

MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 20

October 2, 2024

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



We will begin our annual stewardship focus in October. Our staff will mail a letter from our lead pastor and a link for your pledge to you in the next few weeks.

If you would prefer to have that letter and a 2025 Commitment Card emailed to you, please call the church office or email us at info@madisonmc.org. You can also make your pledge online by scanning the QR Code below.

We will hear wonderful lay testimonies, the Chancel Choir and Children's Choirs will bless us, and we will walk through a new sermon series through these weeks together. Commitment Sunday will be on October 20th, so please make plans now to be present for that day.



Global Methodist General Conference Recap:

The Global Methodist Church held our Convening General Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, September 20-26. The delegation from the Mississippi-West Tennessee Annual Conference included our own Andy Miller, III, and Jim Genesse. It was an incredible time of worship and lowship as hundreds of people gathered from around the world, representing over 30 countries. There was a wonderful sense of unity and purpose, all strengthened by the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit. As part of the official organization of the denomination a mission statement was adopted which states: "The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe."



Bishops Scott Jones and Mark Webb were formally elected to the GMC episcopacy, along with six new interim part-time bishops were elected to serve until 2026. They are: Kimba Everiste (Democratic Republic of the Congo); Carolyn Moore (North Georgia); Leah Hidde-Gregory (Mid Texas); John Pena Auta (Nigeria); Kenneth Levingston (Trinity); and Jeff Greenway (Allegheny West).

Legislative work provided for a lean and nimble organization in areas such as clergy education, and financial stewardship. New churches and new Annual Conferences around the world are continuing to align with the Global Methodist Church and planning is underway for the 2026 General Conference to be held in central Africa. We rejoice in what God is doing through the GMC and are excited to be part of this new Methodist movement.

Staff Parish Relations Committee update:

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has begun the hiring process for our Student Ministry position. Here are a few updates about that.

1. Rev. Cory Phillips will remain on our staff through the month of October. We will have a reception for him and his family on the morning of Sunday, October 27. We will share more details about that event in our next newsletter, through our social media, and on our website.
2. We are pleased to report that our Ministry Associate, David Torrent, and our Student Intern, Allie King, have committed to remain on our staff through at least the school year to help us through this transition!
3. Members from our Staff Parish Relations Committee had a wonderful meeting with our Student Ministry Team recently to hear their thoughts, hopes, and concerns about this process and the Student Minister position. We have a great team of student and adults leading that team!
4. We are beginning initial interviews with multiple candidates soon. Most churches find that the hiring process for a Student Minister takes many months, and we are committed to taking the time we need to find who God has for our students and for our church family.
5. Please contact Rhonda Boles, SPRC chairperson, and our pastors with any questions or concerns.
6. Most importantly, let's all be praying for God to open the door for the right person to lead our Student Ministry.



Our church family has sent a significant gift to Faith Responders for their disaster recovery work in helping those effected by Hurricane Helene.

The Global Methodist Church has a partnership with this ministry and you can learn more about them at www.thefaithresponders.org.

MADISON METHODIST
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

presents

SEASONS OF FAITH

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FAITH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00- 8:00 PM IN THE CLC
REGISTRATION IS \$15
PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 13

SPEAKERS

Elizabeth Buffington
Christine Selman
Beth Brown



Encounter Worship

SUNDAY • OCT 20
6:15PM
MADISON MC

**THIS WILL BE A TIME OF
PRAISE, WORSHIP,
TESTIMONY, AND PRAYER.**

**A NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
CHILDREN AGES 4 AND UNDER.**

MADISON BIBLE STUDY

FALL 2024
WOMEN'S STUDIES
& EVENTS

Sunday Evening Bible Study: All Ages
Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m.
Location: Administrative Conference Room
Study: 1 Corinthians
Contact: Camie Young (601) 622-2904

Faithful Friends: Ages approximate 60+
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Location: 111 Carriage Lane, Madison
Study: The Chosen- season 2 (with discussion books)
Contact: Anne Cross (601) 946-6050

Redeemed: All Ages
Tuesdays at 9:30-11 a.m.
Location: Multi-purpose room
Study: Isaiah (Sandra Richter)
Contact: Tracey Thompson (601) 906-1744

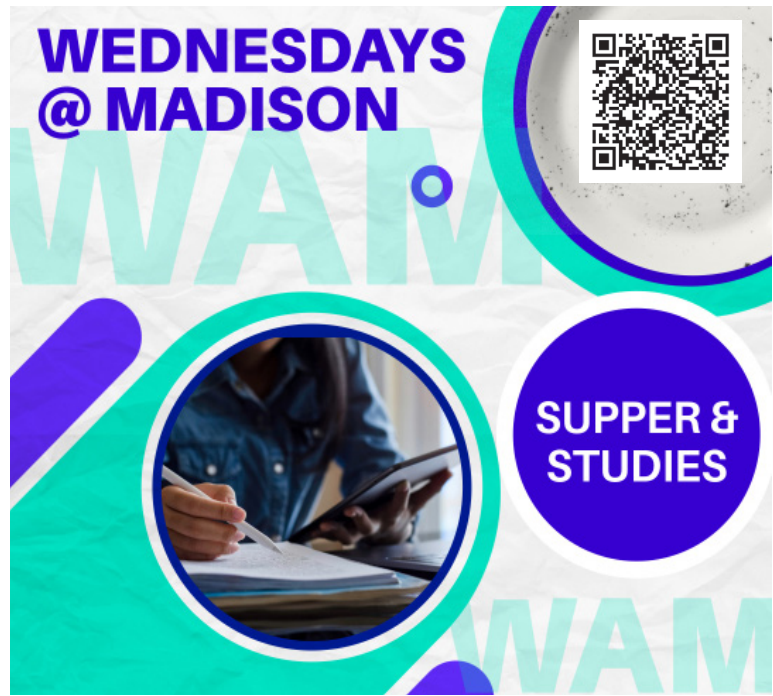
Friends in Faith: All Ages
Wednesdays at 11am-12:15 p.m.
Location: Multi-purpose room
Study: Deborah (Sandra Richter)
Contact: Rev. Linda Rickman (601) 856-6058
or linda@madisonmc.org

Sisters
Thursdays at 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Room 204
Study: Acts (Louis Giglio)
Contact: Patricia Stanfield (601) 259-0480

Madison Community Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10-11:30 a.m., Room 204
Study: Acts
Contact: Amanda Sullivan (662) 822-7295

Seasons of Faith Dinner
Thursday, October 17th, 6 – 8 p.m.

For further information, contact:
Rev. Linda Rickman Email: linda@madisonmc.org



Join us for food and fellowship at 5:15pm in the CLC. Please use the link or QR code to sign up for meals. Adults \$8/Children \$5. 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 each week. We hope you'll join us for WAM!

OCTOBER 16th MENU

Adult Meal

Creole Chicken
Muffaletta Pasta
White Cheddar Garlic Grits
Steamed Vegetable Medley
Cajun Fried Okra
Gambino's French Bread
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal

Oven Fried Chicken Strips
Cheesy Rice
Steamed Broccoli
M&M Cookies

Desserts

Apple Raisin Bread Pudding, Bayou Brownies
Snickerdoodle Cookies, Sugar Free Brownies

OCTOBER 23rd MENU

Adult Meal

Apple Cider Pork Roast
Oven Chicken Supreme
Creamed Turnip Greens
Southern Style Baby Lima Beans
Sweet & Sour Carrots
Tomato Upside Down
Cornbread
Super Salad Bar

Kids Meal

Ham & Cheese Sliders
Halloween Pretzel Mix
Count Chocula Bars

Desserts

Figgy Cake, Sweet Potato Bundt Cake, Chocolate Pecan Bars, Sugar Free Gluten Free Chocolate Almond Cookies



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	Janie Harris	Nora McInnis
Chris Ables	Phil Hnton	Frankie Mitchell
Leona Bishop	Carlene Howard	The Moody Family
Vicki Blake	Willie Moore	Kathy Burns
Vernon Hull	Beau Pace	Connie Bush
Brenda Johnson	Andy Reeves	Barbara Crews
Rhonda Loeb	Mollie Sims	Andy Dickie
Barrie McArthur	Paul Verneuille	Merle Ellis
Judy McArthur	Jeanne Tew	Rosa Verneuille



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; Ann Artmann; Martha Walton
 St. Catherine’s Village: Lou Jennings; Rosalind Ross; James Potts; Jerry Zoble; Velta Roberts; Lib Sistrunk, Maritta Mullet
 Home Place: Evelyn Palmer; Eddy Johnson; Wilma Harry
 The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard; Amy Loffin; Liles Williams; Joyce Logue
 Plain View: John Mason
 Sunnybrook: Jane Turnage; Jim & Johnnie Miller; Jim Stanard
 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
Rachel “Granno” Baas	Campbell Clarke’s great grandmother
Tim Curtis	Libby Gillenwater’s friend
Johnny Fulce	Father of Gayle Hart
Don Guy	Father to Jeff Guy
Kay Harrington	Kelly Brock’s sister
Erin & Parker Harris	Pat Baldwin’s family members
Wade Hanks	Friend of Debbie Hardee
Mandy Kimberly	Kelly Brock’s sister
Gary Lake	Friend of Debbie Hardee
Ken Lynch	Beau Pace’s friend
Martha Manuel	Mother to Linda Williams
Gates Mims	Friend of Regina Brock Family
Mary Ann Odom	Mother to Elizabeth Carr
Gaynell Roundtree	MC Regular Visitor
Carolyn Sheets	Carla Brittain’s mother

MMC REPORT	
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
9/22/24	648
9/29/24	770
Finances	
2024 Budget: \$2,600,000	
Given To Date: \$2,245,215	
Education Building Mortgage	
Balance \$947,234	

<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>
Smiley Ratcliff
Father of Steve Ratcliff
September 29, 2024
Don Guy
Father of Jeff Guy
September 21, 2024



We need extra hands from 5:45-6:15 p.m. on Wednesday nights to help supervise on the playground. You do NOT have to commit to every Wednesday night, volunteers on a rotational basis accepted!

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

October

Sunday, Oct. 20th KIDS Choir Sings - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. services

Sunday, Oct. 27th SonBeams Choir Sings - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. services

Monday, Oct. 28th KIDS Ministry Leader Team Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

November

Sunday, Nov. 10th Confirmation Sunday - 8:30 & 10:45 services

December

Wednesday, Dec. 11th (Wed PM 3-yr-olds - 5th graders) Christmas Music Program - 6:15 p.m.

February

6th-8th, 2025 Created by God (5th Graders) - Times to be Determined

June

16th-20th, 2025 VBS 2025 - 8:30-11:30 a.m.



Does your child want to participate in the acolyte ministry at Madison MC? We would like to start including the new acolytes (3rd graders and 4th & 5th graders who have not been trained) in the acolyte rotation beginning in October/November/December 2024. If your child is interested in serving, please complete the information/sign-up for training at this link:

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/ee1f11c9-3ffa-48cf-9d87-5d9f559d65af> or scanning this QR Code.



Faith Walk & Broom Hockey are some of our Confirmation Favorites



STUDENT MINISTRY
Cory Phillips cory@madisonmc.org

STUDENTS **MMC 2024-2025**
Student Calendar

FALL
8/4 - Family Groups Resume
9/15 - Game Night
10/12-14 - Beach Retreat
11/3 - Spooky Games
12/8 - Christmas Party

SPRING
1/5 - Family Groups Resume
1/17-20 - Elevate
1/31-2/2 - TogetherWeekend
4/6 - Not To Day
5/4 - Senior Wisdom Night
5/18 - Last Family Groups

To stay up to date with events and changes
text "mmcstudent" to 866-998-3838

Join the **CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:05 p.m. beginning October 16.

A special lunch & rehearsal will be held on October 27 after church.

To sign up contact lori@madisonmc.org or scan the QR code below.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Youth Game Night Fun!



MISSION/ OUTREACH
Steve Potter steve@madisonmc.org



Let's help young mothers who chose life through the Center for Pregnancy Choices by donating larger diapers (toddler and pull-up sizes) as well as wipes, baby shampoo, and baby lotion. Please bring donations to the Fellowship Hall during the month of September and place in the designated box marked for the CPC. For any additional questions about donations, please contact Katie Williams at (601) 540-3617.

SINGLE FRIENDS GROUP:

We are a group of Christian Singles following Christ, growing our faith, building community, and supporting local churches and outreach. Ages 50 to 70+. We have weekly dinners at local restaurants, movie nights, potluck dinners, and more. We'd love for anyone interested to join us.



October Events:

- (10-3) Thursday: Fernando's - Madison - 6:00 p.m.
 - (10-10) Thursday: Aplos - Madison - 6:00 p.m.
 - (10-12) Saturday: Jutamas Thai - Ridgeland - 5:00 p.m.
 - (10-17) Thursday: Cazadores - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.
 - (10-20) Sunday: Jason Deli - Madison - 12:00 p.m.
 - (10-24) Thursday: Cock of the Walk - Ridgeland - 6:00 p.m.
 - (10-31) Saturday: Shaggy's - Flowood - 5:00 p.m.
- Please let us know if you're coming, because some of these places get very busy and you may not have a seat. Any questions please contact: Afton Pike (720) 220-5171.

DELTA GRACE, NOVEMBER 9

What: Delta Grace Mission Trip
When: Saturday, November 9th
(6:00 am - 4:00 pm)
All skill levels are invited and all skills are needed. Whether you can use power tools, carry supplies, help clean up, make lunch or fellowship with the property residents, there is a place for all volunteers. The church will get you there and back. Lunch provided. For more information, contact Matthew Thompson wmatthewt@gmail.com or Steve Potter steve@madisonmc.org or visit <https://deltagrace.org>.



LIFE AFTER LOSS

Life After Loss is a compassionate group devoted to supporting individuals through the profound journey of grief after losing a loved one. Rooted in Christ-centered principles, our community provides a nurturing environment where members can openly discuss their feelings, share their experiences, and find solace in knowing they are not alone. Through heartfelt conversations and shared stories, we emphasize compassion and personal support ensuring that each person feels heard and validated in their unique grief journey.

Life After Loss stands as a testament to the power of community, compassion, and faith, offering a lifeline to those navigating the challenging path of grief. Join us the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6:15 p.m., in room 122. Call Fontaine Bowie at (601) 856-6058 for more information.

Interest Meeting:

Moody/ Legacy Mission International

Where: Honduras

When: Summer 2025

Meeting Details: Sunday, October 20th 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Lisa Anglin langlin@holmescc.edu

Do you like to craft, sew, paint, build, or bake?

Why not donate your creations to the New Spirit/Faithbuilder Craft and Bake Sale?

The sale will be on Sunday, November 3; Tuesday, November 5 (at VIP's); and Wednesday, November 6 (at WAM).

All proceeds will go the Moodys in Honduras

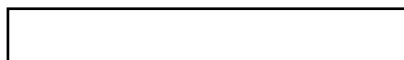
Donations should be brought to Room 127 on Sundays or on Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 am – noon in the Atrium.

Questions? Call Laura Isbell at 601-942-9817.

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601- 856- 6058
Website: www.madisonmc.org

Dated Material
Please deliver by: Saturday, October 5th, 2024

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lisa Harrell



Bobby & Julie
Blake



Dennis & Jacob
Hines



Brett, Lori
and Merritt Baker

