

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019 PRAYER GUIDE

In 2016 the United Methodist Church established a Commission on a Way Forward to look at issues concerning human sexuality, particularly as related to clergy, and bring forth proposals to be considered at a called General Conference, which will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. God is at work in our Wesleyan movement and we ask for your prayers this week during this important gathering of the United Methodist Church.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - GATHERING TOGETHER

Pray for safe and easy travels for the delegates and those leading and attending, especially for those making the difficult journey from overseas. *"The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore (Psalm 121:7-8)."*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - DAY OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring peace and purpose to this day set apart for prayer and worship. *"[Jesus said] the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:26-27)."*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - OPENING AND ORGANIZATION

Pray for the organizing efforts to be accomplished smoothly and in a spirit of cooperation. *"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace - as in all the congregations of the Lord's people (1 Corinthians 14:33)."*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Pray that the presentations and discussion will be marked by Christian love for one another and informed by God's wisdom. *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4:15)."*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - CLOSING DEBATES AND DECISIONS

Pray that the debates and decisions of the General Conference delegates will be guided by truth and in accordance with God's will for his Church. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)."*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - RETURN AND REPORT

Pray again for safe and simple travels and for grace filled reporting regarding the work of General Conference 2019. *"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21)"*

For further information you can check out the following websites:

- <https://www.mississippi-umc.org/gc2019> (Mississippi Annual Conference)
- <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session> (UMC General Conference)

WEDNESDAYS AT MADISON

FELLOWSHIP MEAL at 5:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
Adults \$6 Kids \$3 | Please make reservations by Tuesday, noon.
Studies/Activities for all ages at 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ADULTS

- *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, led by Rev. Barry Male, Sanctuary
- *Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith*, led by Rev. Ben Butler, Fellowship Hall Room
- Discipleship Groups

STUDENTS

- Junior High Bible Study in Student Lounge
- Senior High Bible Study in Student Lounge
- Student Choir at 6:20 p.m.

KIDS

- Music: SonBeams (2½-K5) and SonShine Choir (1st – 6th Grades)
- Classes for Preschool, Elementary, and Tweens

MENU for February 20

- Adults: Brunswick stew; salad; cornbread; cherry crunch; caramel brownie; chocolate chess pie
- Kids: Taco soup; grilled cheese; grapes; Rice Krispie treat

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Presented for baptism today are Bradley and Annie McDill, children of Brad and Carrie McDill.

SERMON NOTES

(Acts 2:41-47)

I. Acts 2:41-47

- It was a w_____ church (v. 47)
- It was a learning church (v. 42)
- It was a l_____ church (v. 42)
- It was an evangelistic church (v. 47)

II. Becoming a Contagious Christian notes

- Building Relationships
 - With people you a_____ know
 - With people you used to know
 - With people we would l_____ to know
- Build on points of common ground
- Mention spiritual matter early
- Starting Spiritual Conversations
 - Direct
 - I _____
 - Invitational

MADISON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Madison, Mississippi



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"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ"

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 17, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP *The SonShine Choir*

HYMN *How Great Thou Art (vs. 1, 3, & 4)* 77

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM (8:30 a.m.) Bradley Russell McDill, Jr.
Annie Ruth McDill

Bradley and Annie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We this day do all agree children of God you'll always be.

Bradley and Annie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.

Bradley and Annie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *My Lips Will Praise You* Paris/Wolaver

GREETING

A TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

OFFERTORY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Rasley

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:41-47

HYMN OF PREPARATION *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* 540

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Forward Through the Ages* 555

POSTLUDE

*** Seating of additional worshippers

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Senior Pastor Rev. Barry Male

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Butler

Pastor of Congregational Care Rev. Linda Rickman

Director of Music Ministry Lori Blount

Director of Student Ministry Rev. Cory Phillips

Director of Kids Ministry Renee Scales

Organist Rosemary McInnis

Pianist Donna Banks

Acolytes (8:30 a.m.) Jave Turner & Macey Livingston

Acolytes (10:45 a.m.) Noah Brown & Danielle Dale

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The flowers in the Chancel Area

Are presented to the Glory of God

By Jackie Wilson

In memory of Frank Wilson
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BIBLE TIME VOLUNTEERS

Bible Time Volunteers for February 17 :

8:30 a.m.: Melanie & Steve Shapin; Landon & Brandi Burr

10:45 a.m.: Katie & Larson Frey; Allison & Burrell Gee
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MADISON UMC WELCOMES ALL CHILDREN

- A **Nursery** (infants, crawlers, and toddlers) is available during both worship services as well as during the Sunday School hour. The Nursery is located in the Nursery Hall, Rooms 103, 105, and 107.
- All children are invited to come down for Children's Time during the worship service. Children K5 and younger may then exit to the Nursery Hall Rooms 112 & 114 for Bible Time. On Communion Sundays, we request that children remain in the Sanctuary with their families and experience this special and meaningful Sacrament together.
- Children's Bulletins and Sermon Notes for Kids are available at the doors entering the Sanctuary.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Contact Cory Phillips (cory@madisonumc.org)

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to Pinnacle Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. A full schedule of Student Ministry activities may be downloaded from the Student page of the MUMC website (www.madisonumc.org/students). Student Choir, Wednesdays from 6:20 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DNOW THE GATHERING 2019: GO VIRAL

- February 22-24, 2019
- Registration deadline: February 15
- Pay in full at time of registration (\$80)
- Forms available to download and print on Student Ministry webpage (above)

HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR DNOW GATHERING WEEKEND

- Friday – Sunday, February 22 – 24
- Contact Cory Phillips if you are willing to host a group of students in your home
- Lots of homes needed to make this an incredible experience for our students!

KIDS MINISTRY

Contact Renee Scales (renee@madisonumc.org)

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-20

- Registration for Madison UMC members only on Tuesday, February 19 Registration open to the community on Wednesday, February 20
- Registration by email only beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be no inperson registration
- Email preschool@madisonumc.org and include the following: Child's name; child's date of birth; the class you are interested in; your contact number
- For questions or more information, contact Preschool Director Gayle Hart at 601-853-7436

KIDS MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP TEAM (KMLT) MEETING

- Monday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room
- If you have an interest or heart for helping our children grow in their faith in meaningful & real ways, please join us!
- We are discussing Lent/Easter & VBS 2019.