
Sunday Services, March 22, 2020

Cancelled—watch the livestream of our 8:30 a.m. service

A MESSAGE FROM REV. BARRY MALE

In our sermon this past Sunday we looked at I Peter 3 and at our recent Pastor’s Bible Study on Wednesday nights we have been studying II Peter. We can see through both epistles that it was a difficult time for Christians. There were the beginnings of Christian persecution from outside the church. There were challenges to the Christian faith from within the church, too. The persons to whom Peter was writing were in unprecedented and anxious times.

Part of Peter’s instruction and encouragement to those believers was to look to the cross of Christ during times of suffering and struggle. In the cross of Christ we find our hope, comfort, and power. In Christ’s cross we see God’s heart for His people. We can continue to trust the compassion, presence, and goodness of the Cross-Bearer as we go through our uncertain times, too. Let us also be faithful to pray for one another, to be careful with one another and to do all we can to be a church that honors Christ and serves our community in these days.

We will routinely update our website (www.madisonumc.org/covid19) and send out news through emails, on our church app and through social media. Here are the latest updates for our church:

1. We are cancelling all church activities through Saturday, March 28, and we may need to extend that in the future. Our leadership will announce our plans for upcoming worship and activity schedules soon. We plan to livestream our 8:30 a.m. service again for this Sunday, March 22. You do not need a Facebook account to watch the online service. Simply copy and paste this link (<https://www.facebook.com/MadisonUMCofMS/>) to watch the service.

2. Please continue to support the church through your giving. Our church is still funding missions locally and around the world during this time, and we need your stewardship for that work. You can contact your bank for online giving options or use our online giving service (<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Giving/madi100208>). You can also mail checks to our church (Madison UMC, 100 Post Oak Road, Madison, MS 39110).

3. Contact our Director of Outreach Ministries, Steve Potter, at steve@madisonumc.org to let us know of any needs within our church and community. We have three teams (Handy Man Team, Supplies Team and Yard Work Team) to be of help to those who are at-risk. Email Steve if you would like to serve on one of these teams. Our Handy Man Team, as they have already been doing, will help with any maintenance and fix-it needs for at-risk people. Our Supplies Team will be available to run errands or pick up groceries for at-risk people. Our students and adult volunteers for the Yard Work Team will help with those needing that kind of help.

4. We have sent out information to our Sunday School classes and small group leaders on how to set up online meetings during this time. We are all designed by God to be in relationship with others so please take advantage of this technology. My small group met online this past Sunday night. We had a great time and we really needed that time together.

5. We are staggering our church office hours for our staff due to the COVID-19 virus for the foreseeable future. Someone will be here to receive calls from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Mondays-Thursdays and from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Fridays. Staff members will routinely check their email accounts throughout the day, too. To email a staff person, type their first name and then type @madisonumc.org – barry@madisonumc.org.

6. This can be an unsettling time so please contact me (601.955.3384; barry@madisonumc.org) if you need me for anything.

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

March 25, 2020

WEDNESDAY MEALS AND PROGRAMMING HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR MARCH 25.



“JACOB - WHO AM I” TEACHING SERIES TO BE LED BY DR. JOHN OSWALT

Dr. John Oswalt will teach for our *Wednesdays at Madison* Bible study in April.

ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Ben Butler 601-856-6058 or email ben@madisonumc.org

MUMM’S FRANK WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS



The Madison United Methodist Men (MUMM) are pleased to announce their 12th annual program for the award of the Frank Wilson college scholarships to two young men who are members of our church. Applicants must graduate from high school no later than August 2020, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above, and have participated in church, school and community programs. Applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is April 24, 2020. This year the scholarships will be for **\$3,000.00**. All men of the Church are invited to participate in this project for our young men. Questions – call Scott Catington at 601-497-9995 or email madi-sonummen@gmail.com.

MUMC PRAYER CONFERENCE COMING IN APRIL

Sunday & Monday, April 19—20

Featuring Dr. Terry Teykl



Terry Teykl's warm humorous style makes him one of the most sought after speakers and seminar leaders in the country. Terry pastored local churches for 28 years. In 1987, God spoke to Terry and told him to "build the church in prayer." Since that time he has been teaching churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit. Terry and his wife, Kay, reside in Houston, Texas.

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.

We encourage you to turn in prayer requests for other special needs such as expectant mothers, new babies, job changes, relocations, etc.

The MUMC Prayer Ministry Team covenants to pray for these names for 30 days. Names may be resubmitted to jackie@madisonumc.org if prayer is still needed.

Prayer Requests – MUMC Members

Vicki Blake	The Moody Family	Mary Salvatore
Cathy Cauthen	Willie Moore	Shauna Sansing
Betsy Cowden	Florence Morphis	Courtney Tucker
Amy Feild	James Morphis	Bob Walters
Jerry Lyons	Robin Morris	Jeanne Walters
John Mason	Elinor Rummel	Janet Zoble
Mary Ann McKay	Trey Russell	

In Memoriam

Caron Thornton—2/28/20
Father-in-law of Sara Ann Sims

Evelyn Rickman—3/5/20
Mother of Rev. Cary Rickman

George Melichar—3/7/20
Father of Marcia Whatley

We express our sympathy to the families.

Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Mike Boyle	Kim Hunt's friend
Doug Davis	MarChelle Pace's brother-in-law
Brian Hierlmeier	Randy/Susan Hierlmeier's son
Marie Melichar	Marcia Whatley's mother
Junior Pounders	Vanita McMullin's cousin
Tommy South	Rosemary Taylor's grandson
Sharon Walton	Lynn Dean's cousin
Newton Wasson	Rodger Wasson's brother

Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

The Arbor: Leon and Catherine Williams

The Blake: Fabia Smith

Beau Ridge: Keith Walton; Jerry & Frankie Mitchell; Joyce Logue

St. Catherine's Village: Bertyle Cochran, Clara Derrington

Home Place: Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

Expectant Parents: Lindsey & Chris Clark; Wil & Melanie Crawford

Pray for Our Deployed Troops

- Will Beggiani, Ann Beggiani's grandson, U. S. Army, Germany
- Mac Parker, Karen Harper's nephew, U.S. Air Force, Japan
- Lt. Andrew Robinson, Bobbi/Dave Robinson's grandson, U.S. Navy Harry S. Truman Aircraft Carrier, Persian Gulf

MUMC REPORT

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School
03/08/20	438	213
03/15/20		
	Offering	Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic
	All Giving	
03/08/20	\$30,938.00	\$ 7,527.50
03/15/20		\$ 402,108.35
Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00		
Education Building Mortgage		
Balance (as of 3/03/2020): \$2,195,442.65		

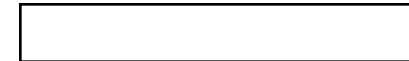
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Please deliver by: Saturday, March 21, 2020

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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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED





Please call the church office (601.856.6058) or email our Administrative Assistant Anne Ellison (anne@madisonumc.org) if you would like to be added to our church email list. You will also want to check your spam folder from time to time for church emails. Many church emails get placed there by your email server because we have a large amount of email addresses.

Sun., Mar. 22 – 1 Thessalonians 4
Mon., Mar. 23 – 1 Thessalonians 5
Tues., Mar. 24 – 1 Samuel 9
Wed., Mar. 25 – 1 Samuel 10
Thurs., Mar. 26 – 1 Samuel 11
Fri., Mar. 27 – 1 Samuel 12
Sat., Mar. 28 – Psalm 62

Sun., Mar. 29 – 2 Thessalonians 1
Mon., Mar. 30 – 2 Thessalonians 2
Tues., Mar. 31 – 1 Samuel 13
Wed., Apr. 1 – 1 Samuel 14
Thurs., Apr. 2 – 1 Samuel 15
Fri., Apr. 3 – 1 Samuel 16
Sat., Apr. 4 - Psalm 63



The April VIP Luncheon
scheduled for April 1
has been cancelled as a precautionary measure
to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

TALKING WITH KIDS ABOUT COVID 19

It can be overwhelming for adults to process all the information regarding COVID-19. Imagine what it must be like for our children. Below are some suggestions & resources for discussing COVID-19 with your children.

Start with what they know. Ask them questions such as, “Have you heard your friends, grownups or people on the TV talking about a new sickness? What worries do you have about this sickness?” This gives you an understanding of what your child already knows — and an opportunity to correct any misconceptions they might have.

Validate their feelings and offer support. Inform your child that it is OK to be nervous or scared. Everyone feels this way at times. Remind them that stressful situations come and go and life inevitably goes back to normal. This understanding can help kids become resilient. Reassure your kids that there are many grownups who are dedicated to keeping them safe. Discuss the roles of doctors, scientists, teachers and family members.

Give them a sense of control. Teach kids simple and specific things they can do to keep the sickness away. Discuss the importance of getting extra sleep and making nutritious food choices. Remind kids that regular hand-washing helps stop most viruses from spreading to others.

Look on the bright side

Don't forget that what we are experiencing will be part of your child's memories! What do you hope they'll say when their grandkids ask them what they remember about the coronavirus outbreak of 2020? Make this time special. Do projects together such as filming a movie about your family or making cards for isolated elders in your area. Share stories about your childhood and teach them games you enjoyed as a kid. Take walks, act out stories, play games ... **Share on the KIDS Ministry at Madison UMC Facebook page your suggestions (and pictures) of activities to keep our kids engaged!**

Encourage them to communicate. Praise your child for expressing their feelings and concerns. Assure them you will be available and honest with all of your answers.

Be compassionate — toward yourself and your children.

We have never experienced anything like the current crisis, and all of us are figuring it out together!

ARTICLES ABOUT HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT COVID-19:

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus \(from PBS for younger children\)](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus)
www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus

[Coronavirus Video from BrainPOP \(great for elementary children\)](https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus)
www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus

[Helping Children with Scary News by Sally Lloyd-Jones](https://www.sallylloyd-jones.com/helping-children-with-scary-news)
www.sallylloyd-jones.com/helping-children-with-scary-news

[Just for Kids: A Comic Exploring the New Coronavirus \(NPR\)](https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus)
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STUDENT MINISTRY
Cory Phillips 601-856-6058 or email cory@madisonumc.org

COVID UPDATES

Pinnacle Sunday nights for all students in grades 6 – 12, as well as Wednesday night activities, have been cancelled until school reopens. Stay connected and engaged by following Student Ministry’s Instagram page (@mumcstudents) during this time of “social distancing.” Devotions/videos, live Q & A, scavenger hunts, and other games will be posted.



SUMMER TRIPS 2020

We are heading south for some fun in the sun and to partner with a local church in coastal Florida for construction, childrens, and homeless ministry for a week in Tampa!

TAMPA, FLORIDA
MAY 30-JUNE 5, 2020
SENIOR HIGH MISSION
\$400 PER STUDENT \$100 BY
DEADLINE APRIL 12



LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC
JULY 1-5, 2020
GRADES 6 - 12
\$375 PER STUDENT
\$100 BY DEADLINE MAY 1

The Amazing Classic M28
Experience, Fun, Worship,
Mountains, Tubing and much
more all in the beautiful scenery
of Lake J!



A short drive to serve those in need by partnering with inner city ministries. Top Golf and the Water park are also close by!

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
JULY 19-22, 2020
JUNIOR HIGH MISSION
\$175 PER STUDENT \$75 BY
DEADLINE JUNE 1

Register at www.madisonumc.org/students

