



Madison Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

*"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."*

No. 15

July 23, 2025

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



## **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE STARTING IN AUGUST!!**

We are excited to announce our New Room service will be launching August 3rd at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel! Several years ago, as worship attendance grew, the Administrative Council created a Third Service committee to explore ways to make room for our growing congregation to worship. The why was clear: In order to build faithful disciples and serve Jesus Christ, we need to make new room to invite, disciple, and care for those who are here and those who are coming. We need to make room for the mission.

The Third Service committee spent significant time carefully researching church growth, studying demographics, exploring options, and more than anything, praying. Alternative service times and days, launching a new campus, live streaming or adding onto the Sanctuary were all considered and discussed at length. Last fall, the committee decided to experiment with new services, trying different combinations of live worship and video feed, with different locations (Chapel and MPR). The feedback was clear: our new services need to be in the Chapel and we need live music and preaching. The goal is to have a service consistent with who we are at Madison Methodist. The New Room service will feature the same traditional elements of worship from the Sanctuary and the same Scripture and sermon series, in a more casual setting. Knowing the organ and choir cannot be duplicated, the music will be different. Being led by a keyboard and guitar, we will sing the hymns we know and love, as well as some modern worship songs like we often hear in the Sanctuary. Robert will primarily be preaching in the new service, but our pastors will routinely rotate and share in the preaching in all services.

Why call it New Room? In the early days of methodism, the societies John Wesley formed in Bristol came to him and asked for a 'new room' in which they could meet. The New Room became the place for Methodists to care for the poor, help the sick, teach children, gather for small groups, and ultimately the first Methodist worship service was held there. As we look forward to make new room for the mission at Madison Methodist, we are reaching back to our Methodist roots to launch our New Room service.

So starting August 3rd, each week in the Chapel we are making NEW ROOM for the mission! As we are making new room, we encourage you all to be in prayer for our new service and pray for who it is in our community you will invite to be a part of what God is doing at Madison Methodist Church.



We are excited to announce that Rev. Hugh Griffith has been appointed as the new Campus Ministry Director for the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference. In this part-time role, Hugh will work with other campus ministers throughout our conference to establish and strengthen collegiate ministries in Mississippi and West Tennessee. Hugh is an ordained Elder in the Global Methodist Church and has a wealth of experience in campus ministry. He served as the Wesley Foundation Director at Mississippi State for 33 years. He and his wife, Linda, are also launching a new venture in campus ministry at Mississippi State called Awakening Collegiate Fellowship.

Awakening Collegiate Fellowship is a new pan-Wesleyan college ministry movement birthed in Georgia in 2024. They will use meeting space on campus, church facilities, the Griffiths' home, and students' dorms and apartments. Our Administrative Council, along with other churches in our annual conference, has shared a significant financial gift to help this ACF chapter get started. You can follow ACF at Mississippi State on Facebook, Instagram, and their website (<https://www.awakeningmsu.org/>).



Our new College and Career Class (ages 18-30) will begin meeting weekly on August 3rd in Room 207 (Second Floor of the Fellowship Hall building). The hope is to build a community of singles and newly-married couples who are committed to making disciples and growing spiritually. This mutual upbuilding takes place as we engage in the mission of the church by building faithful disciples and serving Jesus Christ.

Interested in knowing more? Join us for a night of fellowship at 5:30 p.m. this Sunday, July 27th, at 363 Saint Augustine Drive. (Dress casually!) We'll have a chance to get to know one another and share a meal. Spread the word and we look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for YOU at Madison Methodist!



Are you a new member or just wanting more information about our church family? If so, join us on Sundays in August for a great opportunity to explore membership at our church, learn more about our church family. Over the four weeks, we will explore what it looks like to take your next steps in faith with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We will meet in the Christian Life Center (the gym) each week and the class will be led by Barry Male and Robert McCormick. Invite a friend and join us as we take our next steps together!

#### **HEARING HELPS!**

We have brand new hearing devices in the Narthex of the Sanctuary! Please check with our ushers when you arrive for worship or special events and they can assist you if you need help learning how to use them.



### CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK!

Rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to lift your voice in worship, we'd love to have you join us! Sing one, sing all! Come be part of a joyful community making a joyful noise. Questions? Contact Lori Blount at [Lori@madisonmc.org](mailto:Lori@madisonmc.org)

### JOB OPENING!

Tenor & Soprano Soloists – Music Ministry Team  
The Music Ministry at Madison Methodist Church is seeking two gifted soloists—one tenor and one soprano—to join our team.

#### Key Responsibilities:

Support the Chancel Choir, Assist with Children's Music programming, Participate in rehearsals and special music events as scheduled

#### Requirements:

Strong solo voice (tenor or soprano), Ability to read music proficiently,

**Minimum age:** 18

**Availability required:** Sunday mornings & Wednesday evenings

To learn more or to schedule an audition, contact:  
Lori Blount at [Lori@madisonmc.org](mailto:Lori@madisonmc.org)

### VIP LUNCHEON AUGUST 5TH

Our next VIP luncheon for adults 55+ will be held in the Christian Life Center at noon on Tuesday, August 5th. Our inspirational speaker will be local resident Amy Brooks, who is an author and entrepreneur. Amy was born with no arms or legs. She has a wonderful message to share with us. Reservations must be made by noon on Thursday, July 31. You can sign up online or call Jone at 6010-856-6058 or email at [jone@madisonmc.org](mailto:jone@madisonmc.org). No carryouts and one meal per VIP. Plan ahead to attend for an inspiring message, a delicious meal, and great fellowship!



We are excited to announce that Stacey Atkinson will be our new After School Care (ASC) Director. Stacey has 28 years of teaching experience, and she is excited to continue serving children by creating a safe and nurturing environment for K5-5th grade children after the school day ends. She and her family have been members of Madison MC since 2012.



We have a few openings in our Preschool classes for 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, and 4-year-olds! Please contact [preschool@madisonmc.org](mailto:preschool@madisonmc.org) or call 601-853-7436 for more information or to register!



# Concerns of Our Church Family

## Madison MC Prayer Ministry Team List:

Please send all prayer requests to: [prayer@madisonmc.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@madisonmc.org).

### PRAYER REQUESTS - MMC MEMBERS

|                  |                 |                      |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Carol Ann Ables  | Barbara Crews   | Frankie Mitchell     |
| Sammy Barmer     | Andy Dickie     | Willie Moore         |
| Vicki Blake      | Moody Family    | Gay Murphy           |
| Hayden Briscoe   | Smith Family    | Beau Pace            |
| Kathy Burns      | Jim Grissom     | John Robinson        |
| Betsy Buffington | Carlene Howard  | David Stanard        |
| Connie Bush      | Vernon Hull     | Jeanne Tew           |
| Andrew Bynum     | Sara Lauderdale | Jim & Connie Wiseman |
|                  | Rhonda Loeb     |                      |



*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; Barrie & Judy McArthur  
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: Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard; Amy Loflin; Joyce Logue  
Sunnybrook: Jim & Johnnie Miller, Pat Bruce  
Nichols Center: Barbara Mapp  
Ridgeland Place: Jo Lynn Vaughan  
VA Community Center: Phillip Perry

### PRAYER REQUESTS - FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

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| 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             |
| 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     |
| Tommy Leach       | Brother of Ruth Elam              |
| Austin Nutt       | Nephew of Buck Buchanan           |
| Hall Peters       | Family of Bam Magruder            |
| Ricky Gilbreath   | Cousin of Leon Stewart            |

#### **We rejoice at new births:**

-Daniel Clark Powers, son of Clark & Emily Powers, was born July 14, 2025. His big sister is Ellie Rose. His grandparents are Amanda & Bruce Kirkland and great grandmother is Carol Kirkland.

-Dean Hutton Stanard, son of Will & Grace Stanard, was born July 15, 2025. His grandparents are David & Lisa Stanard, his great grandmother is Gay Murphy and great grandfather is Jim Stanard.

-Preston Lance Newman, son of Matthew and Lacey Newman, was born July 21, 2025. His big brother is Jacob Newman and his grandparents are Matthew and Winky Newman.

#### **MMC REPORT WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

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| 7/13/25 | 806 |
| 7/20/25 | 737 |





## Blessing of the Backpacks

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us on Wednesday, August 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Blessing of the Backpacks. This is a Family event for KIDS Ages 3rd-6th grade & their parents. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). A nursery will be available for younger siblings.



If you want to help us grow disciples during the 2025-26 school year, join our team!

#### Options include:

**Sunday School** – teach or co-teach in the younger 2's, older 2's, K5, 1st grade, 3rd grade, & 4th grade.

**Wednesday Nights** – teach, co-teach, in 4-year-olds, K5, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, & 6th grade.

Serve as a substitute in Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights as needed.

Let Renee answer your questions –  
renee@madisonmc.org.

*Please fill out the form, below!*



### 2025-26 KIDS MINISTRY CONTACT FORM

All children (nursery-6th grade) need an updated KIDS Ministry Contact form! Complete the form by clicking on this QR code or use the link available on our website

(www.madisonmc.org). It is important for us to know about allergies and have emergency contact information for each child!



### August 3rd is Promotion Sunday!

- Meet your new Sunday School teachers & enjoy donuts (9:45-10:30 a.m.).
- Drop-off & pick-up will be from their new classrooms.
- Room numbers & locations for KIDS Sunday School classes are available at the check-in desks in both the Nursery Hall & the KIDS Hall.
- A parent/responsible adult must pick up all kids ages 2 – 3rd grade!
- Children attend the Sunday School class that matches their current grade/class.

### PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FOOD ALLERGY



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| August 3  | Promotion Sunday          |
| August 6  | Blessing of the Backpacks |
| August 10 | 3rd Grade Bible Sunday    |

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| August 13   | KIDS Attend Multi-Generational Worship Service w/ Family (nursery for 4 and under) |
| August 20   | Wednesday Night Classes for KIDS Begin   |
| August 20   | KIDS Choir (1st-6th Grades) 5:45-6:10 p.m. in the Choir Room                       |
| August 25   | KMLT Meeting 6 p.m. in the ACR   |
| September 7 | Confirmation Kick-off for 6th Graders  |
| November 9  | Confirmation Sunday for 6th Graders  |



Our KIDS ministry had an amazing week last week! A messy, wet, & fun night for our rising 4th-6th graders, Splash Bash for 1st- 3rd graders, and Flapjacks & Floaties fun for our preschoolers!





**STUDENT MINISTRY**  
Michael Davis michael@madisonmc.org

Our Students on their way to Arlington Texas for a mission trip.



**MISSIONS**



**Center for  
Pregnancy  
Choices**  
Metro Area

**CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CENTER**

Our church has supported the Center for Pregnancy Choices ministry for many years. They will have an open tour of their clinic on Tuesday, August 21, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. It is a great opportunity to learn what they offer and to hear powerful testimonies. The clinic is located at 2685 Crane Ridge Road in Jackson.

**UPCOMING MINISTRY MOMENTS:**

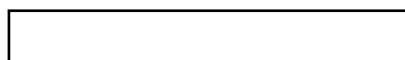
Be sure to be present for these upcoming Ministry Moments. We will hear from each about their experiences this summer and the work that God has done through them.

- Moody Mission Team: July 27th
- Salt and Light Team: August 17th
- Students: August 24th

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## NEW MEMBERS:



**Joey and Evy-An  
Ray**



**Walley and Kelly  
Joyner**



**Steve and Clarisse  
McDonald**