



The Tree of Life

August 1, 2015 | The Newsletter of Madison United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

08.02—8:30 & 10:45 am
Special Prayer Focus

08.09—2:00 pm
Church-wide Family
Fall Kick-Off

08.10—10:00 am
WMU Meeting

08.11—8:30 am
Double Nickels
Cracker Barrel

08.12—TBA
Preschool Open House

08.12—2:30 pm
Valley View Visit

08.18—9:00 am
Preschool Begins

08.19—12:30 pm
Double Nickels
Phil Sandoval's

08.26—2:30 pm
Valley View Visit

08.28—6:00 pm
Double Nickels
Game Night

08.29—11:00 am
Young Adult Cookout

Dear Madison Church,

One of the great hallmarks of the faithful people of God is their hospitality. Sometimes we entertain angels and are unaware of their presence. In genesis 18, Abram and Sarah entertain the angels.

On the afternoon of August 9 you have a wonderful opportunity to continue that great faithful tradition of hospitality among the people of God.

On that day we will hold our fall festival kick off. Invite all your friends. Invite people you barely know. Invite people that you meet in Walmart or Target. Just invite people. Invite. Invite. Invite. Show them the hospitality of the people of God. This is one more thing that we can invest in that will fulfill our purpose: to know Jesus, make him known, and plant his churches.

Details are inside this newsletter, on Facebook, and in an email that I will send out to the congregation. Let's make this the biggest fall kick off we've ever had!

Grace and Truth,

Dr. Travis N. Wilson - Lead Pastor

Upcoming Sermons:

August 2—The Names of The Father: Adonai

August 9—The Names of The Father: Ruach Ha'Kodesh

August 16—Sundays of Purpose: Knowing Him

August 23—Sundays of Purpose: Making Him Known

Announcements — Office@madisonum.org

Thank You...

Doug and I want to say thank you to everyone for your calls, cards and visits. It is such a blessing to be a part of God's family. We thank you especially for your prayers and we are looking forward to being back in church soon.

Sheryl and Doug Hemphill

Special Prayer Focus

Sunday! — 8:30 & 10:45 am

- Come for a special time of prayer at the altar for ...
- Students in K3 through 12th Grade

Handbell Choir

Sunday! — 4:00 pm

- Allison Edgecomb is excited about leading handbell choir this fall!
- Today we will meet 4:00-5:00 pm. We'll meet next on August 16th 4:00-5:30 pm to start our new year. Go ahead and mark that on your calendars!

New Grief Support Group!

July 30 — September — 3:00 pm

- A new six week grief support group "Life after Loss: A Journey to Healing" begins July 30th.
- The group will meet on Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm, July 30- September, in the third floor Game Room of Brookdale Place Jones Farm, 2815 Carl T. Jones Dr. SE. No charge.
- Reservations are requested but not required. Light refreshments will be served.
- For more information or to make a reservation, please phone Brookdale Place at [256 881-6111](tel:2568816111) or Rev. Malm at [256 883-6539](tel:2568836539).

Church-wide Family Fall Kick-Off

August 9 — 2:00 pm

- Come enjoy friends and fellowship on August 9th from 2:00-7:00 pm, with dinner served at 5:30 pm.
- We will have a water slide and moon bounce and food will be provided.
- This is a FREE event and is a great opportunity to invite your friends to meet your church family!
- Hope to see you all there!

United Methodist Women

August 10 — 10:00 am — P

- UMW will meet on Monday, August 10th at 10:00 am in the parlor.

Double Nickels

August

- August 11—8:30am Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- August 19—12:30pm Lunch at Phil Sandoval's
- August 28—6:00pm Game Night at Jean York's home

Preschool Events

August

- August 12—Open House
- August 18—Preschool Begins

Location Key — CLC (Christian Life Center) — S (Sanctuary) — YR (Youth Room)
N (Nursery) — CMR (Children's Ministry Room) — P (Parlor) — CFR (Conference Room)
MPR (Multi-purpose Room) — CHR (Choir Room)

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Valley View Visits

August — 2:30 pm — Valley View

- August 12
- August 26

College Bible Study

Mondays—6:00 pm

- We are doing the Study Jesus>Religion on Monday nights at 6:00 pm.
- Come join us for a study about how Grace, Love, and Mercy are greater than anything you've imagined.
- See how we have put God in a box, but God is a million times bigger and more amazing than you originally thought.

Save The Dates!

Various & Many

- Here are some great fall events that are coming. You won't want to miss these opportunities for fellowship, worship, prayer, and spiritual maturity.
- August 16, 23, 30—*Sundays of Purpose* - Join us as we celebrate Church and commit ourselves to the Lord and His purpose for us: to know Jesus, to make Him known and plant His churches.
- August 29—*Young Adult Cook Out at The Parsonage*—Ages 22-45+. Yes, bring your kids! BYOM! Trav & Becca will provide the sides and refreshments.
- September 13—*Requiem by Mark Hayes*—Presented by the Chancel Choir & MCCO Chamber Orchestra.
- September 19—*Doctor Who Premiere Dessert Party at The Parsonage*—7:00 pm until the ending credits—You know “Who” you are. Bring a dessert to share!
- September 30—*National Back to Church Day*
- October 3—*Fall Festival* - This is the community outreach event of the year. There will be 20,000 people at our front door! Just come and mingle and enjoy the atmosphere of Madison Downtown! We'll even have a nifty Madison Church t-shirt for you at a reasonable cost TBA.
- October 4—*United Methodist Women Bake Sale*—Help raise resources for local ministry through the UMW and get a tasty treat, too!
- October 11—*The Marriage Course*—Hey, Couples, are you ready for some fun and re-tuning for your marriage or long-term dating relationship? Guys, do you want to do this but are you afraid Pastor Trav is going to make you talk about your marriage in public? Worry no more! Join Trav and Becca as they lead *The Marriage Course*! For more info, please speak with Trav, Becca or click www.relationshipcentral.org/marriage-course. We will start at 5:30 p.m. We are working on planning a light meal. Talk it over with your spouse or potential spouse and then email trav@madisonum.org. Meeting calendar to be determined at the first meeting.
- October 16-18—*Silent Retreat at The Abbey of Gethsemani* (www.monks.org) - Join Pastor Trav at a silent spiritual retreat at one of the most historic monasteries in North America. There are only 7 slots for women and 4 slots for men that remain. Sign up now by speaking with Pastor Trav. We will use *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster as a guide. See www.monks.org for more information.
- October 25—*Church Wide Kingdom Fest* - Yes, we will dress up like knights & princesses and have a blast with food and games because Jesus fills us with His Spirit to be fun like that.

Northeast Alabama District Lay Servant Ministries

August 28-29

- The Northeast Alabama District will offer Lay Servant courses on August 28-29 at Trinity UMC:
 - Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course*
 - Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts* (Advanced Course)
 - United Methodist Polity* (Advanced Course)
 - Go Preach!* (Advanced Course)
- Course registration and information is online at: <http://northeastdistrictlsm.eventbrite.com>

Anniversaries

August 4: Stephen & Lynn Lee
August 6: Joseph & Stephanie Koswoski
August 8: Davis & Donna Blackwelder
August 12: Charles & Anne Erwin
August 15: Kenneth & Thelma Way
August 21: Bruce & Nicole Hall
August 22: Larry & Nancy Walter
August 30: Bob & Sue Defurio
August 31: Jimmy & Gwendolyn Russell

Birthdays

August 2: John Baucom, Danny Nichols & Joe Wassell
August 5: Joseph Koswoski & Griffin Stewart
August 7: Suzie Glover
August 13: Evelyn Gambrell
August 14: Amy Maynard
August 19: Bob Defurio, James Eaton & Sam Maynard
August 20: Tim Jackson
August 22: Sue Defurio
August 25: Janice Mason & Rachel Weaver
August 26: Paul Barrett, Jack McFalls & Dolores Nichols
August 27: Patsy Ryan
August 28: Katie McAlister, Gracie Rivers & Rich Weaver
August 29: Mary Bording & Annie Jordan

Ushers for August

Early Service: Kevin Glover, Sabrina Glover, Eric Stewart and Griffin Stewart
Late Service: Bob Hennessee, Bennett Perritt and Blake Perritt

Prayer Focus

- Madison United Methodist Church
- More of the Holy Spirit
- More Spiritual Gifts
- The United States of America
- Our elderly and our young
- Our military personnel
- All unspoken concerns
- The One Person or Family
- The Persecuted Church Around the World
- Michael Ballard (Nancy & Larry Walter)
- Kathleen Bryant (Lindsey Barrett)
- Kathy Flemish
- Robert Varnadore
- Sheryl Hemphill
- Doug Hemphill
- Lynn Lee
- Sallie Timme
- JoAnn Gore
- Craig Phillips (Byron Phillips)
- Nancy Enault
- Anna Thomason
- The Family of David Gifford (Jim & Nancy Sturdivant)
- The Family of William Hardie Banks (Sallie Timme)
- Scott Swenson (Florence Helman)
- Julie & William Gabel
- Don Thompson (Donnie Spencer)

Youth Ministry — Shannon@madisonum.org

White Water Rafting Trip

August 15

- The Youth are going white water rafting on August 15th. We will meet at 6:30 am and return 10-11 pm..
- The total cost of this trip will be \$100, which includes TWI rafting trips, zip line, food, and gas.
- If you're interested, please turn in your waivers, permission slip, and money by August 9th at the latest.

Sunday Night Youth Group!

Sundays — 6:00-8:00 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!
- We will be doing the study “*Why Jesus?*” by David Nasser.
- Culture is blurring the lines between different faiths. It is increasingly difficult for students to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique.
- This study addresses the tough questions that students have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our savior.

Wednesday Night Youth Group!

Wednesdays — 6:00-8:00 pm — YR

- All students 7th-12th grade are welcome!
- Come and learn about Jesus and the Bible in a fun and comfortable atmosphere.
- Some nights we play games, some nights we have movie lessons, but we always focus on Jesus.

Children's Ministry — Cynthia@madisonum.org

Two Nurseries: Infant & Toddler

SUNDAYS — 8:15 am to Noon — N

- Our nurseries are located outside the Youth Room. Infant Nursery cares for children aged birth to walking. Toddler Nursery cares for children aged walking until age 4.
- Jolene Farlow is the nursery supervisor and may be contacted by email at blazinsun_2001@hotmail.com.

Children's Church

SUNDAYS — Both Services — CMR

- Your children aged preschool through sixth grade are invited to join us after the Children's Moment.
- Age appropriate lessons this quarter from the book of Hebrews.

Children's Sunday School

SUNDAYS — 9:30-10:30 am — CMR

- We begin in a large group in our Children's Ministry Room with worship, offering and prayer.
- You'll pick up your child from their small group where they learn to follow Jesus. Details below:
- Preschool — Kindergarten: Pick Up in the Children's Ministry Room
- 1st — 3rd grade: pick up in Bear Room No. 5
- 4th — 6th grade: pick up in Education Building, Room No. 77

Children's Worship Arts

SUNDAYS — 4:00-5:00 pm — CMR

- Bring your kids to enjoy worship through new media: music, art, and crafts.
- Fellowship and Snacks are included.
- Ages preschool through 6th grade are invited.
- **No Children's Worship Arts on August 16th and 23rd.**

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To have an article placed in the newsletter, please send an e-mail to *office@madisonum.org*.

Upcoming Newsletter Mail-out Dates

August 15, 2015
September 1, 2015
September 15, 2015
October 1, 2015
October 15, 2015

Articles Due

August 10, 2015
August 26, 2015
September 9, 2015
September 25, 2015
October 9, 2015

Summer Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

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