



Madison Methodist Church

MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 18

September 3, 2025

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

INTRODUCING DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS AT MADISON METHODIST

Why a Discipleship Group?

The Christian Formation Team is excited to introduce and launch Discipleship Groups at Madison Methodist Church! Throughout August, our pastors have challenged us to consider ways to make new room in our lives for a number of things, including discipleship. As Methodists, a part of our heritage is the small group blueprint John Wesley instituted to ensure that Methodists would become faithful followers of Jesus Christ and a holy community. We believe these discipleship groups will be a place of accelerated spiritual transformation consistent with what Wesley envisioned for the people called Methodists. These groups will not only be a place of individual growth, but a place where a disciple-making movement starts. Our mission is to build faithful disciples, and a major component of being a faithful disciple is being equipped to be a disciple who makes disciples who make disciples. We want to make Jesus' last words to go and make disciples the first priority of groups at Madison Methodist.

What is a Discipleship Group?

A Discipleship Group is a gender-specific, closed group of 3-5 believers that meet weekly for a season of accelerated spiritual transformation. The group is marked by high accountability and high expectations, as the members engage in the weekly rhythms. The group environment encourages us to engage with God's Word and His people in a way that most of us have never before. As His Spirit works in our lives, it creates a passion to help others experience the same thing. Group members commit to focus on the Five Grace-Filled Disciplines, including Bible reading, HEAR Journaling, Accountability, Prayer, and Scripture Memory.

Where do Discipleship Groups meet?

Each group will find a time and place that works for their season of life. It may in your home, a coffee shop, your office or any place that fits your group dynamics.

How do I start a Discipleship group?

If you are interested in starting a group, email Robert (robert@madisonmc.org) and he will help equip you to start a group! You will be given a group starter guide and all the tools you will need to invite people to form a group. Because the groups are marked by high accountability and expectation, they are formed by invitation. Who do I invite? Begin to pray about who it is the Lord wants you to walk with in this process of becoming a disciple who makes disciples who makes disciples, and as the Lord answers, that is who you invite!

Looking to join a Sunday School Class? Below are all the adult classes meeting during the Sunday School hour each week.

ABUNDANT JOY: Singles & Couples ages 30s-50s Fellowship Hall Room 206. Beginning September 14, Tracey Thompson will begin teaching on The Names of God. The class will use the book *Lord, I Want to Know You* by Kay Arthur. Contact person: Marcy Scoggins.

ASBURY: Intergenerational Education Building Room 415. The class is taught by Charlie Artmann is currently doing a verse by verse study of the Gospel of John. Contact person: Kathy Long.

CHALLENGERS: Singles & Couples ages 50s and older Multi Purpose Room. The class is taught by a variety of people. Rev. Jim Genesse will be teaching in the month of September a study called "Working with the Word: A Look at Philippians". Contact person: Diane Goolsby.

COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS: Singles & Couples ages 18-30 Fellowship Hall Room 207. The class is taught by Abby Miller and they are doing a study on the Book of Titus. Contact person: Abby Miller.

CORNERSTONE: Intergenerational Education Building Room 402. The class is taught by a variety of people and the currently studying the Book of Jude. Contact persons: Christine and Will Selman.

CROSSINGS: Singles & Couples of all ages Fellowship Hall Room 201. The class is currently being taught by Cecil Harper, who is leading a study on I and II Thessalonians. Contact person: David Milling.

DAILY DISCIPLES: Intergenerational Conference Room in Admin Building. The class is taught by Mark Hikes and they are currently doing an in-depth study of the Gospel of Luke. Contact person: Mark Hikes.

DISCOVERY: Singles & Couples ages 40s-60s Fellowship Hall Room 204. The class is taught by a rotation of Paul Young, Jason Sanderson, Greg Weber, Chris Blount, Lori Blount and Pat McNulty. They are currently studying the book of Galatians. Contact persons: Pat McNulty and Paul Young.

FAITHBUILDERS: Singles & Couples ages 30s-50s Fellowship Hall Room 208. The class is currently taught by Steve McDonald and they are currently studying the Book of James. Contact Persons: Nathan Witt, Jimbo Bearden and Lisa Anglin.

GOOD NEWS: Singles & Couples ages 50s and older Fellowship Hall Room 122. The class is currently studying the Book of Hebrews and is being taught by Karen Harper. Contact Person: Larry Bourne.

JOURNEY OF FAITH: Singles & Couples ages 30s-40s Education Building Room 401. The class is currently studying "The Spiritual Realm" led by Wesley Blount. Next they will study "Faith Foundations: 10 Essential Christian Truths," which will be led by class members. Contact persons: Emily & Brock Herron and Maren & Brad Hutto.

NEW COVENANT: Intergenerational Fellowship Hall Room 126. The class is taught and led by Cathy and Peter Giroux and is currently doing a study on the Holy Spirit. Contact persons: The Giroux.

NEW SPIRIT: Mixed Adults ages 60s-80s Fellowship Hall Room 127. The class is taught by Sue Lauderdale and they are currently studying "What it Means to be a Christian" based upon a number of books. Contact Person Sue Lauderdale.

PARENTS CLASS: Parents of all ages Education Building Room 416. The class is currently being taught by John Smith and they are doing a study called "Angels." Contact person: Stephanie Strong.

PATHFINDERS: Singles & Couples of retirement age Fellowship Hall Room 118. The Pathfinder class is the "original" young adult class, starting almost 50 years ago. Dave Robinson, Leon Stewart, Mike Armstrong, Mary Lou Spencer and others rotate as teachers and each teacher determines the lesson material each week.

THE BEREAN COLLECTIVE: Singles & Couples ages 20s-30s Chapel Basement. The class is currently working through a study on the Book of Revelation. The class rotates through 6-8 teachers, encouraging a more personal study of scripture, as well as, more open discussions of each other's views and findings. Contact Persons: Channing Hancock and Madison & Matt Smith.

Wednesday Night Studies:

Pastor Led Bible Studies:

A Bible study of James (Sanctuary)
Led by Rev. Barry Male

"Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" (Room 201)
Led by Rev. Robert McCormick

Small Groups:

Women's Group (Room 127) Ages: All ages
Study: Lyrics of Life by Lisa Harper.

Singles and Couples Group (Room 208) Ages: 30-45.
Study: Together by Ben Mandrell.

Life After Loss Main Group (Room 122) Ages: All ages
Study: Guest speakers, support groups.
Dates: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Students:

Student Ministry Bible Study (meets in Student Lounge
- 2nd Floor of Education Building) - Led by students
and Michael Davis (Director of Student Ministries).
Children's Ministry:

Kids:

Kids Choir - 5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room

Kids Play - 5:45 p.m. on playgrounds

Kids Classes - 6:15-7:00 p.m. - Kids Check-in Desk/
Hall

Wednesday Nights at Madison



Join us for food and fellowship at 5:15 p.m. in the CLC. Please scan the QR code to sign up for meals. Adults \$8/ Children \$5 with a family cap of \$26. 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!



SEPTEMBER 10TH MENU

Adult Meal:

Chicken Divan
Cheeseburger Mac
Green Beans with Bacon & Onions
Yellow Squash with Peppers
Marinated Lady Peas
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal:

(5th grade and under)
Cheeseburger Mac
Green Beans
Applesauce Pouches
Confetti Cookies

Desserts:

Raspberry Slab Pie, Milk Chocolate Butterscotch Cookies, Triple Chocolate Bundt Cake, Sugar Free Gluten Free Almond Cake

SEPTEMBER 17TH MENU

Adult Meal:

Napa Valley Chicken Pie
Pimento Cheese Bacon Burgers
Sweet Potato Fries
Summer Orzo Salad
Marinated Vegetable Salad Bars
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal:

(5th grade and under)
Cheeseburger Sliders
Smiley Fries
Jello Cups
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Desserts:

Lemon Drizzle Cake, Nutter Butter Cookie Bars, Apple Cider Cookies, Mixed Fresh Fruit Cup

Madison Methodist Women's Ministry hosts

Seasons of Faith



Please join us for food, fellowship and faith.
Our speakers Include:

Madison Smith
Shanna McCormick
Tracey Thompson

Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00pm
Madison Methodist Church CLC

To reserve your spot, please visit:
www.madisonmc.org or call (601) 856-6058

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

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
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
Austin Nutt	Nephew of Buck Buchanan
Hall Peters	Family of Bam Magruder
Ricky Gilbreath	Cousin of Leon Stewart
Scott Byrd	Nephew of Linda Barker

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice at new births:

- Sullivan James Simmons, son of Will and Carissa Simmons, was born on August 4, 2025. His grandparents are Ed & Julia Simmons, and his great grandparents are Charles & Marida Coghlan.

We offer our sympathy to the family of:

-Tommy Leach, brother of Ruth Elam, who passed away August 24.

MMC REPORT WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

8/24/25	973
8/31/25	639

2025 Annual Budget - \$2,950,000
Giving to Date - \$2,368,032

WAYS TO GIVE



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100 Post Oak Rd,
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Confirmation

Our 6th grade class trip to Old Mountain Outdoor Adventures in Winona is scheduled for Sunday, September 7. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Our Confirmation Kickoff Event is Sunday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC (Christian Life Center/ gym) and is for our 6th graders, their family & their mentor. Please scan the QR code to complete an information card for Sept. 14 & to register for the Sept. 7 event. The deadline is September 1.



Parents, ask your children to share what they learned in Sunday School this morning! Each week our Our 2/ bring home "Parent Page," our 3's, 4's, K5 bring home "Today I Learned," our 1st & 2nd graders bring home "Growing Together," our 3rd & 4th graders bring home "Hands-on-Fun at Home," and our 5th graders bring home "Takin' It Home."



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| September 7 | Outdoor Adventure Trip for Confirmands |
| September 14 | Confirmation Kick-off for 6th graders, family, & mentors 6:00 p.m. in the CLC |
| September 22 | KIDS Ministry Leadership Team Meeting – 6 p.m. in ACR |
| November 9 | Confirmation Sunday for 6th graders |
| December 10 | KIDS Choir & Sonbeam Choir Christmas Music Program 6:15 p.m. |



1st Graders, grab a KIDS Sermon Notes page (available with the KIDS Bulletins) & remain in worship with your church family! Come down for KIDS Time & go back to your family for the remainder of the service.

KIDS in action... Sunday School, Wednesday nights, acolyting!



STUDENT MINISTRY
Michael Davis michael@madisonmc.org



2025 FALL CALENDAR

8/3 YOUTH KICKOFF
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

8/24 FAMILY GROUP NIGHT
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

9/21 GAME NIGHT
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

10/11-13 BEACH RETREAT
Panama City Beach

11/2 MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

11/23-24 LOCK-OUT
5:00 PM - 10:00 AM

12/7 CHRISTMAS PARTY
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

ALL STUDENTS GRADES 7-12 ARE INVITED TO COME!

Our Fall Calendar is here! We can't wait for all the incredible opportunities this year to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and share life together. Take a look and mark your calendars—you won't want to miss what's ahead!

BEACH RETREAT
OCTOBER 11 - 13 | PANAMA CITY, FL

MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION HERE!



WORSHIP: BEN LARSEN

SPEAKER: TREY SKAGGS



BEACH RETREAT SIGNUPS!

Join us for Beach Retreat! Register your student by scanning the QR code in the graphic above!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Game Night at MC:

Join us on Sunday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Central Football Stadium for an evening of games, fun, and fellowship. We'll wrap up by 8:15 p.m. All students grades 7-12 are invited - don't miss it!

Sunday Nights:

Sunday nights have been full of energy and worship! This September we'll be wrapping up the first half of our series The Whole Story, where we've been walking through the Old Testament and discovering how God's story is our story. Check out some of the highlights below!



MISSIONS

Know *what* you believe.
Know *why* you believe.

9-MONTH TRACKS IN BIBLE OR THEOLOGY TAUGHT
BY SEMINARY PROFESSORS FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE

TUESDAYS STARTING SEP. 2
wbs.edu/institute

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AT WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY

The Wesley Institute has just begun but it is not too late to register. There are two tracks – a Bible Track that covers every book of the Bible and a Theology Track that covers theology, apologetics, and world religions. These online classes are uploaded on Tuesday mornings from September to May. Participants can watch the classes on their own whenever they want or you can gather with other church members to meet at the church or in homes to watch the sessions together at any time. Go to www.institute.wbs.edu to register. Select the Bible Track or Theology Track. Click “Get Course” and then select “Available in Monthly Plan.” Use the code “MADMC” for our church’s discount and make sure to click “Apply” for the code. The cost is only \$300 for our church members and guests!



SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for our next meeting Thursday, September 11th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall room 122.



Delta Grace
Sunflower, Mississippi

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next Delta Grace mission day is set for Saturday, October 18. This is a great opportunity to serve with your children and grandchildren or with your small group and friends. Registration will open soon. Contact Matthew Thompson (wmatthewt@gmail.com) for more information.

SINGLE FRIENDS

A group of Christian singles (ages 50+) following Christ. Join us for weekly dinners, movie nights, potlucks, and more—we'd love to have you!



SINGLE FRIENDS UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATES

(9-4) Thursday: Cock of The Walk - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.

(9-11) Thursday: Fernando's Fijita Factory - Madison - 6:00 p.m.

Call Afton Pike at 720-220-5171 to reserve your seat.

Life After Loss



A compassionate group devoted to supporting individuals through the journey of grief after losing a loved one.

LIFE AFTER LOSS FALL DATES:

September: 17th

October: 1st, 15th

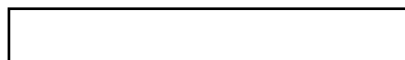
November: 5th, 19th

December: 3rd

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
Chris, Amanda, and Parker Strobel