

MADISON METHODIST CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

People of every generation being transformed by Jesus

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WELCOME CASEY CHAMBLEE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is very excited to announce Casey Chamblee as our new Director of Children's Ministries beginning August 1st. Her love for our church and our children was very evident in our interviews with her and by how she has routinely served in a variety of roles in our KIDS Ministry. She has also been a Lead Teacher at our Preschool. Her professional education is in Social Work and Family Counseling through Mississippi State University. Our leaders who have worked directly with Casey on our KIDS Ministry Team and in the Preschool have voiced their enthusiastic support to have Casey serve in this role. We are really excited about what God will do through Casey's leadership with our KIDS Ministries. We asked her to share a few words about her new role.

"I am excited and honored to serve as the Director of Children's Ministry. My passion is helping children come to know and love Jesus while partnering with families as they nurture their children's faith. With a background in preschool education and a heart for ministry, I love creating a safe, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment where every child feels valued, encouraged, and

excited to grow in their relationship with Christ. My husband, Brantley, and I have been blessed with three wonderful children: Quinn, Smith, and Mazie. As a wife and mother, I understand the joys and challenges of raising children to know and love the Lord, and I consider it a privilege to walk alongside other families in that journey. I look forward to getting to know the children, parents, and volunteers of our church family and am excited to see all that God has planned for our Children's Ministry. My prayer is that every child who walks through our doors experiences the love of Christ, builds lasting friendships, and develops a strong foundation of faith that will last a lifetime."

NEXT STEPS CLASS

SUNDAYS, BEGINNING AUGUST 9TH

9:45 – 10:30

IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
(THE GYM)

Are you a new member or just wanting more information about our church family? If so, join us beginning August 9th for a great opportunity to explore membership at our church and 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!



New Room
WORSHIP SERVICE

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For the month of August, our New Room service will be re-located to the Multi-Purpose Room. A year ago, we launched our New Room service in the chapel with clarity that we needed to make new room to invite, disciple, and care for those who are here at Madison Methodist and those who are coming to join us in worship on a weekly basis. We needed to make room for the mission. As August approaches, we anticipate the number of those worshipping with us to exceed the capacity of the chapel, so we will make a temporary move to the MPR. The service will not be changing, we just want to ensure we are making room for everyone to encounter God's transforming grace through worship this August. As we are making room, we encourage you all to be in prayer and ask the Lord who it is in our community you will invite to be a part of what God is doing at Madison Methodist Church!



PROMOTION SUNDAY

AUGUST 2

- 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 us know if your child has a food allergy!



SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST VIP
Tuesday, August 4

Our next VIP luncheon for adults 55+ will be held in the Christian Life Center at noon on Tuesday, August 4. The program will be presented by Raphael Semmes, jazz musician. The meal will be the following: Oven BBQ chicken, million dollar potato salad, squash casserole, fried okra, broccoli cornbread, tomato & cucumber salad, and fresh strawberry cake. The cost is only \$7 per meal. Only one meal per VIP and no takeouts. Reservations may be made on the pew pad by Sunday, July 26, or online at jone@madisonmc.org or by calling her at the church office at (601)856-6058. The deadline for making a reservation is Thursday, July 30, at noon. Plan ahead to join us for a delicious meal, great fellowship, and an entertaining program.



Wednesday, August 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Family event for KIDS Ages 3 – 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.
- Bring your backpack, your Chromebook, iPad, dance bags, gym bags, or other back-to-school bags!

NURSERY PROVIDED

Concerns of Our Church Family

Madison MC Prayer Ministry Team List:

Please send all prayer requests to:
prayer@madisonmc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS - MMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Moody Family	Margaret Mason
Vicki Blake	David Goolsby	Frankie Mitchell
Hayden Briscoe	Dick Harris	Beau Pace
Kathy Burns	Clare Harris	Mac Phillips
Betsy Buffington	Vernon Hull	David Stanard
Connie Bush	John Kirk	Janice Stenmark
Andy Dickie	Barbara Martin	Jeanne Tew

ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES / RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Faye Montgomery; Bill Ellis

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joan Winstead; Martha Walton; Barrie McArthur

Brookdale: Babs Ellis

St. Catherine's Village: James Potts; Jerry Zoble; Lib Sistrunk; Maritta Mullet; Tom Stovall

Home Place: Evelyn Palmer; Margaret Mason

The Orchard: Beverly Harvey; Amy Loflin; Joyce Logue

Sunnybrook: Jim & Johnnie Miller

Nichols Center: Barbara Mapp

Pine Forest Health & Rehabilitation: Willie Moore

Ridgeland Place: Pat Bruce; 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
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	Grandson of John & Sharon Kirk
Robyn Clark	Family friend of Regina Brock
Helen Martin	Mother of Sara Male
Chris Mitchell	Mother of Mollie Sims'



Join us for our first Wednesday Nights at Madison for the fall, followed by a WAM Worship Night starting at 6:15 p.m.

We need your help! We are in need of a few good people to help with prep and clean-up for our WAM meals.

Prep work is on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon.

Clean-up is after the meals on Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Lifting chairs and tables is required.

Please contact Julie Tipton at julie@madisonmc.org if interested.

MMC REPORT WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7/12/26	830
7/19/26	764

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

We offer our sympathy to the family of:

- Herb Mays, who passed away on July 15.

Flapjacks & Floaties for our preschool kids!



Spinners trip with the 4th and 5th graders!



6th grade outing to El Ranchito!



1st-3rd grade water slide fun!



STUDENT MINISTRY
Michael Davis michael@madisonmc.org

Our students M28 Retreat at Lake Junaluska!



MISSIONS



madisonmc.org/pickleball
for beginners and advanced players

We need people to serve and to host during our Pickleball sessions. You would greet people as they arrive and be available during the play sessions. This is a growing ministry, and it has become a way for many people to connect with other ministries in our church. This would also be a great way to meet people from our community and our church.

Sessions are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 12:30-2:30 p.m. and Monday night 6:00-7:30 p.m. Contact Susan Hierlmeier at (813)299-6558 with questions or to volunteer.



(7/23) Thursday: Jutamas Thai Restaurant - Ridgeland
6:00 p.m.

(7/30) Thursday: Sal & Phil's - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.

To reserve your seat, please call Afton at
(720) 220-5171.

UPCOMING MINISTRY MOMENTS:

Our summer mission teams will share Ministry Moments at all our worship services of the following dates:

August 9 – Moody Honduras mission team
August 23 – Student Ministry mission teams



Our church family will join with other churches in the Metro area to rehab a house (812 Stonewall Street, Jackson) on Saturday, August 22, and we plan to repair the exterior of the home. There will be two shifts from 7:45 a.m.-noon and from 12:45-4:00 p.m. Please email our Habitat for Humanity chairperson at coondw@bellsouth.net with any questions or to register for the mission day.



Dear MMC,

Amazing! That is all I can put into words about your incredibly generous VBS kids and a full match! I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. Madison Methodist Church is a tremendous blessing to us. Your support helps our kids experience the typical life milestones their peers enjoy: prom outfits, driver's ed lessons, spring break trips. These things help our traumatized youth rewrite their stories as they rebuild their lives.

We will have great joy letting our teens know that they are loved by a church full of kids they've never met. This is the perfect illustration to share with our kids – Christ loved them first before they even knew his name.

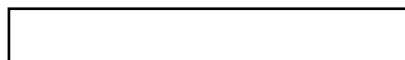
Bless your children at MMC! Bless your youth leaders, your volunteers, and your staff!

Gretchen Cook, CEO

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NEW MEMBERS:
John and Patrice Worley



BAPTISM:
Roman James McWilliams

