother Church* and other books by Mrs. Eddy.
- The Bible (not as reliable).
- *Christian Science Journal*, *Christian Science Sentinel*, and other official periodicals.



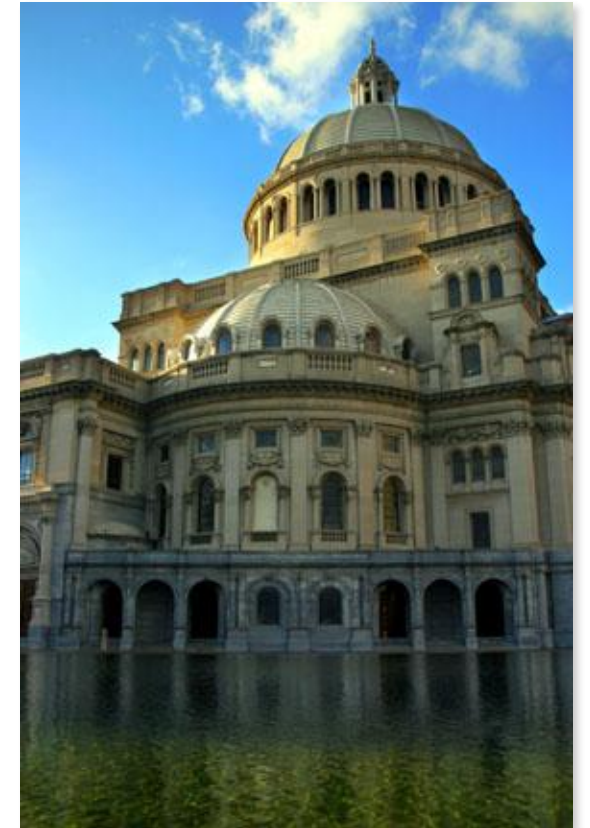
Brochure promoting Eddy's *Science and Health* alongside the Bible

Christian Science



WHO IS GOD?

- God is an impersonal Principle of life, truth, love, intelligence, and spirit.
- God is all that truly exists; matter is an illusion.



The Mother Church in
Boston, Massachusetts



WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus was not the Christ, but a man who displayed the Christ idea.
- Jesus was not God, and God can never become man or flesh.
- He did not suffer and could not suffer for sins, nor did he die on the cross.
- He was not resurrected physically and will not literally come back.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The holy spirit is defined as the teaching of Christian Science.
- It is an impersonal power.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- Death is not real.
- Heaven and hell are states of mind.
- The way to reach heaven is by attaining harmony (oneness with God).

Christian Science



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Attracts followers by claims of miraculous healing.
- Members use Christian Science “practitioners” instead of doctors.
- Healing comes through realizing one cannot really be sick or hurt and that the body cannot be ill, suffer pain, or die since matter is an illusion.
- Publishes *Christian Science Monitor* newspaper.

Christian Science



Unity

Unity School of Christianity



Unity



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Founded by Charles (1854–1948) and Myrtle (1845–1931) Fillmore in 1889 in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Headquarters today in Unity Village, Missouri.



Unity Village

Unity



KEY WRITINGS

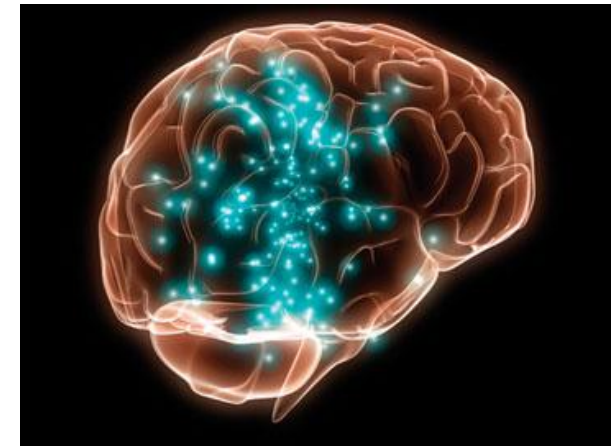
- *Unity Magazine, Lessons in Truth, and Metaphysical Bible Dictionary.*
- The Bible (not as reliable, interpreted with “hidden” meanings).





WHO IS GOD?

- Invisible impersonal power. No Trinity.
- “God” is interchangeable with “Principle,” “Law,” “Being,” “Mind,” “Spirit.”
- God is in everything, much as the soul is in the body.
- The spirit is reality; matter is not.





WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus was a man and not the Christ. Instead, he was a man who had “Christ Consciousness.”
- “Christ” is a state of perfection in every person.
- Jesus had lived many times before and was in search of his own salvation.
- Jesus did not die as a sacrifice for anyone’s sins.
- Jesus did not rise physically and will never return to earth in physical form.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is the law of God in action, the “executive power of both Father and Son.”
- The Holy Spirit is a “definite” thought in the mind of man.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Humans are all inherently good.
- Salvation is by recognizing that each person is as much a Son of God as Jesus is.
- There is no evil, no devil, no sin, no poverty, and no old age.
- A person is reincarnated until he or she learns these truths and becomes “perfect.”



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

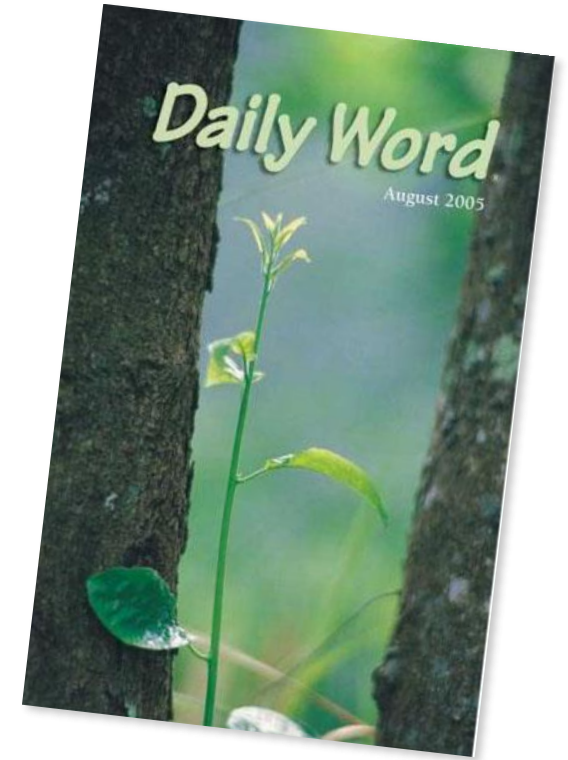
- Death is a result of wrong thinking.
- One moves to a different body (reincarnation) until enlightenment.
- No literal heaven or hell.

Unity

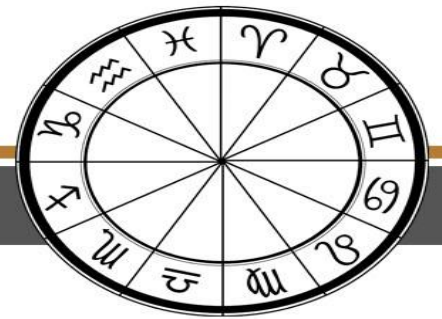


OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Unity devotionals, such as *Daily Word*, are used by members of other religious groups and churches.
- Worship services in Unity churches.
- Counseling and prayer ministry (“Silent Unity”) by phone and mail.



New Age

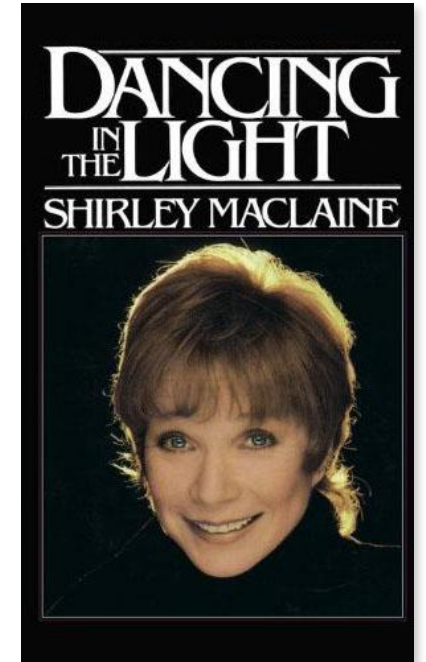


New Age



FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Based on Eastern mysticism, Hinduism, and paganism.
- Popularized in part by actress Shirley MacLaine (1934–) in the 1980s and 1990s.



Best-selling New Age book
published in 1986



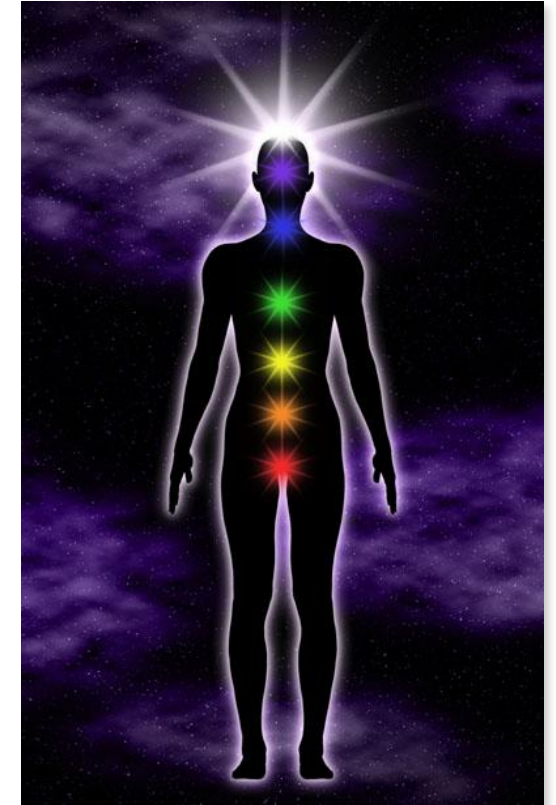
KEY WRITINGS

- No holy book, but use selected Bible passages, *I Ching*, Hindu, Buddhist, and Taoist writings, and Native American beliefs.
- Writings on astrology, mysticism, and magic.



WHO IS GOD?

- Everything and everyone is God.
- God is an impersonal force or principle, not a person.
- People have unlimited inner power and need to discover it.





WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus is not the one true God.
- He is not a savior, but a spiritual model and guru, and is now an “ascended master.”
- He was a New Ager who tapped into divine power in the same way that anyone can.
- Many believe he went east to India or Tibet and learned mystical truths.
- He did not rise physically from the dead, but “rose” into a higher spiritual realm.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

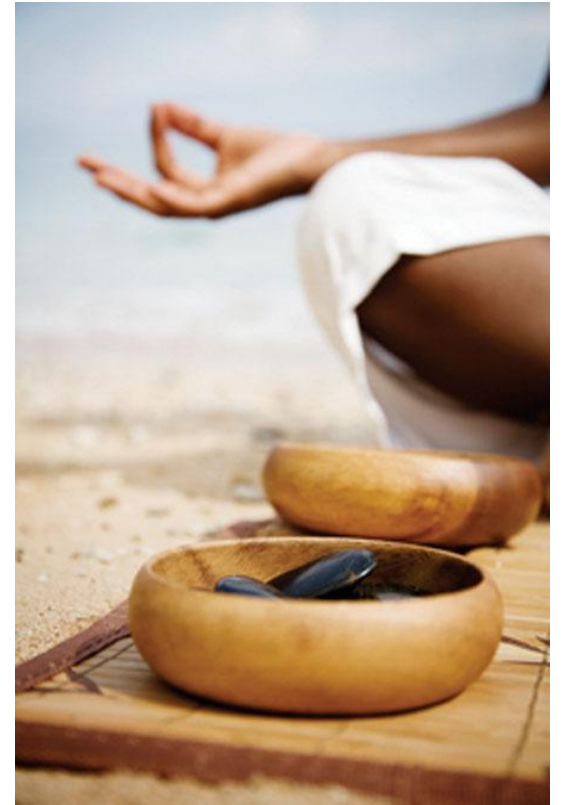
- Sometimes considered a psychic force.
- Man is divine and can experience psychic phenomena such as contacting unearthly beings.

New Age



HOW TO BE SAVED

- People must offset their bad karma with good karma.
- One can tap into supernatural power through meditation, self-awareness, and “spirit guides.”
- Followers use terms such as “reborn” to describe this new self-awareness.





WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- Human reincarnations occur until a person reaches oneness with God.
- No eternal life as a resurrected person.
- No literal heaven or hell.

Wicca





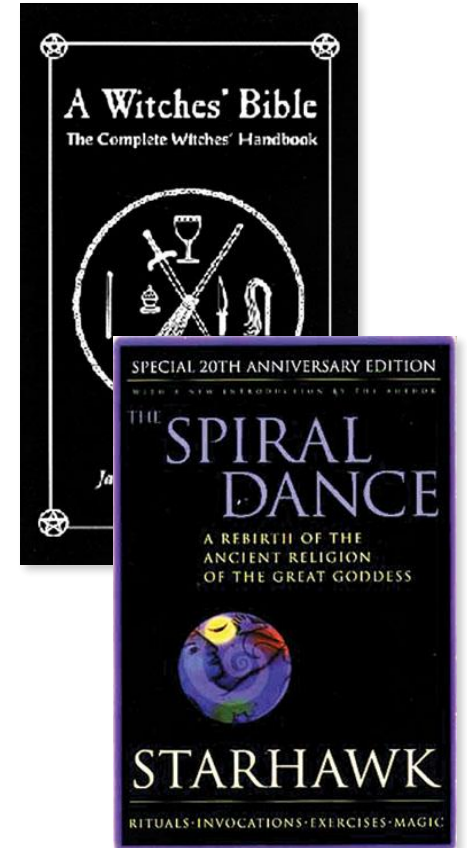
FOUNDED, LOCATION

- Founded by no one person, but has roots in 19th-century Britain.
- Partly inspired by Margaret Murray (1862–1963) and organized by Gerald Gardner (1884–1964) in the 1930s to 1950s.



KEY WRITINGS

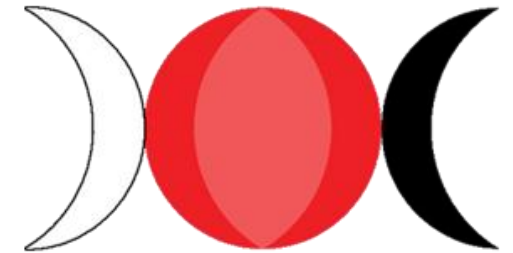
- No holy books; however, many groups use *The Book of Shadows*, first compiled by Gardner and later expanded by him and other leaders.
- Other popular works include *A Witches' Bible* and *The Spiral Dance*.





WHO IS GOD?

- The supreme being is called the *Goddess*, sometimes the *Goddess and God*, or *goddess and horned god* (“Lord and Lady”).
- The Goddess can be a symbol, the impersonal force in everything, or a personal being.
- Wiccans can be pantheists, polytheists, or both.



Wiccan Triple Moon
representing the Goddess



WHO IS JESUS?

- Jesus is either rejected altogether or sometimes considered a spiritual teacher who taught love and compassion.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is not part of this belief; however, some Wiccans may refer to “Spirit” as a kind of divine energy.



HOW TO BE SAVED

- Wiccans do not believe that humanity is sinful or needs saving.
- It is important for Wiccans to honor and work for the preservation of nature (which they equate with the Goddess).



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

- The body replenishes the earth, which is the Goddess's wish.
- Some Wiccans are agnostic about life after death, others believe in reincarnation.
- Some believe in a wonderful place called Summerland.



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Wiccans practice divination and spell-casting, with most rituals performed in a circle.
- Many Wiccans are part of a coven (local assembly), though many others are “solitary.”



Wicca



Rune Stones



FEHU



URUZ



THURISAZ



ANSUZ



RAIDHO



KAUNAZ



GEBO



WUNJU



HAGALAZ



NAUDIZ



ISA



JARA



EIHWAZ



PERTHU



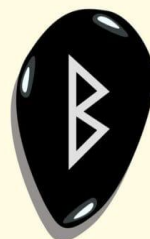
ALGIZ



SOWULO



TEIWAZ



BERKANA



EHWAZ



MANNAZ



LAGUZ



INGWAZ



DAGAZ



OTHALA

Wicca



OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

- Covens meet for ritual and seasonal holidays, including the eight major holidays (such as Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, and Beltane).
- Wicca is an occultic “nature religion,” not Satanism.



NEXT

Scientology 

WEEK

Islam
(Sunni & Shi'a) 

Nation of Islam 

Bahá'í Faith 

Judaism 

STUDY & GROW with US each Sunday

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

HYBRID

8:30AM-9:30AM -- IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL

Dial-In: (339) 207-7080



www.NewMacedonia.org



COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FOURTH SATURDAY



YOUTH CHAPEL



10 A.M. - 11 A.M.



Impact Generation
New Macedonia Baptist Church

YOUTH MINISTRY

Ages 4-17

Youth Church @ 10am

www.newmacedonia.org



VIRTUAL

BIBLE

Study
Adult Class

TUESDAYS @ 7:00 P.M.

JOIN VIA NEWMACEDONIA.ORG

JOIN US FOR A
"WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE"

WEDNESDAY
NOON DAY
12:00 - 1:00 PM

HYBRID

BIBLE

Study

With:
Rev.
Vanessa
Anderson

LOCATION: NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 7725 HIGHWAY 85, RIVERDALE, GA

**NMBC invites you to join us
Weekly**

on Wednesdays @ 7:00pm via



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83142456020?pwd=jRBReVYTYgORJbQ0CRU9zWRqX9YY9d.1>

Meeting ID: **831 4245 6020**

Passcode: **677284**

Dial-in: **(929) 205-6099**

**COME PRAY
WITH US**

Prayer Box

Please submit your
prayer
requests in the
“Prayer Box”
located in the front
lobby.



Prayer Request Card

If you have any prayer requests or needs,
please let us know & let us pray for you!

.....

.....

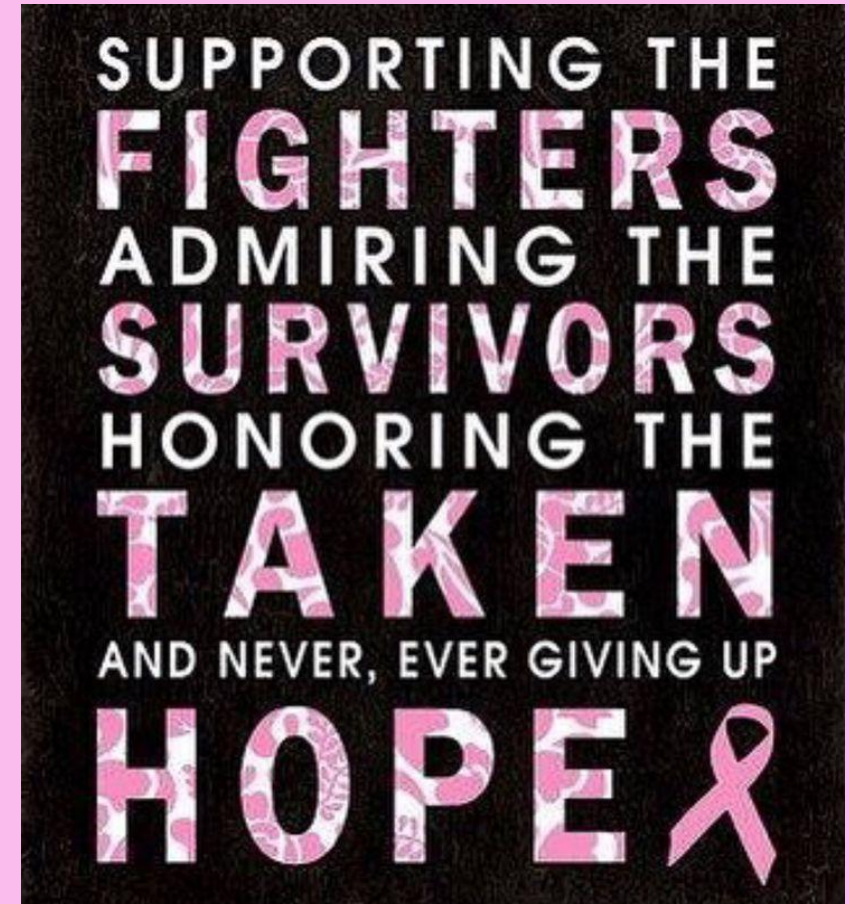
.....

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace, the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

NMBC Honors Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Pastor Gerry T. Anderson



NMBC Sister Circle

The poster has a warm orange background. At the top, there is a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and purple, with two pumpkins interspersed. The main title 'FALL FESTIVAL' is written in a large, bold, purple serif font with a white outline. Below the title, the date and time 'SATURDAY | OCTOBER 25TH' and '12:00-3:00 PM' are written in a bold, orange sans-serif font with a white outline. Further down, the activities 'FOOD . MUSIC . GAMES . FUN' are listed in a bold, dark brown sans-serif font. At the bottom, a paragraph of text in a purple serif font provides contact information. The bottom of the poster is also decorated with autumn leaves and three pumpkins.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 25TH
12:00-3:00 PM

FOOD . MUSIC . GAMES . FUN

**For more info, see a member of the Youth & Teen Ministry
or send an email to nmbcyp77@outlook.com**

Great God!

Annual Leadership Meeting
November 1, 2025
9:00 am - 12 Noon

Installation of Officers
Ministry Members Invited
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 am



MISSIONARY MINISTRY

FOOD

PANTRY DONATION DRIVE



Thank you for
your donations!

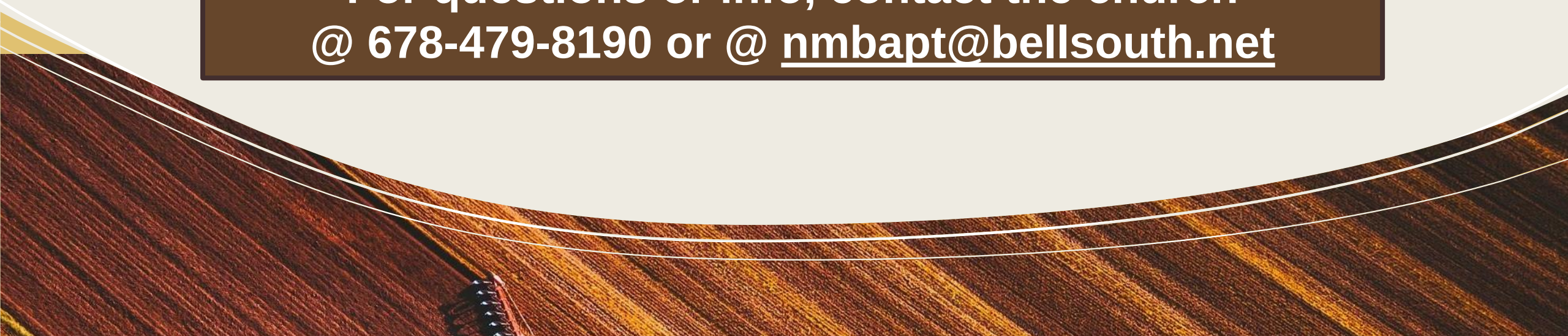
- * Canned Vegetables
 - * Rice
 - * Cranberry Sauce
 - * Stuffing Mix
- 

2025 Mortgage Burning Campaign

**The Goal = \$76,756.50
to pay off our mortgage by December 15, 2025**

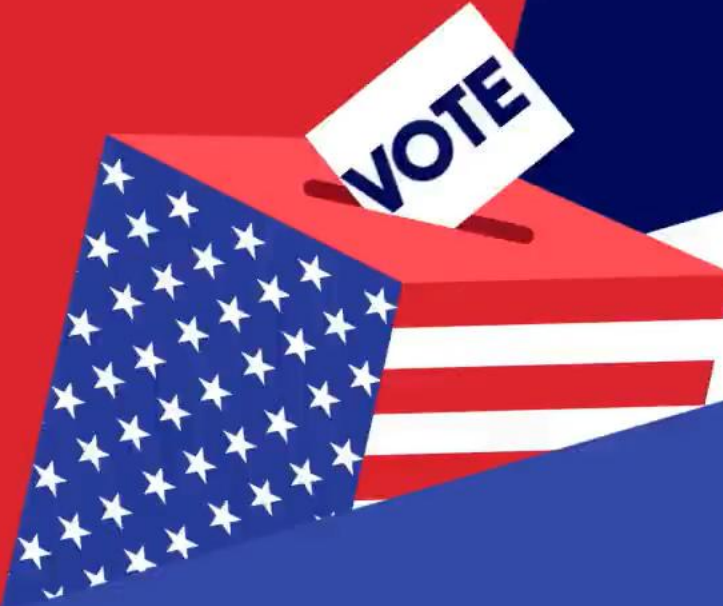
The Ask = \$512 pledge per household

**For questions or info, contact the church
@ 678-479-8190 or @ nmbapt@bellsouth.net**



**Election Day is Tuesday
November 4, 2025**

**YOUR
VOTE
MATTERS**



Early voting begins October 14th