

No. 14 July 13, 2022

Sunday Services, July 17, 2022

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

JULY JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 10, 17, 24, & 31 9:45 am in the MPR NAMES OF GOD: PART 2







Taught by Tracey Thompson & Rev. Ben Butler. All SS classes or individuals are welcome!







ATTENTION: ALL METHODIST MEN

Please join us at the Madison UMC Men's Club for our monthly meeting Sunday, July 17th, in the CLC. We start at 7:00 a.m. with a **great breakfast**, followed by a short meeting.



WESLEY INSTITUTE

How the Wesley Institute Works

- Meets each Tuesday, 5:45-7:45 am (Sept-May)
- Participate either face-to-face on WBS's campus, via real-time video from home/remote location, or via recorded videos posted to online platform
- Mainly taught by WBS faculty with PhDs in their fields with occasional guest speakers to supplement the biblical focus each month with practical and helpful topics
- **\$400** per individual participant for churches registering 10 or more students (with 1/2 scholarships for MUMC members).

What to Expect

- Track I (Bible) & Track II (Theology & Apologetics Track)
- TRACK I: a rich & deep understanding of the message, structure, & purpose of every book of the Bible; a deeper understanding of the Bible's teachings on important topics related to Christian living; &, a robust grounding in key theological concepts
- TRACK II: will cover key Christian doctrines & how they can be understood & defended in light of various cultural & religious challenges

Talk to Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org) about scholarships

See the following page for Wesley Institute Testimonials by MUMC members.

Wesley Institute Testimonials



"We very much enjoyed participating in the Wesley Institute this past year. We were blessed to have such knowledgeable professors to study all 66 books of the bible and discover new insights each week. Additionally, they taught us the method of Inductive Bible Study, as well as how to look for structural relationships and literary themes in each reading. Their knowledge of the books as well as translation between Hebrew and Greek words paved the way for indepth discussions on selected texts for deeper insights and meaning. We'd highly recommend this course to anyone seeking to know God's Word in a deeper way!" – **Taylor and Amy Archer**

"After being on the road with my job for 45 years, I always said that when I really retired, I wanted to go to a local seminary to take classes to learn more about the Bible. When that opportunity came up at Wesley Biblical Seminary when I retired in 2021, I jumped at the chance! The classes and the ministers at Wesley Seminary are fantastic, and I learned Biblical information I'll keep for a lifetime! –



Ervin Robertson



The Wesley Institute has been transformational for my understanding of Scripture and spiritual growth. All books of the Bible are studied in their historical and literary context with the guidance of devout faculty who understand the original language. The portrait of Christ revealed in the Old Testament was particularly powerful to me. I cannot recommend it enough. – **Brian Smith**

What a blessing to be offered this opportunity by our church. I had every excuse in the book to NOT participate in the Wesley Institute, but I am so very thankful I didn't listen to myself. This study opened my eyes and my heart to scripture in a whole new way. The instructors at Wesley Biblical are brilliant scholars but able to share scripture on my level. I can't wait to continue in this study. – **Diane Goolsby**





We had discussed ways we could go deeper in the study of the Bible both for our own personal growth and to ensure we provide the correct biblical teaching as we develop the Sunday School lessons we teach. John had even planned how he was going to audit some Wesley classes when he retired. This opportunity that our church provided to attend The Wesley Institute has been a Godsend! The depth of knowledge the professors shared with us and the passion for biblical knowledge they demonstrate and share with the students is contagious. Studying the books of the Bible from their historical and cultural perspective provided enlightenment in areas that previously were difficult to interpret and understand. We fully encourage you to take the step and attend The Wesley Institute. – John and Terry Smith

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Rev. James E. Swanson, Sr., Resident Bishop Rev. Connie Shelton, District Superintendent

Rev. Barry Male, Senior Pastor Rev. Ben Butler, Associate Pastor

Rev. Linda Rickman, Congregational Care



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

*www.readpraylovedaily.com - Subscribe in the lower right corner of the screen or visit the site daily

Sun., July 17 – Psalms 79-80 Mon., July 18 – Psalms 81-82 Tues., July 19 – Psalms 83-84 Wed., July 20 – Psalms 85-86 Thurs., July 21 – Psalms 87-88 Fri., July 22 – Psalm 89

Sat., July 23 – Psalms 90-91 Sun., July 24 – Psalms 92-93 Mon., July 25 – Psalms 94-95 Tues., July 26 – Psalms 96-97

Wed., July 27 – Psalms 98-99

Thurs., July 28 – Psalms 100-101

Fri., July 29 – Psalm 102

Sat., July 30 – Psalm 103

AUGUST VIP LUNCHEON Tuesday, August 2, 12:00 noon in the CLC

Reservations MUST be made by noon Thursday July 28
Call the church office at 601-856-6058
Sign up on the pew pads or email jone@madisonumc.org
Cost of lunch is \$5.00 per person-please have exact cash or check
One lunch per VIP, please. NO take outs, please.

Eddie Charles Spencer, Sr. Pastor of Alta Woods UMC, will be our Guest speaker. He will share his testimony and talk about his book *Inmate 46857*. He will have books available for purchase.

MENU

Pecan crusted catfish or chicken

Squash casserole Sour cream rolls

Butterbeans Lemon icebox pie Spring Salad

When you make your reservation, please indicate whether you would like catfish or chicken.





Habitat for Humanity Recycle Build Saturday, August 13th 2 shifts: 7:45-noon and 12:45-4:00 8 volunteers per shift needed More info in next newsletter!

Concerns of Our Church Family

MADISON UMC PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM LIST

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS – MUMC MEMBERS

Carol Ann Ables	Janie Harris	Cathy Navarrette
Ann Artmann	Vernon Hull	Carlton O'Keefe
Vicki Blake	Joyce Logue	Trey Russell
Gwyn Bourne	Margaret Mason	Paul Slone
Philip Boyd	Herb Mays	Mary Ann Stotts
Regina Brock	Judy McArthur	Courtney Tucker
Sandra Eilders	Barrie McArthur	Donna Walley
Travis Ezelle	Rosemary McInnis	Wayne Webb
Philips Godwin	The Moody Family	•
Rebecca Godwin	Willie Moore	

Junior Hi students and adults on mission trip to Arlington, Texas, July 17-20

HOSPICE/ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES/ RETIREMENT HOMES

The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue; Joan

Winstead; Bonnie Hoy

St. Catherine's Village: Lou Jennings; Cappy Paine; Rosalind Ross; Barbara Pittman; Mary Salvatore; James Potts; Jerry Zo-

ble

Home Place: Barbara Mapp; Evelyn Palmer; Peggy Maddox;

Rosemary Taylor

The Orchard: Maggie Hart: Frances Williams

Ridgeland Place: Phillip Perry

PRAYER REQUESTS—FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Kirk Barnes' brother James Barnes Donna Bryant Beverly Phillips' mother Roland Comeau Nicolle Wasson's father Tommy Leach Ruth Elam's brother Ames & Parker Lee Christy Nettles' nephews Matt Livingston Lib Sistrunk's son-in-law Mary Ann Odom Elizabeth Carr's mother Thames Pemberton MUMC regular attender **Neil Smith** Leslie Ezelle's father Mary Angela South Rosemary Taylor's daughter Bob/Debbie Merchant's granddaughter Sophie Spence

Sophie Spence Bob/Debbie Merchant's granddaughter Rebecca Whatley Steve/Marcia Whatley's daughter-in-law

Jerry Williamson family Karen Russell's father

EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Megan & David Cretella; Jason & Katie Leist; Lindsey & Chris Clarke; Elizabeth & Gerad Buffington

In Memoriam

*Kevin Fryer—6/29/22*Debbie Trussell's son-in-law

We express our sympathy to the families.

MUMC REPORT

Worship Attendance 07/03/22 554 07/10/22 544

Finances 2022 Budget: \$2,500,000 Given to Date: \$1,393,646

Education Building Mortgage Balance (as of 07/01/22): \$1,406,009.00



Online and Text Giving provide an easy and secure way for you to give even when summer activities are in full swing. Visit www.madisonumc.org/give, click the QR Code or text 601-255-1836 to get started. Contact our church office with any questions at info@madisonumc.org.

KIDS MINISTRY Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email renee@madisonumc.org



Rising 3rd grade parents, does your child want to participate in the acolyte ministry at Madison UMC? We would like to start including the 3rd graders in the acolyte rotation beginning in September 2022. If your child is interested in serving, please email Mrs. Reneé (<u>renee@madisonumc.org</u>) for a registration form and return no later than Sunday, July 24. Also, if you have a rising 4th or 5th grader who has not been trained but would like to serve, please request a registration form.



Our 2022-23 Sunday School year begins on August 7! I know you have "reasons" for believing teaching Sunday School is not your superpower, but ... as I was rereading Christopher Miles Ritter's Seven Things John Wesley Expected Us to Do for Kids, this really hit home – "We are called to ministry with children "gift or no gift." As wonderful and needful as spiritual gifts are to the church, the lack of these gifts in not a legitimate excuse for non-participation. To minister to children, as we ought, we are going to need to stretch ourselves. We need to move past our comfort, over our excuses, outside our perceived gifts, and beyond..."

- But, I'm not qualified ... You do NOT have to be a Bible scholar to share Jesus with our children; you ON-LY need a heart for Jesus and a desire to share His love!
- But I need to attend my Sunday School class to grow in my personal faith ... the blessings you receive from sharing your love for Jesus and the relationships you develop with our children (and their parents) will help fuel your personal faith journey!
- But I don't want to teach every Sunday ... we do ask for a school year commitment (a semester a minimum) because the same teacher(s) every Sunday helps reassure the children, helps the children develop lasting relationships with Christian mentors, and helps improve the learning environment. You can always ask a friend to "team teach" with you; this allows you to work around vacations, ball games, etc.
- But ... if you have questions or concerns about teaching, the commitment, etc., please let me know!



If you are interested in working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and other scheduled times, please contact Paige Wright (melpaigew@yahoo.com) for an application or for more information. Applicants must be at least 21 years old and will be required to obtain CPR/First Aid Certification as well as pass a background check.

KIDS MINISTRY Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email renee@madisonumc.org





Wednesday Night Activities for Children

August 10 – Blessing of the Backpack for KIDS ages 3 – 6th grade & their Parents

August 17 – First Wednesday Night for Fall 2022 - KIDS Choirs Start & 1st Night of Classes for our KIDS (2 ½ year olds – 6th graders). **Volunteers are needed!**



Daddy Daughter Dance Promotion Sunday 1st Grade Bible Sunday 3rd Grade Bible Sunday Confirmation Kick-off Confirmation Sunday August 5 August 7 August 14 August 28 September 18 November 13

STUDENT MINISTRY Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email cory@madisonumc.org

Summer Sunday Night Activities Each Week 6:00 p.m.. – 7:45 p.m. No meals are served in June or July.

A full schedule of Student Ministry activities may be downloaded at www.madisonumc.org/students









