

MADISON METHODIST CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

People of every generation being transformed by Jesus

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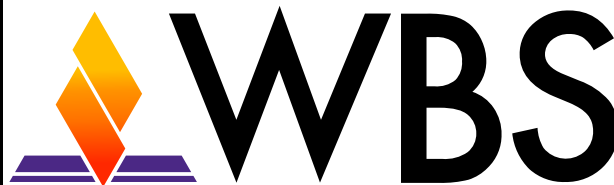


GMC GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church, will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 30 – September 5, 2026. The theme is “The Beauty of Holiness” and unites clergy and lay delegates worldwide for prayer, worship, and decision-making. It serves as a vital time for spiritual renewal and discerning God’s will together. This historic decision marks the first time the denomination’s General Conference will be held on the African continent. It is a powerful affirmation of the Global Methodist Church’s commitment to being a truly global movement. An action that will have a direct impact on the Mississippi – West Tennessee Annual Conference is the election of a new episcopal leader to replace our Bishop Scott Jones who is retiring. Follow the proceedings at <https://www.beautyofholiness2026.org/>. The traveling delegation includes our own Andy Miller and Robert McCormick with Jim Genesse in an alternate role. Please be in prayer for safe travel and spirit led conferencing. We encourage you to follow the prayer guide found at this link: <https://www.beautyofholiness2026.org/14-day-prayer-guide>.

WAM WORSHIP NIGHT!

We had a huge crowd and an incredible meal as well as a wonderful night of worship for our first night of WAM for the fall semester! Special thanks to Julie Tipton and her kitchen volunteers and to the worship team that led us for the WAM Worship Night!



The online Wesley Institute at Wesley Biblical Seminary is available at any time. The Wesley Institute gives you access to seminary-level instruction designed for lay people to understand and use. They offer two tracks of study:

Bible Track:

This track covers the content and structure of all 66 books of the Bible as well as key biblical topics. You will have a comprehensive understanding of the whole Bible from start to finish.

Theology Track:

This track covers an in-depth study of Christian theology and how to defend the faith. You will gain a robust understanding of historical theology, systematic theology, and apologetics.

Our church scholarships half of the cost for these courses! Go to wbs.edu/institute to select a track and to listen to a testimonial video from one of our church members about these courses.

FALL STUDIES 2026

WAM BIBLE STUDIES

Rev. Barry Male - Jeremiah: The Persevering Prophet - meets in Sanctuary.

Rev. Robert McCormick - Kingdom Circle Class - meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Small Groups:

Women's Group (Room 118) Ages: All ages / Study: Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver.

Common Ground Small Group (Room 208) Singles and Couples Ages: 30-45 Study: The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer.

Life After Loss Main Group (Room 122) Ages: 45-80 Study: Guest speakers, support groups Dates: 1st Wednesday of the month

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Faithful Friends

Location: Monday Homes of members

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Study: Concluding Luke; new study: John (Melissa Spoelstra) Contact: Anne Cross (601) 946-6050

Resume date: Monday, August 24

Redeemed: All ages

Location: Tuesday in the Multipurpose Room

Time: 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Study: Bible Recap (Tara Leigh Cobble)

Contact: Tracey Thompson (601) 906-1744

Resume date: Continuing through December

Friends in Faith: All ages

Location: Wednesday Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)

Time: 11am-12:15 p.m.

Study: Angels (Melissa Spoelstra)

Contact: Rev. Linda Rickman (601) 856-6058 or linda@madisonmc.org

Resume date: Wednesday, September 2

Sisters: All ages

Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall)

Date/ Time: Thursday at 9:30-11 a.m.

Study: The Jesus Shaped Life (Lisa Harper)

Resume date: Thursday, August 20

Contact: Patricia Stanfield (601) 259-0480

Madison Community Bible Study

Location: Room 204 (Fellowship Hall),

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Study: Joshua

Contact: Amanda Sullivan (662) 822-7295

Resume date: Tuesday, September 15

For further information, contact Rev. Linda Rickman at (601)856-6058

AUGUST VIP PICTURES



BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR NEXT ONE!

SEPTEMBER VIP LUNCHEON

Our next VIP luncheon for adults 55+ will take place in the Christian Life Center at noon on Tuesday, September 1. The program will be presented by Naomi Barnette, a Patsy Cline tribute singer. The menu is the following: Calico cowgirl salad; chuck wagon steak with gravy, sautéed mushrooms and onions; rice; green beans with crispy onions; roasted maple carrots; cloverleaf rolls and lemon delight. The cost is only \$7 per meal. Reservations may be made on the pew pad, online, or by calling Jone at the church office at (601)856-6058 no later than Thursday, August 27.

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	Beau Pace
Vicki Blake	David Goolsby	Mac Phillips
Hayden Briscoe	Vernon Hull	David Stanard
Kathy Burns	John Kirk	Janice Stenmark
Betsy Buffington	Barbara Martin	Jeanne Tew
Connie Bush	Margaret Mason	Al Watts
Andy Dickie	Frankie Mitchell	

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

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'
Dick & Clare Harris	Brother and sister in law of Margaret Mason

MMC REPORT

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

8/9/26	1071
8/16/26	1027

Wednesday Nights At Madison

Join us for food and fellowship at 5:00 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 noon each week. We hope you'll join us for WAM!

AUGUST 26

Adult Meal:

Chicken Salad Bake
Apricot Baked Ham
Roasted Potato Slices
Asparagus Tart
Calico Beans
Summer Bounty Salad
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal:

(5th grade and under)
Cheesy Chicken Pockets
Tater Tots
Orange Slices
S'mores Cereal Treats

Desserts:

Peanut Butter Fudge Cake, Blueberry Almond Crisp,
Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Bars, Snickerdoodle
Cookies, Assorted Ice Cream Bars

SEPTEMBER 2

Adult Meal:

Cheeseburger Bacon
Meatloaf
Country Green Beans
Red Skin Mashed Potatoes
Cauliflower Broccoli Salad
Skillet Corn
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal:

(5th grade and under)
Cheeseburger Sliders
Sweet Potato Fries
Applesauce Pouches
Cookies

Desserts:

Chocolate Chess Pie, Donut Bread Pudding, Mixed Fruit
Cup, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Assorted Ice Cream Bar

Giving to date: \$2,313,075

2026 Annual Budget - \$3,150,000

KIDS MINISTRY
Casey Chamblee casey@madisonmc.org

We had a wonderful time at our Blessing of the Backpack! It was a special evening as we gathered together to share a meal, pack a pencil bag with meaningful items, and pray over our children, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new school year. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event so meaningful!



Acolyte Training 2026



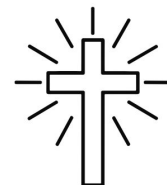
Dates & Times:

September 10th, 15th, 22th, & 24th

4:00-4:30 p.m., 4:30-5:00 p.m.

5:00-5:30 p.m.

Scan the QR code to sign
up!



Save the Date:

Parent Confirmation meeting on August
30 during Sunday School in the Chapel
Sanctuary.

If you are unable to attend that meeting,
you can attend the second meeting at
5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Sanctuary

STUDENT MINISTRY
Michael Davis michael@madisonmc.org

Family Group are back! Our students have had an awesome first few weeks of Family Groups! Check out some of these pictures to see more!



BEACH RETREAT 2026

OCTOBER 10-12 | PANAMA CITY, FL

REGISTER HERE!



SPEAKER:
LO ALAMAN

WORSHIP:
BEN LARSEN





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



AUGUST SINGLE FRIENDS ACTIVITIES:

(8/20) Thursday: Shaggy's - Brandon - 6:00 p.m.
(8/27) Thursday: Primos - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.

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

THE CONNECTION

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The connection needs 2 weekly program volunteers for their Ministry, which restarts on September 14.

Sign up for your class/group to host a meal here:



Our church family will join with other churches in the Metro area to rehab a house (812 Stonewall Street, Jackson) this 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.

Ministry Moment

UPCOMING MINISTRY MOMENT:

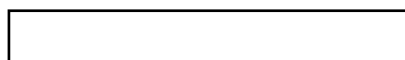
Our summer mission teams will share Ministry Moments at all our worship services of the following dates:

August 23 – Student Ministry mission teams

Madison Methodist Church
100 Post Oak Rd.
Madison, MS 39110
601- 856- 6058
madisonmc.org

Dated Material
Please deliver by: Saturday August 22, 2026

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jewel Sanders



Carl and Ashley Venable



Bradford, Whitney, Beckett, and
Joey Foster

