



Madison United Methodist Church

# MESSENGER

"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ."

No. 22

November 4, 2020

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**Sunday Services, November 8, 2020**  
Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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## LORD'S ACRE SUNDAY November 22, 2020

For over fifty years the family of Madison United Methodist Church has celebrated God's goodness with a service known as The Lord's Acre. Starting in the days when Madison was an agricultural community our congregation began taking up a special offering at harvest time to be used for facility needs of our church such as building expansion, major repairs, and debt reduction. This has enabled us to focus our regular budget on our ministry programs. This year the Lord's Acre collection will be used primarily to retire the debt for the Educational Building that provided additional space for children, youth, and adult ministries.



This year, Lord's Acre Day will be SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will receive a special offering during the morning worship services. Because of COVID-19 concerns, we will not have our normal Thanksgiving Service and covered dish meal that evening. We as a church family must do what we can to continue our current ministries and we understand that many may not be able to contribute to Lord's Acre this year. However, we welcome gifts from those who have received financial blessings and are in position to share. "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:11).

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## LATE WORSHIP SERVICE RETURNS TO 10:45 A.M. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

We moved the late service to 11:00 a.m. recently to give time for classes to enjoy Sunday School on Zoom and for their members to make it to church on time for worship. With many of our children, students, and adults back on campus for Sunday School, we are now moving the starting time of the late service back to 10:45 a.m. so that those persons do not have to wait so long for the worship to begin and so that they, and their children, do not have to be socially-distanced for such a long period.

Sunday School classes that use Zoom can begin early or end late with times for fellowship but we are asking that classes please wait to begin your teaching until 9:40 a.m. and then conclude your teaching by 10:20 a.m. This will give many of your class members plenty of time to either get back from early worship for the teaching or to get to the late worship service on time. Thank you!!

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## 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Please be in prayer about how God is leading you to respond to Christ's kingdom work. Commitment cards may be mailed to the church (Madison UMC 100 Post Oak Road Madison, MS 39110) or emailed to our church treasurer, Bob Matthews (bob@madisonumc.org). If you did not receive a commitment card, extras are available in the Church Office and Sanctuary entrances.

## ***WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON HAS RESUMED!***

All of the studies and groups will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Students will meet in the Chapel, adult small groups will meet in the upstairs classrooms of our new Education Building, and children will have childcare (K-6<sup>th</sup> graders – Multi-Purpose Room; 4 year olds and under – Nursery Wing). **The Pastor's Bible Study will now only meet online. The study will be uploaded every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website. You can watch the study live or anytime later.** We will not be able to have our Wednesday Night Supper just yet.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND ZOOM ROOMS**

**2 year olds and under – Nursery Wing**  
**3 year olds-6<sup>th</sup> grade – Education Building**  
**Students – Chapel Basement**

**Journey of Faith – Fellowship Hall**  
**New Covenant – Chapel**  
**Faith Builders – Gym**  
**Asbury – Room 201**  
**Young Professional Group – Room 118**  
**Zoom rooms for parents/grandparents – Rooms 206 & Room 127**

We hope to bring more adult classes back to campus as soon as we have time to navigate and evaluate these changes. Thank you for your patience!

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## **YOU CAN HELP!**



A long-time and former employee of Madison UMC, Willie Moore, recently lost his house and all of his possessions due to a fire. Please keep his family in your prayers. Our church immediately began to reach out to him and to help them financially. Please consider giving a gift to the church to help support his family in this hard season. You can make your check out to “MUMC” and please write “Willie” in the memo line or click “Special Gifts” on the “Give” option of our church app or website and then type “Willie” in the “Note” tab. Thank you!

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Billy and Linda Brunt became part of the MUMC Church family on November 1.



# 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](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org) if prayer is still needed.**

### Prayer Requests –

#### MUMC Members

Martha Kate	Marc Lauderdale	Ervin Robertson
Brumfield	Judy McArthur	Elinor Rummel
Charles Coghlan	Margaret Mason	Trey Russell
Betsy Cowden	Bob Matthews	Mary Salvatore
Sandra Eilders	Jerri Lynn Mitchell	Shauna Sansing
Bob Ellis	The Moody Family	Courtney Tucker
Marty Ford	Willie Moore	Keith Walton
J. D. Ingram	James Morphis	Connie Wiseman
Brenda Johnson	Robin Morris	Janet Zoble
Hershel Johnson	Dupree Petty	
Mary Frances Kelly	Barbara Pittman	
	Nancy Quinn	

### Prayer Requests—Family Members and Friends

Brad Hardee	Bill/Debbie Hardee's son
Lee LaBan	Allen LaBan's brother
Anne Noble	Katyee Reece's sister
Troy Odom, Jr.	Elizabeth Carr's father
Marvin Pepper	Gary Brown's friend
Sally Thomas	Karen Coign's friend
Roger Vehorn	Barbara Martin's brother
Jacob Willis	Linda Barker's grandson

### 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

### *In Memoriam*

**Cynthia LaBan—10/23/20**  
Sister-in-law of Allen LaBan

**Rev. Henry Blount—10/27/20**  
Father of Chris Blount

**Gene Albrecht—10/27/20**  
Husband of Laurel Albrecht  
Member of MUMC

*We express our sympathy to the families.*

### Hospice/Assisted/Living/Nursing Homes

**The Blake:** Fabia Smith

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

**St. Catherine's Village:** Clara Derrington; Lou Jennings

**Home Place:** Margi Baley, Barbara Mapp

**Expectant Parents:** Hannah Rachel & Conner Smith; Jessica & Adam Dilley

### **MUMC REPORT**

	Offering		Year-To-Date
	Cash/Check	Electronic	All Giving
10/25/20	\$18,010.00	\$13,380.00	\$1,704,578.86
10/25/20	\$25,492.00	\$10,330.00	\$1,740,400.86

Education Building Cost: \$5,227,203.00

Education Building Mortgage

Balance (as of 10/05/2020): \$2,126,410.49

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601-856-6058  
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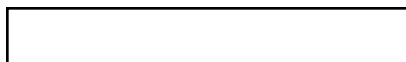
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**MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP**

**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**



Sun., Nov. 8 – John 3  
Mon., Nov. 9 – John 4  
Tues., Nov. 10 – 2 Chronicles 10  
Wed., Nov. 11 – 2 Chronicles 11  
Thurs., Nov. 12 – 2 Chronicles 12  
Fri., Nov. 13 – 2 Chronicles 13  
Sat., Nov. 14 - Psalm 95

Sun., Nov. 15 – John 5  
Mon., Nov. 16 – John 6  
Tues., Nov. 17 – 2 Chronicles 14  
Wed., Nov. 18 – 2 Chronicles 15  
Thurs., Nov. 19 – 2 Chronicles 16  
Fri., Nov. 20 – 2 Chronicles 17  
Sat., Nov. 21 - Psalm 96

**KIDS MINISTRY**  
**Renee Scales 601-856-6058 or email [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)**



Parents, for our Sunday morning nursery, please bring a sippy cup labeled with your child's name! We will provide juice, but during this COVID-19 season we want to use a cup that is only for your child!

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**KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL IS OFF TO A GREAT START!! ...  
BUT WE NEED MORE TEACHERS!**

KIDS Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., and we need more volunteers! We need more volunteers to cover one class for each age group/grade. We will need additional (many) volunteers as the class sizes grow! Why do we need so many? With social distancing guidelines in place, we will have a maximum of 10 students in each classroom.

Below are our teachers & needs!

**We have a total of 11 KIDS classes. Out of that 11, we have 3 classes that do not have a teacher, and we have 4 classes that need additional teachers!**

You can sign up to volunteer by emailing me at [renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org). Please call me if you have questions or need more info!

**Younger 2's – Need 2 adults to teach every Sunday or 2 teams to alternate months**

Older 2's – Need a 2-person team to alternate with Bo & Kristen Harwell

3 Year Olds – Need 1 adult to work with Stacey Atkinson

4 Year Olds – Need a 2-person team to alternate months with Beckie Lee & Haley Valentine

**K5 - Need 2 adults to teach every Sunday or a 2-person team to alternate months**

1st Grade – Need 1 person to teach with Sarah Swan to alternate with Jimbo & Racheal Bearden

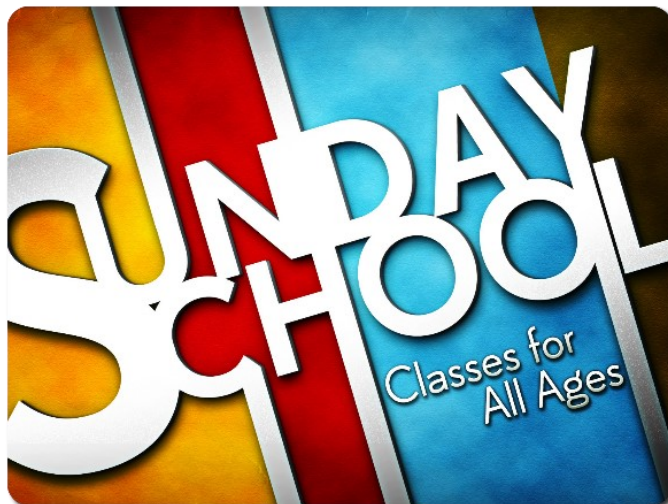
2nd Grade – Britney & Christopher Madison are teaching every Sunday

3rd Grade – Sarah Ann & David Ellis/Shad & Amber Pope are teaching

**4th Grade – Need a 2-person team to teach every Sunday or 2 teams to alternate months**

5th Grade – Brian & Christy Nettles are teaching every Sunday

6th Grade – Lisa Anglin is teaching every Sunday



## ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Ben Butler 601-856-6058 or email [ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)

## STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE AT MUMC



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is receiving applications for the position of **Treasurer**. This is a full-time, salaried position. Applications are available in the Church Office or by contacting SPRC Chair Vickie Graves at [vickie@amsmort.com](mailto:vickie@amsmort.com) or by phone at 601-942-7023.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

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

## **BIG NEWS!!!**

Student Ministry is back on campus at Madison UMC! From 6:00—8:15 p.m. every Sunday night. We will have dinner together before worship!



## SPOOKY GAMES AT PEARL RIVER CHURCH OCTOBER 25 , 2020



## ADULT MINISTRY

Rev. Ben Butler 601-856-6058 or email [ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)

Two weeks ago in our sermon we looked at how the early church in Acts was committed to fellowship and to grouping. Those continual practices greatly blessed them. Our church has many opportunities for you to connect with other believers so that you can grow in your faith. We hope that you will be a part of at least one of these several groups.

**Sunday School classes:** You can find information about the many classes that we have on our church website (<http://www.madisonumc.org/adult-sunday-school>). Contact Rev. Ben Butler ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)) if you need help joining a class.



**Discipleship Groups:** Please consider joining or leading a small group. Discipleship Groups can meet at our church on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., which also includes childcare, or at any other location and time that suits your group. We are always wanting to start new small groups in our church, and we also need people to lead those groups. Fill out the form on our website to let us know of your interest (<http://www.madisonumc.org/discipleship-groups>).

**Fellowship Partners (NEW):** These persons pray for, connect with, and are available to our new church members for a season of several months to build relationship & help them get plugged in. Contact Rev. Ben Butler ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)) for information about this.

### FELLOWSHIP PARTNERS

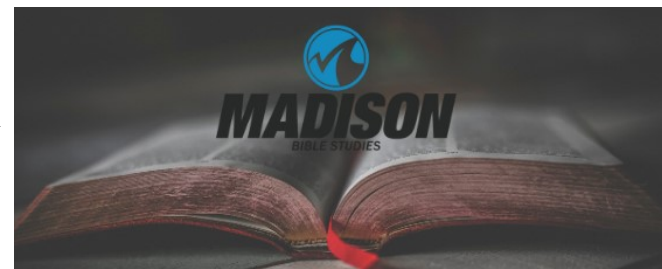
Helping you feel at home  
in the MUMC family of believers



### discipleship bands

**Bands (NEW):** These small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender meet together to talk about their spiritual lives and to offer encouragement and accountability to one another. Contact Rev. Butler ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)) for information about this new ministry.

**Bible Studies:** We have several Bible studies in our church which will give you the opportunity to learn but to also connect with other people. We have several men's studies meeting currently and here is a link for the current women's studies (<http://www.madisonumc.org/women>).



**Fight Club (For Men):** There are opportunities we are exploring (including Bands, large events, and studies) to enrich the spiritual brotherhood & growth of our church's men. Please visit <http://www.madisonumc.org/fightclub> for information and to indicate how you want to get involved.

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**ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FREE *RIGHT NOW MEDIA* ACCOUNT THROUGH MUMC?**

Right Now Media is a streaming Bible study resource MUMC has secured for our members and guests. Our MUMC Bible Reading Plan is taking us into the Gospel of John on Sundays and Mondays (which you can find each day at [www.readpraylovedaily.com](http://www.readpraylovedaily.com)). This might be a great opportunity to do a deep dive in John personally, as a family, and/or with your Discipleship Group or Sunday School class. *RNM* offers a 2-part series on the Gospel of John featuring respected Christian teacher Dr. Tony Evans that could enrich your reading and study. If you want to receive an email invitation to access *RNM*, please contact **Ben Butler** ([ben@madisonumc.org](mailto:ben@madisonumc.org)).



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

**MUMC Outreach News**

**WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT MADISON UMC:**

**Financial Support:**

Because of the generosity of members of Madison UMC, we have been able to help many people and ministries lately. Two are listed below.

- **FAMILIES IN CRISIS** - We have had two families recently lose their home, clothes, furniture, and more to fires.



- **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** - Even though we were not able to host a meal packing event this fall, we were able to send \$7000 to provide meals to help combat hunger across the world.

**WHAT IS UPCOMING AT MADISON UMC:**

**Make Giving BIG This Thanksgiving**  
***Partner With Us to Feed 700 Families***  
***and the Elderly***



MadCAAP's food pantry has never been more important than during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Even in the the midst of chaos, we will find a way to distribute 700 thanksgiving boxes to families in poverty and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Our goal at Madison UMC is to provide 1,400 boxes of MACARONI AND CHEESE.**  
**Please drop off at the West entrance of the Fellowship Hall**  
**DEADLINE to bring them to Madison UMC is NOVEMBER 17th and**  
**to MadCAAP is NOVEMBER 19th**