

# 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.

## 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

- *Madison UMC Town Hall Meeting* – hear from our pastor about the
- General Conference results, Sanctuary

### 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 27

- Adults: Swiss chicken; rice pilaf; "bang bang" cauliflower; tangy green beans; broccoli romaine salad; roll; pineapple cake; chocolate éclair dessert; mixed berry cobbler
- Kids: Grilled chicken tenders; mac & cheese; green peas; cupcake

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We rejoice at new births!

- Grayson Lee Harwell, daughter of Kristen & Bo Harwell and baby sister of Ava & Sanders, was born February 19

We welcome new members!

- Will & Kelly O'Reilly and sons Parker and Max became members of Madison UMC on February 17.

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

- Thomas Rowland, grandfather of Joshua & Hannah Rowland, who died February 11
- Betty Rhodes, mother of Don Dunagan, who died February 12

### SERMON NOTES

(Acts 7:55-60)

I. Acts 7:55-60

A. Jesus is p\_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus is i\_\_\_\_\_

II. Becoming a Contagious Christian notes

A. Starting Spiritual Conversations

1. Direct

2. I\_\_\_\_\_

3. Invitational

B. Your Jesus Story

1. Who I was b\_\_\_\_\_ I met Jesus

2. How I met Jesus

3. Who I am a\_\_\_\_\_ I met Jesus

# MADISON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Madison, Mississippi



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*"Building faithful disciples, serving Jesus Christ"*

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 24, 2019

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Payne

**HYMN** *My Hope Is Built (vs. 1, 2, & 3)* 368

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found!  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

## 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.

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**CHORAL ANTHEM** *I Go to the Rock* arr. McDonald

## 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** *I Choose Christ* arr. Clydesdale  
Cary Breedlove, soloist

## 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 7:55-60

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Fairest Lord Jesus* 189

## SERMON

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Where He Leads Me* 338

## 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.)** Matthew Chisolm and Will Carr

**Acolytes (10:45 a.m.)** Max O'Reilly and Peyton Anderson

The flowers in the Chancel Area

Are presented to the Glory of God

By Sandra Rasberry and Family

In memory of Rev. C. Henderson Rasberry

For his birthday February 26th

## BIBLE TIME VOLUNTEERS

Bible Time Volunteers for February 24 :

8:30 a.m.: Nathan & Katie Witt; Douglas & Daphne Stewart

10:45 a.m.: Kaitlyn & Brad Godfrey; Jaime & John Anderson

## 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)

NO PINNACLE ACTIVITIES TONIGHT DUE TO DNOW: THE GATHERING.

## STUDENT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

- TODAY is the last day to buy a ticket for two fully-cooked pork loins
- \$25 per ticket
- Pick up Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Christian Life Center

## KIDS MINISTRY

Contact Renee Scales (renee@madisonumc.org)

### KIDS MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP TEAM (KMLT) MEETING

- Monday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room
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## ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Rev. Ben Butler (ben@madisonumc.org)

### READ. PRAY. LOVE. DAILY

- Church-wide Bible reading campaign
- Join your MUMC family in reading through the entire Bible in 3 years by reading one chapter per day
- The reading plan for each week will be posted in *The Messenger* newsletter or can be accessed digitally from the MUMC website or app

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

- Each Sunday through March 3 in the Multipurpose Room (upstairs in the Educational Building)
- Led by Rev. Barry Male
- Designed for anyone interested in becoming a church member and those who have joined MUMC in the past few years.

### DELTA GRACE MISSION WEEKEND

- March 15 – 16 (serve one or both days) in Sunflower, MS
- All ages welcome to serve (under 18 must be accompanied by adult)
- Sign up to serve or donate at [www.madisonumc.org/deltagrace](http://www.madisonumc.org/deltagrace)
- Sign-up deadline is Friday, March 1
- For more info, contact Carolyn Schussler, [cschuss093@gmail.com](mailto:cschuss093@gmail.com) or 904-403-5748

### SPRING REVIVAL WITH REV. JOHN OSWALT

- Sunday, March 24 – Wednesday, March 27
- Guest preacher: Rev. John Oswalt, Visiting Distinguished Professor of Old Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary
- Dinner Monday – Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.; Services at 6:15 p.m.