Madison Methodist Church



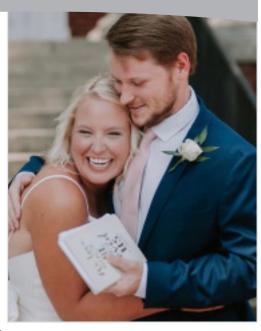
"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 1 January 8, 2025

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.







WELCOME MICHAEL AND HANNAH!

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is very excited to report that we have hired **Michael Davis** as our new Director of Student Ministries! He and his wife, Hannah, have been married for a year and a half. Michael has served as the Student Director at Indianola First Methodist Church (GMC) since 2018. He graduated from Delta State University and will finish his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in May.

Michael will finish up with his student group and church in early March and then officially begin with us on Sunday, March 16. In the meantime, Michael has already met with our students at their first Student Ministry event of 2025, and he will visit with them again at the Elevate Ski Trip, at their Together Weekend Retreat, and at a Wednesday night Bible study on February 19th.

And we have even more good news to share with you!

Hannah Davis will also be joining our staff as a part-time Ministry Associate with our KIDS Ministry! Hannah graduated from Delta State University with a Bachelor of Social Work, she has been the Director of Children's Ministry at Indianola First Methodist Church since June of 2022, and she will complete her Master of Arts in Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary in May.

We give thanks to God for His wonderful provision of both Michael and Hannah! We are grateful to our Student Ministry Leadership Team and our Family Group Leaders for all that they are doing for our students during this time of transition and to our Staff Parish Relations Committee for their amazing work through this hiring process.



FIGHT CLUB

All men are invited to join us for our next Fight Club Men's Weekend on January 24th and 25th. We will be joined by pastor, author and seminary professor Kevin Watson. Kevin is passionate about raising up the next generation of leaders for the Church of Jesus Christ. He is the Director of Academic Growth & Formation at Asbury Theological Seminary and the Scholar in Residence at Asbury Church in Tulsa, OK. In his academic and teaching ministry he has worked to unplug the ancient wells of the 18th and 19th century evangelical revivals so Christians today can drink from their living water. His research, writing, and teaching has particularly

focused on the practice of small group formation through Wesleyan class and band meetings and the doctrine of entire sanctification.

On Friday evening, we will gather for dinner, fellowship and a message from Kevin from Joshua 1:1-9, "Be Strong and Courageous".

Saturday morning, we will meet at Top Golf at 9:30 for fun, fellowship and a word from Kevin about "Banding Together". Breakfast is included. Scan the QR Code to register today!

Madison District GMC Training Event for clergy and laity

Saturday, January 25th 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Madison Methodist Church

Multi-Purpose Room (Education Building, second floor)

Guest teacher: Dr. Kevin Watson

Topic: "The Doctrine, Spirit, and Discipline of Early

Methodism and Why It Matters Today" Invite others to attend with you!

SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS SHORT COURSE AT WBS

Want to learn about what John Wesley taught about Scriptural holiness? Lay people will have an opportunity for a more in-depth study with Wesley Biblical Seminary professor, Dr. Chris Lohrstorfer, through the popular Wesley Institute platform.

The class will be six sessions offered live via Zoom on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on January 14th–Feb 18th. The cost is \$125 per student but our church will scholarship \$65 of the cost for any participant.



"Change, Disruption and How to Remain Faithful" -Kevin Watson teaching, January 26th

On January 26th, we are blessed to welcome Kevin Watson to Madison Methodist Church. Watson will teach in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour, looking at Daniel 3. Whether you regularly attend Sunday School, or not, we pray you will join us for this time of deep, rich teaching!



SPRING 2025 WOMEN'S STUDIES & EVENTS

Pastor Led Bible Studies:

Rev. Barry Male Pastor's Bible Study – "Looking on the Heart", a study of I & II Samuel - meets in Sanctuary

Rev. Robert McCormick and Rev. Jim Genesse - "Going Deeper: How Does the Lord Teach us to Pray?" A seven-week journey through the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Each week we'll go deeper together into the words profound enough to sustain a lifetime of prayer! - meets in Room 201

Small Groups:

Women's Group (Room 118) Ages: All ages / Study: The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Amy Cottrell (amylcottrell@gmail.com) for any questions or further information.

Singles and Couples Group (Room 208) Ages: 30-45 / Study: Traveling Light by Max Lucado.

Life After Loss Main Group (Room 122) Ages: 45-80 / Study: Guest speakers, support groups / Dates: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

David Torrent (Ministry Associate of Student Ministries)/ Student Ministry Bible Study (meets in Student Lounge - 2nd Floor of Education Building)

Reneé Scales (Director of KIDS Ministries) / Kids Play (5:45 pm on playgrounds) / Kids Classes (6:15-7:00 p.m.- Kids Check-in Desk/Hall)



Going Deeper: How does the Lord teach us to pray? With: Rev. Robert & Rev. Jim Room 201

The Lord's Prayer has been described as "simple enough to be memorized by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer." As Barry leads us each Sunday through a sermon series focusing on the prayer life of Jesus, join Robert and Jim on Wednesday nights on a seven-week journey through the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Each week we'll go deeper together into the words profound enough to sustain a lifetime of prayer!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT MADISON

Join us for food and fellowship at 5:15 p.m. in the CLC. Please use the link or QR code to sign up for meals. Adults \$8/Children \$5. You can pay online when you sign up or at the door with cash, check, credit card or Venmo. Please sign up by Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. each week. We hope you'll join us for WAM!

JANUARY 15TH MENU

Adult Meal:

Traditional Beef Chili Vegetable Soup Southern Sausage Stew

Baked Potato Baked Sweet Potato

Super Salad & Potato Toppings Bar Kids Meal:

Chicken & Stars Soup Baked Potato Confetti Cookies

Desserts:

Chocolate Chip Cookies, Chess Squares, Chocolate Cake with Oreo Buttercream, Gluten Free Chocolate Cake with Oreo Buttercream, Fresh Fruit Cups

JANUARY 29TH MENU

Adult Meal:

Black Pepper Chicken Beef & Broccoli Stir Fried Vegetables Sticky Rice Vegetable Spring Rolls Crab Rangoon Wonton

Crab Rangoon Wontons
Super Salad Bar

Egg Rolls

Kids Meal:

Fortune Cookies

Orange Chicken

Vegetable Lo Mein

Desserts:

Apple Pecan Cake with Cream Cheese Icing, Chocolate Mousse, Orange Slices Almond Cookies

Concerns of Our Church Family

Madison MC Prayer Ministry Team List: Please send all prayer requests to: prayer@madisonmc.org

The MMC Prayer Ministry Team covenants to prayer for these names for 30 days. Names may be resubmitted to prayer@madisonmc.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS - MMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables Janie Harris Nora McInnis Chris Ables Phil Hinton Frankie Mitchell Leona Bishop Barrie McAthur Carlene Howard Moody Family Vicki Blake Willie Moore Kathy Burns

Vernon Hull Rosa Veneuille Beau Pace **Betsy Buffington Ed Simmons** Connie Bush John Mason Brenda Johson Harry Smith Barbara Crews Rhonda Loeb Wren Gregory Jim & Connie Wise-Andy Dickie

man Paul Verneuille Jeanne Tew Merle Ellis Judy McArthur



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES / RETIREMENT **HOMES**

The Blake: Fabia Smith, Faye Montgomery

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joan Winstead; Tina Holliday;

Ann Artmann; Martha Walton

St. Catherine's Village: Lou Jennings; Rosalind Ross; James

Potts:

Jerry Zoble; Velta Roberts; Lib Sistrunk, Maritta Mullet

Home Place: Evelyn Palmer; Eddy Johnson

The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard; Amy

Loflin; Joyce Logue Plain View: John Mason

Sunnybrook: Jane Turnage; Jim & Johnnie Miller; Jim Stanard

Nichols Center: Barbara Mapp Ridgeland Place: Jo Lynn Vaughan VA Community Center: Phillip Perry

PRAYER REQUESTS - FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Peezie Allred Johnny Fulce Father of Gayle Hart Mary Ann Odom Mother to Elizabeth Carr Charlie Hudson Friend of Phil Hinson

MMC REPORT **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

12/24/24 1719 12/29/24 461 1/8/25 826

Finances

2025 Budget: \$2,600,000 Given To Date: \$2,929,371 **Education Building Mortgage** Balance \$\$505,000

Church Website Update:

Marvel Allred's Daughter-in-law We are updating our church website! Beginning January 10, our website (www.madisonmc.org) will have an upgraded look, a new layout, and additional functionality. Special thanks go to Chris Filippou, our Tech and Media Specialist, for leading this effort and to Perry Allen, our Media Coordinator, for all her help as well for this needed and wonderful update.



KIDS MINISTRY

Renee Scales renee@madisonmc.org

Created by God
A Study of Human Sexuality for 5th Graders & Parents February 6th-8th, 2025

Registration is limited to 20 students on a first-comefirst-served basis, and members/regular attendees of Madison MC will be given priority.

The schedule is as follows:

Required Parents/Guardians Thurs. February 6th - 6:00 p.m.

Students:

Fri. February 7th - 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Sat. February 8th - 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Students & Required Parents/Guardians:

Sat. Feb. 8th -2:00p.m.-3:00 p.m.

To register, please scan the QR code.



The deadline for registration is Monday, Jan. 27th. After the 27th, registration will be open to non-church members. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Reneé at (601-856-6058) or renee@madisonmc.org.







We loved celebrating the Christmas season with you! We had so many special events this past December. Our Happy Hula Days, Pancakes & Pajamas, 6th Grade Ugly Christmas Sweater Party, Nativity Scavenger Hunt, & Volunteer Ornament Party. We want to thank you for spending the season with us!















STUDENT MINISTRY

students@madisonmc.org

TOGETHER WEEKEND

Together Weekend (DNOW) is Jan 31st - Feb 2nd. This year it will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church with speaker Tyler Holland. The goal of every Together Weekend is for students to unite no matter what they look like, how much money they have, what school they attend, or what church they call home – to take the message of Jesus Christ together into Madison County.

The cost is \$70 per person.

Registration is live. Scan the QR code to register today!

We need your help! Host homes make a huge impact on our students during Together Weekend. We ask that you pray about hosting a group of students during this weekend.

Email students@madisonmc.org

Student Ministry Kick-Off

Michael and Hannah Davis visited with our students at their kick-off event for 2025. We had a great turnout of students for this and it was a great night of fun, worship, and fellowship.





6TH GRADE LOCK_IN

Thanks for joining us for our 6th Grade Lock-In!! Relay games with 7th-8th graders, Trampoline Park with 9th-10th graders, and later karaoke and games with the 11th-12th graders. What a night!











MISSONS

Steve Potter steve@madisonmc.org



RISE AGAINST HUNGER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our next Rise Against Hunger food packing will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th.



DELTA GRACE RECENT TRIP:

Because of the generosity of our church, we are able to fund several projects and send volunteers to Delta SINGLE FRIENDS GROUP Grace. On Saturday, December 14th, group of 7 men joined other church a January - 2025 Single Friends Activities: members and the scout troop that

spent Friday - Sunday at Delta Grace. They painted walls and floors, repaired broken windows, covered a ceiling, and updated a wheelchair ramp.











GENEROUS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND SMALL GROUPS:

During this Christmas season, we had several small groups and Sunday school classes adopt families and other projects. It is so great to see that our people are not just listeners, but doers also.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall (room 122) at 6:15 p.m. Contact Fontaine Bowie (fhbowie@aol.com) for more information.

Hello Single Friends,

(1-9) Thursday: Fratesi's - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.

(1-16) Thursday: Jutamas Thai - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.

(1-23) Thursday: Longhorn Steakhouse - Madison -6:00 p.m.

(1-30) Thursday: Salad Station - Madison - 6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you're coming, because some of these places get very busy and you may not have a you have any questions: Afton at (720) 220-5171.

Homeless Emergency Shelter Support

Our church and the Challengers Sunday School class have both given funds for the emergency shelter in South Jackson for the homeless during the recent cold temperatures. Several members of the class also provided and served supper at the shelter. Our church family continues to offer the love of Christ to Madison, the Metro area, Mississippi and More (Acts 1:8).







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BAPTISM

Margaret "Maggie" Elizabeth Parks was baptized on December 22nd. She is the daughter of Peyton & Sara Parks. Big brother is Wilson.



SAVE THE DATE:

