



Madison Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 1

January 7, 2026

## WAM IS BACK

01.14.2026

DINNER - 5:15 P.M.

GROUPS AND STUDIES - 6:15 P.M.



MAKING

*New Room*

FOR THE MISSION

**8:30 & 10:45**  
IN THE CHAPEL

### A New Year with New Room for New People

As we enter this new year, we give thanks for the many ways the Lord continues to bless our growing congregation.

In making new room for the mission, we encourage you all to be in prayer for our new service, and specifically, pray for who it is in our community you will invite to be a part of what God is doing at Madison Methodist Church!



Special thanks go to our Christmas Choir, Orchestra, and Lori Blount for their wonderful "All is Well" Christmas music program. You can rewatch it on our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@madisonmcms>).



**SAVE THE DATE:  
FEBRUARY 20-21**

**MADISON METHODIST MEN'S CLUB**

Join Madison Methodist Men's Club for their monthly meeting on Sunday, January 18th at 7 a.m. They will have a great breakfast, followed by a short meeting/presentation.

**Please consider starting or resuming a Bible reading plan. Here are several suggestions for 2026:**

<https://www.dailyaudiobible.com>

This is a daily reading of a psalm, proverb, Old Testament, and New Testament reading with some commentary.

<https://www.thebible Recap.com>

This is a podcast that summarizes several chapters of a Bible reading plan each day.

<https://www.youversion.com>

This app and website have several translations, audio recordings of each chapter, and multiple Bible reading plans.

<https://www.thebibleproject.com>

This reading plan takes you straight through the Bible but provides you with videos to accompany your reading. The videos include themes, word studies, and overviews of books of the Bible.

<https://www.blueletterbible.org>

The Blue Letter Bible app and website provide powerful tools for an in-depth study of God's Word through their online reference library and offers a variety of Bible reading plans.

<https://tyndale.com/sites/oneyearbible/>

Order a one-year reading plan in printed Bibles.



# SPRING 2025 STUDIES & EVENTS

## Pastor Led Bible Studies:

Pastor Study: Rev. Barry Male (Sanctuary) Ages: All ages / "Acts of the Apostles."

Rev. Robert McCormick (Room 201) Ages: All ages / "The Awakened Life" What is Awakening and why do we need it?

Rev. Jim Genesse (Room 204) Ages: All ages / "From Helping to Hallelujah"

## Small Groups:

Women's Group (Room 118) Ages: All ages / Study: Starved by Amy Seifert. Contact person is Mandy Smilie (mandysmilie@gmail.com). Meets in Room 127.

Singles and Couples Group (Room 208) Ages: 30-45 / Study: Guardrails by Andy Stanley.

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)

## SAVE THE DATE:

# 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!



## JANUARY 14

### Adult Meal:

Cheeseburger Meatloaf  
Roasted Potatoes  
Green Beans with  
Caramelized Onions  
Steamed Vegetable Medley  
Super Salad Bar

### Kids Meal:

(5th grade and under)  
Cheeseburger Sliders  
French Fries  
Green Beans  
Brownies

### Desserts:

Triple Chocolate Brownies, Chocolate Cake with Oreo Buttercream, Lemon Drizzle Bundt Cake, Sugar Free Gluten Free Brownies, Mixed Fruit Cup

## JANUARY 21

### Adult Meal:

Chicken Thighs with  
Tomato Caper Sauce  
Southern Pork Wellington  
Cheese Grits  
Turnip Greens  
Roasted Carrots  
Super Salad Bar

### Kids Meal:

(5th grade and under)  
Fried Chicken Strips  
Cheese Grits  
Carrots Sticks & Ranch  
Dressing  
Chocolate Chip Cookies

### Desserts:

Chess Squares, Chocolate Chip Pie, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Sugar Free Oatmeal Cookies, Mixed Fruit

# NEXT STEPS CLASS

SUNDAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 25

9:45 - 10:30

IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER  
(THE GYM)

# 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	Jim Grissom	Beau Pace
Kathy Burns	Carlene Howard	David Stanard
Betsy Buffington	Vernon Hull	Janice Stenmark
Connie Bush	John Kirk	Jeanne Tew

### ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES / RETIREMENT HOMES

**The Blake:** Fabia Smith, Faye Montgomery, Bill & Babs Ellis  
**Beau Ridge:** Frankie Mitchell; Joan Winstead; Tina Holliday; Martha Walton; Barrie McArthur  
**St. Catherine's Village:** Lou Jennings; Rosalind Ross; James Potts; Jerry Zoble; Lib Sistrunk, Maritta Mullet  
**Home Place:** Evelyn Palmer; Margaret Mason  
**The Orchard:** Beverly Harvey; 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
Mary Ann Odom	Mother to Elizabeth Carr
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
Austin Nutt	Nephew of Buck Buchanan
Hall Peters	Family of Bam Magruder
Scott Byrd	Nephew of Linda Barker
Tucker Stafford	John & Sharon Kirk's grandson
Quay Randle	Angie Smith's cousin
Gates Mims	Family friend of Regina Brock
Helen Martin	Mother of Sara Male

#### **SPRC UPDATE:**

Our church treasurer will be working off-site on Fridays in 2026. You can contact her on those days through her email, Janice Stevens ([janice@madisonmc.org](mailto:janice@madisonmc.org)).

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our sympathy to the family of:

-Bill Wiseman, brother of Jim Wiseman, passed away on December 24, 2025.

We congratulate:

Austin and Chandler McCutchen who were married on December 13, 2025. Her parents are church members, Joey and Evy-An Ray.

### MMC REPORT WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

12/24/25	1:00- 2:30 p.m. - 220
	3:00 p.m. - 707
	5:00 p.m. - 625
	7:00 p.m. - 221

12/28/25	565
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1/4/26	829
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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to our church family for all your expressions of love and support for us during this holy season. It is a joy for us to be able to serve alongside you in this congregation as we join hearts and hands in making disciples for Jesus and spreading scriptural holiness everywhere we go. May God's blessings be yours in the coming year.

- The Church Staff

## 2026 MINISTRY COMMITTEES

### STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Bridgett Chisolm

Class of 2026	David Faulkner	Stephen Smith	Bridgett Chisolm
Class of 2027	Marchelle Pace	Bert Vandevere	David Ellis
Class of 2028	Anne Cross	Brad Godfrey	Leslie Leon

Ex Officio: Lay Leaders: John Smith, Olivia Martin  
Pastor: Rev. Barry Male  
Administrative Pastor: Jim Genesse  
Member of Annual Conference: Bob Hughes

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: TBD at first meeting in January

Class of 2026	Beth Brown	Billy Brunt	Mitcie Reid
Class of 2027	Anne Jernigan	Mason Phillips	Chris Rosson
Class of 2028	Steve Williams	Lisa Milling	Grant Jones

Ex Officio: Pastor: Rev. Barry Male, Administrative Pastor: Jim Genesse  
Facilities Manager: Doug Owens

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Ed Simmons

Class of 2026	Larry Peeples	Cindy Warner	Ed Simmons
Class of 2027	Greg Shows	Jason Sanderson	Steve Chapin
Class of 2028	Brad Gatlin	Ann Kelly	Jay Atkinson

Financial Secretary: Lisa Heard  
Administrative Council: Larry Bourne  
Lay Leaders: John Smith, Olivia Martin  
Lay Member of Annual Conference: Cary Breedlove, Bob Hughes, Diane Goolsby  
Stewardship: Ron Bailey  
Trustees Chair: Mason Phillips  
Staff Parish Relations Chair: Bridgett Chisolm  
Lord's Acre: Dorothy Terry  
Special Gifts: Dave Robinson  
Pastor: Rev. Barry Male  
Administrative Pastor: Jim Genesse  
Treasurer: Janice Stevens

### LAY LEADERSHIP/NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Rev. Barry Male

Class of 2026	Bruce Smith	Katy Reese	Jennifer Mayo
Class of 2027	Eddie Eargle	Bob Graves	Karen Harper
Class of 2028	Kirk Scoggins	Suzanne Parker	Bob McElroy

Ex Officio: Lay Leaders - John Smith, Olivia Martin

### KIDS MINISTRY TEAM

Chair: Kristin Reynolds

#### Weekday Ministries Subcommittee

Megan Cretella – Term expires 2026  
Madison Smith – Term expires 2027  
Casey Chamblee – Term expires 2028

#### KIDS Ministry Leadership Team

Hannah Gregory – Term expires 2026  
Katie Smith – Term expires 2027  
Hannah Jones – Term expires 2028

### VIPs MINISTRY

Chair: Tanya Brieger

Members: Linda Barker, Sandra Grissom, Cynthia Lauderdale, Sue Lauderdale, Kathy Long

Staff: Rev. Linda Rickman

## STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM

Chair: Lisa Anglin

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

LAY LEADERS: John Smith, Olivia Martin

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR: Larry Bourne

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Cary Breedlove

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Diane Goolsby

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Bob Hughes

ALTERNATE MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Gay Hughes

RECORDING SECRETARY: TBD

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Bridgett Chisolm

TRUSTEES CHAIR: Mason Phillips

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR: Ed Simmons

TREASURER: Janice Stevens

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Lisa Heard

AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Class of 2026 Tim Climer Neil Osborne Brian Smith

Lashlee Whittington David Cretella

Class of 2027 Shari Lee Charlie Hodges Lori Beth House

Class of 2028 Loreleigh Phillips Drew Smith Ken McDonald

KID'S MINISTRY: Kristin Reynolds

STUDENT MINISTRY: Lisa Anglin

METHODIST MEN: Sammy Barmer

OLDER ADULTS (VIP'S): Tanya Brieger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Bobby and Nita Henry

MISSIONS COUNCIL: Dave Coon

STEWARDSHIP: Ron Bailey

LORD'S ACRE COMMITTEE: Dorothy Terry

CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEAM: Taylor Archer

CONNECTION TEAM: Pat McNulty

PASTORS: Rev. Barry Male, Rev. Linda Rickman, Rev. Robert

McCormick, Rev. Jim Genesse

## WOMEN'S SPRING 2026 BIBLE STUDIES

### Faithful Friends: Approximate Ages (60+)

When: Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Room 206 (Fellowship Hall)

Study: Ten Men of the Bible

Contact: Anne Cross

### Redeemed: All Ages (resumes JAN 6 2026)

When: Tuesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Study: Bible Recap (Tara Leigh Cobble)

Contact: Tracey Thompson

### Friends in Faith: All Ages (resumes JAN 14 2026)

When: Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)

Study: Luke (Gut-Level Compassion)

Contact: Rev. Linda Rickman

### Sisters: All Ages (resumes JAN 8 2026)

When: Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)

Study: The Lord's Prayer

Contact: Patricia Stanfield

### Inductive Bible Study: All Ages (resumes JAN 8 2026)

When: Thursdays at 5 p.m. (\*\*moved from Sunday evenings\*\*)

Location: Administrative Conference Room

Study: II Corinthians

Contact: Camie Young

### Madison Community Bible Study (resumes JAN 6 2026)

When: Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)

Study: Genesis

Contact: Amanda Sullivan

### Naomi-Ruth Circle

When: 1st Monday of the month, 9:45 a.m.

Location: Room 122 (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Sue Lauderdale

For more information on Women's Bible Studies, contact Rev. Linda Rickman.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Rise Against Hunger food-packing event:  
February 8th



**KIDS MINISTRY**  
Renee Scales renee@madisonmc.org

This past month, we enjoyed a 6th Grade Ugly Christmas Sweater Party, 4th & 5th Grade "O Holy Light" Scavenger Hunt, Steps to the Stable with our 1st-3rd graders, and Pancakes & PJs with our 21/2-K5! Thank you for sharing this season with us!



**KIDS - CREATED BY GOD FOR 5TH GRADERS!**

Registration is limited to 25 students on a first-come-first-served basis, and members/regular attendees of Madison MC will be given priority. There is a **\$15.00 charge for the book**. To register, please scan the QR code. After the class is full, we will start a wait list.

**Required Parents/Guardians-** Thurs., Jan. 22 - 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room

**Students** - Fri., Jan. 23 - 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room Sat., Jan. 24 - 8:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Students & Parents/Guardians** Sat., Jan. 24 - 2:00-3:00 p.m.



**KIDS MINISTRY NEWS**

We are excited to be upgrading our playground areas. The large playground is receiving a new turf surface, and the small playground is getting new equipment, a sun awning, and a new turf surface. These improvements will make our outdoor ministry areas safer and cleaner and will require less maintenance. They will be used by our Weekday Preschool and After School programs, as well as our KIDS ministry for the congregation. Thanks to the Board of Trustees for making this happen, and thanks to the congregation for your generosity in supporting our ministry with children.



STUDENT MINISTRY  
Michael Davis michael@madisonmc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:



The graphic features a vibrant orange and red background on the left with a circular logo containing a stylized 'M' and the word 'STUDENTS'. Below the logo, the text 'COLOR WAR KICKOFF' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, a white banner contains the text 'SUNDAY, JAN. 11'. To the right of the graphic is a photograph of four male students standing outdoors, smiling, with colorful paint splatters on their faces and white t-shirts. The t-shirts have various logos, including 'PGA jr. league', 'NATIONAL CHAMPIONS', and 'ROBOTICS'.

**STUDENTS**

**COLOR WAR KICKOFF**

**SUNDAY, JAN. 11**

**TOGETHER  
WEEKEND**

**JAN 30 - FEB 1**



**REGISTER  
HERE!**

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**All students grades 6-12 are invited!**



## MISSIONS

### Madison Missions Spotlight: Western Asia/ Eastern Europe missionaries

Here are updates from missionaries we support in an undisclosed area of Western Asia/Eastern Europe. Their ministry is in a country that is 95% Muslim and many from their underground church face persecution due to their faith.

#### 1. Baptisms

Their team is thrilled to report that 11 Muslim people decided to follow Jesus in 2025! Their team is investing in discipling these new believers. Please continue to pray for them to grow in faith as they face opposition from their families and communities.

#### 2. Coffee House Outreach

Their Coffee House Outreach continues to have a significant impact and provides a port of entry for their team and church members to meet and build relationships with people who do not know the Lord. They had a lovely gathering prior to Christmas with their team.

Go to our website (<https://madisonmc.org/missions/#missionsform>) to fill out a missions form to let us know if you have any questions about this ministry or if you want to find ways to personally support those missionaries.

#### The Connection

The Connection is a Ridgeland-based student ministry that our church hosts on Monday evenings. It will resume on January 12. Contact Sarah Lagen at [sarahlagen@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahlagen@yahoo.com) to learn about how you can volunteer.



We're happy to share that our pickleball ministry delivered a \$2,800 check to support the children's Christmas at the Methodist Children's Home.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible!



### Pathfinders Sunday School Christmas Party (December 11, 2025)

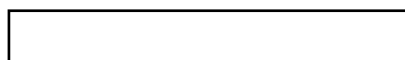




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### **CONFIRMATION**

**Adeline Ellis** was confirmed at our 10:45 a.m. service  
on **December 21.**