#### Madison Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 8 April 16, 2025

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. (April 27) Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.



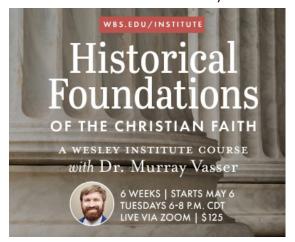


## Wednesday Night Study: The Reliability of the Gospels - Dr. Murray Vasser

Dr. Murray Vasser, Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies at Wesley Biblical Seminary, will lead this class on Wednesdays, April 23 and April 30, in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. It will be a great time of learning and will help you to share and to defend your faith. Invite others to attend with you!

Dr. Vasser will also be teaching a six-week course for WBS in May

entitled "Historical Foundations". You can attend in person at Wesley Biblical Seminary or online through Zoom. The course will examine the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus, the evidence for the reliability of the Gospels and Acts, and the evidence for the integrity and preservation of the New Testament canon.





Bishop Scott Jones is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Lauren Porter as the next Conference Superintendent of the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference. Rev. Porter will succeed Rev. Dr. Barry Male who is currently serving as Interim Conference Superintendent until June 1.

Rev. Lauren Porter currently serves as the Senior Pastor of First Methodist Church in Yazoo City, MS, the Chair of the Board of Ministry, and the Presiding Elder of the South Delta District. He also served as a clergy delegate to the 2024 Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church in Costa Rica. We are beyond blessed to have Rev. Porter's commitment, leadership, and faithfulness to lead our conference.

#### MAY 6 VIP LUNCHEON FOR ADULTS 55+

Our next VIP luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday, May 6, in the Christian Life Center and will feature a program of music by the Four Washingtons. The meal will be the following:

Honey garlic chicken, parmesan scalloped potatoes, roasted squash medley, carrot salad, and berry Chantilly cake.

You may register by calling Jone at the church office (601)856-6058, online at jone@madisonmc. org or on the pew attendance pad by Sunday, April 27. The deadline to register is NOON on THURSDAY, MAY 1. One lunch per VIP! NO CARRYOUTS! Please have exact cash or a check to Madison Methodist Church.



Our church has sent \$5,000 to the Disaster Relief fund of our annual conference. There was considerable damage in Senatobia, Tylertown, Elliot, Glen, Rolling Fork, and other cities during the recent storms. Please continue to pray for those affected by those storms and thanks to everyone who supports our budget so that we can fund supplies for those who are in desperate need.



**SPRING 2025 STUDIES** & EVENTS

#### **Pastor Led Bible Studies:**

Dr. Murray Vasser (Sanctuary) Ages: All ages / "The Reliability of the Gospels"

#### **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) Study: Guest speakers, support groups / Dates: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Michael Davis (Director 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)



#### **COLLEGE GRADUATES!**

Attention all college graduates! If you are graduating this semester with your undergraduate, master's, or doctoral degree, please email Michael Davis at michael@madisonmc.org if you would like to be recognized on Senior Sunday, May 4th.

## Wednesday Nights at Madison



Join us for food and fellowship starting at 5:15 p.m. in the CLC. 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.

Please scan the QR code or mark on pew pads to register.

We hope you'll join us for WAM!



#### **APRIL 23RD MENU**

Adult Meal: Mexican Chicken Lasagna Mini Tacos with Pork Carnitas with Flour or Corn Tortillas Mexican Rice Black Beans **Tortilla Chips** Nacho Machine with Guacamole and Salsa Super Salad Bar

### Beef & Cheese Rice with Queso

Kids Meal:

#### **Desserts:**

Pineapple Coconut Cake, Churro Cheesecake Bars, Chocolate Tres Leche Cake, Sugar Free Mexican Brownie

#### **APRIL 30TH MENU**

**Adult Meal:** Cheesesteak Stuffed **Peppers** Hot Chicken Salad Roasted Broccoli Garden Rice Grape Salad Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal:

Cheeseburger Macaroni Steamed Broccoli

Roll

Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar

#### **Desserts:**

White Chocolate Croissant Bread Pudding with Chocolate Sauce, Hello Dolly Bars, Almond Poppyseed Cake, Assorted Ice Cream Cups

#### **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 Vernon Hull Betsy Buffington Nora McInnis Beau Pace Ed Simmons

Chris Ables Connie Bush Jim & Connie Wiseman

Frankie Mitchell Brenda Johnson Jeanne Tew

Leona Bishop Barbara Crews Judy & Barrie McArthur Carlene Howard Rhonda Loeb Janie Harris Family Moody Family Andy Dickie Shauna Sansing Family

Vicki Blake Joan Phillips
Willie Moore Smith Family
Kathy Burns Andrew Bynum

**Scott Catington** 



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;

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, Margaret Mason The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard; Amy

Loflin; Joyce Logue

Sunnybrook: Jane Turnage; Jim & Johnnie Miller

Nichols Center: Barbara Mapp Ridgeland Place: Jo Lynn Vaughan VA Community Center: Phillip Perry MMC REPORT WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 4/6/25 693 4/13/25 972

Finances 2025 Annual Budget - \$2,950,000 Giving to Date - \$1,063,677 Building Loan Balance - \$483,295

#### PRAYER REQUESTS - FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Peezie Allred Marvel Allred's Daughter-in-law

Johnny Fulce Father of Gayle Hart

Mary Ann Odom Mother to Elizabeth Carr

Charlie Hudson Friend of Phil Hinson

Sistem in January of Steam and Steam

Jennifer Thornton Sister-in-law of Stephanie Strong

Jack Payne Father of Jennifer Mayo
Dr. Ivan Parke Friend of Larissa Saenz-Mason

Troy Stokes Friend of Asa Barnes

Carter Pace Grandson of Mike and MarChelle Edith Breithaupt Sister in law of Karen Harper



## KIDS MINISTRY Renee Scales renee@madisonmc.org

**Easter Glow** was SO much fun! Thanks to Francesca Sarullo Blount for reminding us to let the love of Jesus glow in and through us!







The past two Sundays, the 4s Sunday school class has discussed the trek to the cross by building Jerusalem and preparing for "The Last Supper" where we remember that Jesus died on the cross because He loves us!

We are blessed by this group of kids!



**PALM SUNDAY 2025** 







#### **STUDENT MINISTRY**

#### Michael Davis michael@madisonmc.org

#### What an amazing Student Sunday and Carnival Night!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support, serve, and celebrate what God is doing in and through our amazing students!



















Join us on May 4th as we celebrate the Class of 2025 with a crawfish boil! This special gathering is a chance for our graduating seniors to come together, enjoy great food, and share the wisdom and experiences they've gained throughout their high school journey.

#### **MISSIONS**

#### Steve Potter steve@madisonmc.org



#### **DELTA GRACE**

Our next Delta Grace trip will be Saturday, April 26th, from 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All skill levels are invited and needed. The church will get you there and back. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Matthew

Thompson at wmatthewt@gmail.com or Steve Potter at steve madisonmc.org or visit https://deltagrace.org.

#### **SHOWER POWER**

We will be serving lunch at Shower Power on April 25th. We will be leaving church at 8:30 a.m. to fill blessing bags and will have another group transporting the food and leaving church about 10:30 a.m. Please contact Diane Goolsby at dianegoolsby@ymail.com if you have any questions.



#### **CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CHOICES**

Center for Pregnancy Choices is holding their annual Life Walk on May 3, 2025. If anyone would like to participate for this fundraising event, please contact Katie Williams at (601) 540-3617. Donations for CPC can still be brought to the Fellowship Hall. CPC will only accept diapers, wipes, and soap/lotion at their clinic. For any other items you wish to donate, please contact Katie prior to bringing them to the church.

#### **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all who donated items and helped prepare and serve meals to our visiting mission team from Canyon Hills Community Church in Bothell, WA.

It was a great week!



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Dated Material Please deliver by: Saturday, April 5, 2025

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Thank you to our students for leading us in powerful worship and communion and to Michael Davis for his sermon during Student Sunday!







