



# MESSENGER

“Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ.”

No. 01

January 10, 2024

## Sunday Services, January 14, 2024

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m.



Dear Madison Methodist Family and Friends,

I cannot tell you how excited my family and I are to join you next month! We have been in constant prayer for what the Lord is preparing for us all in Madison. Before we arrive, I wanted to share a little bit about our family, what we’ve been doing and what we will be doing. Shaunna is currently a Guidance Counselor at Bayou View Middle School in Gulfport, but will be staying home for a few months to help us get settled and transitioned to all the new things that await us in Madison. Our 8 year old twins, Hollis and Evelyn, will be 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Madison Station and are pretty excited about playing soccer, exploring a new neighborhood and meeting some new friends. Libby, our 3 year old, will be at the preschool two days a week, while serving as Shaunna’s sidekick the rest of the week. Together, we look forward to getting settled, exploring Madison, and getting to know each of you!

There’s more to tell and our ministry journey over the last ten years is a story we love to tell – three kids, career changes, and degrees earned, along with both beautiful and transformative moments in ministry. We love to tell the story not because of what we have done, but because of the number of ways the Lord continually overwhelms us with His goodness and faithfulness. I can’t wait to share those stories with you over time, but the real excitement I have is the same we had ten years ago: the desire to walk with others deeper in faith and wider into the world with the gospel. Deep and wide together.

Shaunna, Hollis, Evelyn, Libby and I are thrilled to meet you and your families. Whether at church, the grocery store, over a cup of coffee or maybe even the soccer field, we cannot wait to connect with you, worship with you and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ together. Until then, know you are being prayed for daily. And pray for us, that God’s grace will go before us, preparing the way for something amazing, because we know – The Best is yet to Come!

Grace and Peace, Robert McCormick

## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Over the past several years our church has continued to grow in church membership and in mission and ministries. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee has talked off and on about the possibility of adding an Administrative Pastor to our church staff to give leadership to the administration of our church and our many ministries. The committee also knew it was important to give additional attention to the increased congregational care needs of our members.

The Administrative Council voted in 2023 to create an Administrative Pastor position to meet those and other needs. Our committee is incredibly pleased to announce that the Mississippi-West Tennessee annual conference of the Global Methodist Church has approved the appointment of Rev. Dr. Jim Genesse to our church as our Administrative Pastor. Rev. Genesse and his wife, Margaret, will come to serve with us sometime in late February or early March.



# **WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON (WAM) RETURNS JANUARY 17**

5:15-6:00 p.m.—Supper

5:45 p.m.—KIDS Choir & KIDS Play

6:15 p.m.—KIDS Ministry activities (KIDS Check-in)

6:15 p.m.—Student Ministry study (Lounge, Student Hall)

6:00 p.m.—Small Groups (For specific groups & start dates, see [madisonmc.org/node/5899](http://madisonmc.org/node/5899))

6:15 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study—(Sanctuary)

7:15 p.m.—Chancel Choir practice

Make sure to register for the meal **before TUESDAY** at noon by calling the church office or by filling out the online form at [www.madisonmc.org](http://www.madisonmc.org).

**Adult Meals \$8    Children's Meals \$5    Family Maximum \$26**  
**(TAKEOUT MEALS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE AFTER 5:55 p.m.)**

## **January 17**

### **Adult Meal**

Tomato Basil Soup

Bubba's Old Fashioned Chili

Chicken & Sausage Stew

Baked Potato with 20+ Toppings Bar

Baked Sweet Potatoes (very limited quantity!)

Super Salad Bar

### **Desserts**

Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Sugar Free Oatmeal Cookies

Mixed Fruit Salad

Chocolate Chip Pie

Lemon Drizzle Bundt Cake

Soft Serve Ice Cream

### **Kids Meal**

Oven Baked Chicken Strips

Baked Potato

Applesauce Pouches

Chocolate Chip Cookies

## **January 24**

### **Adult & Kids Meals**

Spinach Cheddar Eggs with Hollandaise Sauce

Texas Torte

Bacon

Sausage Links

Grits and the Great Grits Toppings Bar

Cinnamon Rolls

Mini Croissants

### **Desserts**

Blueberry Streusel Muffins

Cheese Danish

Maple Pecan Scones

Chocolate Chocolate Chip Mini Cakes

Greek Yogurt Parfait

Go Gurt Yogurt Tubes

Assorted Fruits

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## **Wesley Covenant Renewal Service** **Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adults are invited to participate in the Wesley Covenant Service that we will have on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will be a time of prayer, singing, and commitment. You can preview the service on pages 737-742 of our new hymnal.

The Life After Loss grief ministry, the Financial Peace University study, and other small groups will have their regular meetings on January 17. Some small groups will wait to begin on January 24. Check our website ([www.madisonmc.org/node/5899](http://www.madisonmc.org/node/5899)) for a listing of all of the studies and groups for this spring semester.

# Concerns of Our Church Family

## MADISON MC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM LIST

Please continue to turn in names and addresses of family/friends needing prayer for the MMC Prayer Ministry Team.

Please send all prayer requests to: [prayer@madisonmc.org](mailto:prayer@madisonmc.org)

### PRAYER REQUESTS—MMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Elbert Hilliard	Judy McArthur
Kirk Barnes	Phil Hinton	Carrie McDill
Vicki Blake	Vernon Hull	Frankie Mitchell
Cathy Burns	Laura Isbell	The Moody Family
Connie Bush	Ann Kelly	Willie Moore
Barbara Crews	Allen LaBan	Emily Morris
Merle Ellis	Jana Manlove	Thames Pemberton
Vickie Graves	Elizabeth Manning	Trey Russell
Russ Hackman	Barbara Martin	Mollie Sims
Janie Harris	Barrie McArthur	Maris Stanard
		Paul Verneuille

### PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Peezie Allred	Marvel Allred's daughter-in-law
Tim Curtis	Libby Gillenwater's friend
Shirley Franklin	Ruth Elam's friend
Kay Harrington	MMC regular visitor
Martin Holmes	Jack Holmes' brother
Mary Ann Odom	Elizabeth Carr's mother
Kelly Pope	Former MMC Pastor
Troy Rhodes	Jimmy & Brenda Johnson's friend
Gaynell Roundtree	MUMC regular visitor
Troy Rhodes	Jimmy & Brenda Johnson's friends

### ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES/RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan Winstead; Tina Holliday; Ann Artmann

St. Catherine's Village: Lou Jennings; Rosalind Ross; Mary Salvatore; James Potts; Jerry Zoble

Home Place: Barbara Mapp; Evelyn Palmer; Rosemary Taylor; Eddy Johnson; Phillip Perry

The Orchard: Maggie Hart; Beverly Harvey; Linda Howard

Plain View: John Mason

The Waterford: Margaret Mason

Sunnybrook: Jane Turnage; Peggy Maddox; Jim & Johnnie Miller

### *In Memoriam*

***Gil McAdory—12/27/23***  
Brother of Nancy Baumann

***Alberta Tucker—1/6/24***  
Mother of Mike Tucker  
Member of MMC

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

### **MMC REPORT**

#### Worship Attendance

12/17/23	704
12/24/23	667
12/24/23 evening	1,318
12/31/23	563
1/07/24	814

#### Finances

2023 Year-end Giving: \$ 3,024,333

Education Building Mortgage  
2023 Year-end Balance: \$1,188,875



Amy Cottrell & her son Sam Korb joined the MMC family on December 17.



Jimmy & Anna Nix and sons James, Jack, & Tait became a part of the MMC family on December 17.



Afton Pike became a member of MMC on December 31.

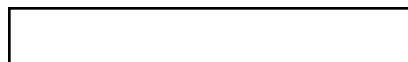
**Welcome to the MMC Church Family!**

Madison Methodist Church  
100 Post Oak Rd.  
Madison, MS 39110  
601-856-6058  
Website: [www.madisonmc.org](http://www.madisonmc.org)

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### BIBLE READING PLANS FOR 2024

The Reading Plans will no longer be listed in the *Messenger*. Visit our website (<https://madisonmc.org/node/5894>) to view various Bible reading plans for 2024.

### ATTENTION: ALL METHODIST MEN

Please join us for the Madison Men's Club for our monthly meeting Sunday, January 21. We start at 7:00 a.m. with a **great breakfast**, followed by a short meeting and presentation by **Wesley Blount**.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S

*Bloom 2024*



SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 17

Featured Speaker:  
Katy McCown

Author of "She Smiles Without Fear,"  
Host of "Best Day Ever" podcast, President of She  
Laughs Ministries, Writer for Proverbs 31 Ministries

\*More information coming soon

## KIDS MINISTRY

Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonmc.org](mailto:renee@madisonmc.org)

### CREATED BY GOD IS JANUARY 25-27, 2024

All 5th-grade students & their parents are invited to participate in an upcoming event called *Created by God*.

Registration is limited to 20 students on a first-come-first-served basis, and members/regular attendees of Madison MC will be given priority.

This is a time commitment on the part of parents/guardians, students, and volunteers, but the benefit is well worth the investment. In addition to being provided in an arena where accurate information and proper terminology can be gained and practiced, the students involved will better understand how their sexuality fits into God's plan for human relationships. Using a highly interactive approach to learning, *created by God* is a lot of fun for everyone involved.

The schedule is as follows:

**Required Parents/Guardians  
Students**

**Thurs. Jan. 25 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Fri. Jan. 26, 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Sat. Jan. 27, 8:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

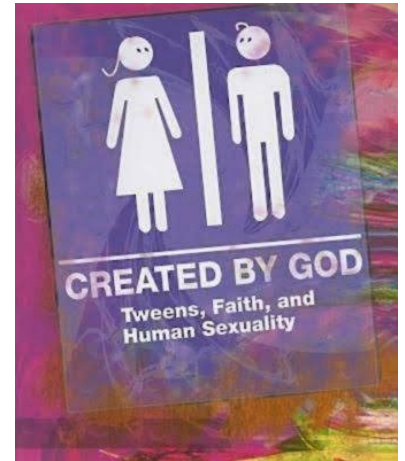
**Students & Parents/Guardians**

**Sat. Jan. 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

There is a **\$10.00 charge for the book**. Checks can be made payable to Madison MC. For your child to participate, you or another caregiver must attend the Parents Session as well as the Students/Parents Session.

To register, please scan the QR code.

**The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Jan. 16.** After the 16<sup>th</sup>, registration will be open to non-church members. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the church office (601-856-6058) or e-mail me at [renee@madisonmc.org](mailto:renee@madisonmc.org).





# Christmas Eve at MMC



MMC adopted 11 wish lists for youth of Methodist Childrens Home. Our church also purchased and the Journey of Faith SS class installed 5 in-ground basketball goals, donated a ball for each goal, and provided a punching bag at group homes on campus. Huge thanks to the church for purchasing the goals and Bert Vandevere for assembling them and leading the delivery and installation.



**MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
Steve Potter 601-856-6058 or email [steve@madisonmc.org](mailto:steve@madisonmc.org)

### **SINGLE FRIENDS GROUP**

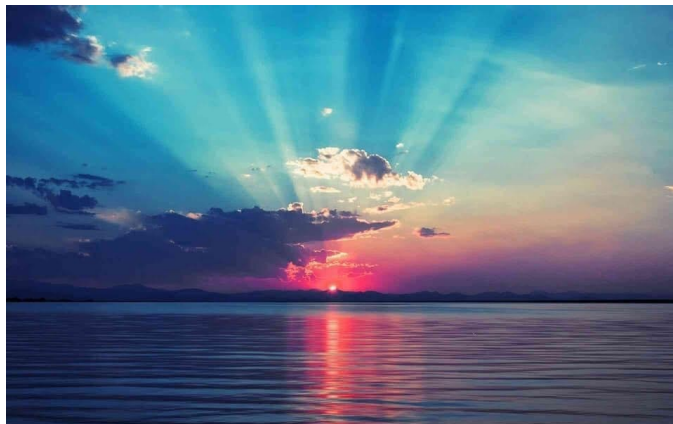
We are a group of Christian Singles following Christ, growing our faith, building community, and supporting local churches and outreach. Ages 50 to 70+.

We have weekly dinners at local restaurants, movie nights, potluck dinners, and more.

We'd love for anyone interested to join us.

Single Friends January Activity:

- ◆ (Jan. 11th) Thursday: LongHorn Steakhouse - Madison - 6:00 pm.
- ◆ (Jan. 18) Thursday: Georgia Blues - Madison - 6:00 pm.
- ◆ (Jan. 25) Thursday: Cock of the Walk - Ridgeland - 6:00 pm.



Any questions, reach out to Afton Pike (720) 220-5171 or Alison Richardson (601) 842-3300. Also for younger singles, Madison is working on a group for the future.



Our Annual Salt and Light Honduras Mission Trip is scheduled for June 6th - 13th. That is a Thursday to Thursday trip. All are welcome to come join us for a week of sharing the Love of Christ to the Honduran people in their villages and communities in the beautiful country of Central Honduras.

Our First team meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 21st. at 2:00 pm at St. Marks United Methodist Church, located at 400 Grants Ferry Road, Brandon. Madison Methodist partners with St Marks each year to carry on the ministries while in the Country. This will be a time of learning more about the Salt & Light Ministry, its history, the Mission Activities that are planned this year, cost of the trip, lodging, etc. This year our mission team will be made up of only St Marks and Madison team members.

Team Leader from Madison Methodist is Phil Hinton and he can be reached at 601-940-9033 or email [phil.hinton12@gmail.com](mailto:phil.hinton12@gmail.com). Of course feel free to reach out to Steve Potter, and others that you may know who have gone before.

To find out more about Salt & Light go to [www.saltandlighthonduras.com](http://www.saltandlighthonduras.com)

### **MOODY MISSION:**

There will be an interest meeting for the 2024 Moody mission trip on Sunday, January 21, at 5pm in the church office. The trip is June 22-29th. For more information, contact Micah Anglin [manglin@gmail.com](mailto:manglin@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.legacymissioninternational.org/>



### **MADCAAP NEEDS**

MadCAAP is in need of children's underwear, socks, and new blankets for the elderly. Please place donations on or under the table in the Fellowship Hall. For more information on MadCAAP, contact Kathy Long [kathrynlong1951@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynlong1951@gmail.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

Our next Rise Against Hunger food packing event will be Sunday morning, **February 11**, in the CLC. Our volunteer sessions will be at 9:45-10:45 & 10:45-11:45. You can contact Kathy Long at [kathrynlong1951@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynlong1951@gmail.com) or Steve Potter at [steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org) with any questions.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email [cory@madisonmc.org](mailto:cory@madisonmc.org)

Stay Connected with us! We post updates and changes regularly to our Instagram (@madisonmcstudents) and via our text plan (text "mmstudent" to 866.998.3838). Don't miss out on events by not connecting!



SPEAKER: BRIAN CRAWFORD

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### HOST HOMES STILL NEEDED



Host Homes are still needed for Friday & Saturday nights, February 2 & 3. If you can host a group of students to help them get the most out of this wonderful opportunity, contact [Cory@madisonmc.org](mailto:Cory@madisonmc.org) today!

**(TOGETHER WEEKEND IS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12)**

**PARENTS:** Our Sunday Night Student Worship will kicked back off on January 7 with food, small groups, worship, games and fun from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Send your students and have them bring some friends!

An important part of our student ministry is a free meal we serve the students at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday before worship. We need your help to make this happen. We ask that parents help prepare and serve the meals for our students. If each set of parents did just one meal a year we would have them all covered.

If you are interested in helping us in this ministry area you can check out our sign ups here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadae2ba3fac25-sunday#/> Thank you for prayerfully considering.