



# Tree of Life

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## From the Pastor

We began near a dirt road next to a cotton field in 1828. Our first building was a rough-saw wooden chapel. Ten years later, in 1838, that chapel was replaced with the sanctuary in which we worship to this day. For 50 years, by that very road, we worshipped The Lord, baptized the saved, buried our dead, and ministered to the people of our area. Why?

Eleven years after the Civil War, in 1876, the railroad was becoming an important place. Cotton, which was grown for miles around Madison County, was sold and taken to market at our train station. Naturally, the town that was located a train station in Madison County, because to be called Madison Station. A town was beginning to grow around the station. And Madison Methodist Church felt called to move there: to bring Jesus to the people. We hitched our sanctuary up to mules and rolled it on logs down the hill to our permanent location. Why?

The sun rose and set. The cotton rose and flowered. The rockets rose as well. That dirt road became known as Hughes Road. The place we began is now called Applebee's®. The original graves are now behind Domino's® Pizza. And the little community called Madison Station has become our beloved Madison. However, the answer to "why" has not changed. The words we have used to express the answer to "why" have changed, but the mission has not changed: *to know Jesus, make Him known, and plant His churches.*

We honor and remember our history. Yet we honor and advance the mission most of all, as Madison Methodist has for 190 years. The deepest tradition we have, deeper than any other, is the mission of Jesus Christ. We'll celebrate our history on June 10, as well as look forward to the mission for the next 190 years: mission trips to Asia and Africa, a daily mission to Madison herself, and Christian service and charity which helped break the cycle of human poverty within Madison County and beyond.

I wonder what Madison will look like in 190 years. That will be 2208 AD. None of us will be there; although I expect we'll be bidding on contracts to build the first commercial warp drive engines. Yet the mission will be the same. Psalm 105 sings, "Remember the wonders He has done ..." – let us remember indeed. Remember all the wonders The Lord has done here in 190 years. Remember the mission. And let us look forward to the faithful future that he leads us to.

Grace and Truth,  
Trav Wilson

## 190th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, June 10

8:30 am and 11:00 am worship services

Reception following 11:00 am service in CLC

## 360°Youth

Happy Summer!! We knew it was coming and well, here we go. The summer season is officially underway. Praise God for all of the good things He is doing in the lives of our teenagers. God is at work in some exciting ways (some of which we are aware). Please be in prayer over the students that are traveling to Panama City Beach in June. I am expecting some amazing God-encounters to take place in all of the students that are going. Ephesians says that God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or [even] think". Let's pray BIG for these students to be changed by God during this week. He is able!

Below is a look ahead to some very important dates. This is not a comprehensive list of our summer events (I'll send the calendar out separately), however here are some you won't want to miss.



### May 30, 6:00-8:00p – Taco Bell Olympics & May/June birthday celebration

#### June

10th – 190<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary 8:30a, 11:00a & 12:15p Celebration

11–15 Panama City Beach

22 – Family Movie Night

#### July

1st – Balance due for Whitewater Rafting Trip (\$80)

13-14 – Whitewater Excursion

29 – Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders Meet & Greet 6:00p

### August 3-4 – Boys Retreat/Girls Retreat

## 252 Kids—Fun with a Purpose

I'd like to take just a moment to thank our new church family for the very warm welcome to the church and to the church staff as Director of Children's Ministry.. My husband, Pete and Mom, Charlotte and I felt right at home on our very first visit. Many folks have reached out to us with true Southern Hospitality. Thank you, friends. We look forward to what we will do together for our children and our community here in Madison.

This summer, we as a church, will be laying the foundation to launch a dynamic new Family Ministry Strategy using a nationally recognized curriculum called "Orange 252". We will create a weekly worship experience designed to engage kids (and adults!) through exciting worship followed by an interactive small group experience! I know you've heard the cliché, "it takes a village to raise a child"...well, indeed it does! The body of Christ (all of us) plays a significant role in partnering with parents to bring children into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We will be entering into this partnership with parents using our God given gifts to serve in various areas of children's ministry. There is an opportunity for everyone to take part in what God will be blessing!

The month of July we will focus on our "INVOLVED" campaign where you will learn where your talents will match up with a role in children's ministry. There will be a fun and engaging training for

the new "crew" on Thursday, July 26 from 6pm-8pm. Childcare provided.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church! Get ready to share in the excitement and help us create a "buzz" around our community that Madison UMC is on the MOVE!!!

I'd love to answer any questions you might have about our Family Ministry vision and strategy! Reach me at 256-724-0173.

Jean McDaniel  
Director of Kids Ministry

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man".  
Luke 2:52

SAVE THE DATE: July 27. 6pm-8pm 252 Kids Volunteer Training Event

## Music Ministry

Hi Everyone!

There are three components of proper music in corporate Christian worship: The form of music; the nature of the melody and the manner of presentation. Over the next few newsletters I am going to talk about the musical aspects of our worship service. Typically, in our church services, we have a Prelude, an Introit, Hymns, the Gloria Patria, Offertory, Doxology, Anthem, Benediction and Postlude. This month we begin with the **Prelude**. A Prelude is a musical composition, usually brief, that is generally played as an introduction. The first component of proper music in worship is the *form of music*. For early worship services Preludes were organ pieces that were played to introduce church music. Regarding the *nature of the melody*; for Preludes the function is to induce a serious, worshipful mood, to give tone to the rest of the service. It is not normally a lively piece of music nor is it too melancholy – but a perfect balance between the two designed to be a good opening for the worship service. Finally, the *manner of presentation*; our Preludes are mostly done by our pianist but at times we have one of our music groups begin our services. The Prelude is not for entertainment or for the purpose of displaying technique, but is a conduit to prepare our hearts and minds for our worship.

If you are looking for a way to be part of the Prelude that goes beyond sitting in the pews we have several opportunities to join us in opening our worship services. They are by either participating in or becoming a volunteer in one of our groups. You are most welcome in both capacities!! See you Sunday!

**Chancel Choir** – we sing for Sunday Services as well as prepare special music. All are welcome to join us as there is no requirement other than a love to sing!

**Church Street Boys** – All Men's group that Sings for Sunday Services; 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up

**Youth Choir** – Sings for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Joyful Noise** – Sings for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Lil' Notes** – Sings for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 3 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**Chancel Bells** – Plays for Sunday Services has an age requirement of High school and above

**Young Ringers** – Plays for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up

**MUMC Chamber Group** – Instrumental group; 4 years' experience required

## UMW Upper Sand Mountain Parish School Supplies

UMW is collecting school supplies for donation to Upper Sand Mountain Parish, whose mission is ministering to the needy living in Jackson and DeKalb Counties. During June a collection box will be located in the CLC. Suggested supplies: wide rule filler paper, pocket folders with and without tabs, regular prong folders without tabs, subject dividers, pencils, 3 ring binders –without tabs, subject dividers, pencils, 3 ring binders - 1" and 1 1/2", glue sticks and glue bottles, crayons, big pink erasers and small pencil top erasers, pencil sharpeners, flat pencil bags but not pencil boxes. For teachers: expo white board markers, Ticonderoga pencils, index cards, copier paper. The supplies will be delivered to Upper Sand Mountain in July, prior to the start of school. You are invited to make the trip and tour this wonderful place of sharing God's love.



## Preschool

Madison Church Preschool has begun registration for 2018-2019 School Year! Registration forms outside the Sanctuary in church hallway. April and May were busy months in the preschool with field trips to Animal Trax, Madison Elementary School and visits from Madison Police and Fire Departments as well as an end of school year concert and graduation. We might not be in the classrooms this summer but we are getting ready for new ideas in the fall and are thankful for the lives we have had the opportunity to share God's love with. Pictures speak louder than words so a SHOUT out





## Valley View Ministry

Do we have an opportunity for you! Make joyful noise while spreading God's love to those who can use all the attention and love we can give.

Come join the men and women of the church who meet the second and fourth Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:00 pm at Valley View Nursing Home on Wall Triana Highway in the activities/dining room. No experience is needed, music is provided, and we guarantee YOU will be blessed! For more information see Claudette Greene.

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## Double Nickels

Schedule of events:

Tuesday, June 12	9:00 am	Breakfast at IHOP
Wednesday, June 20	1:00 pm	Lunch at Bob Gibson's in Decatur
Friday, June 29	Noon	Lunch and Games in the Youth Room
Tuesday, July 10	9:00 am	Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
Wednesday, July 18	1:00 pm	Lunch at Main Street Café
Friday, July 27	Noon	Lunch and Games in the Youth Room

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## Altar Flowers



Floral arrangements may be placed on the altar any Sunday except communion to celebrate a special occasion or honor the memory of a special person. There are sign up calendars on the bulletin board in the main church hallway. Requests for special flowers or colors are honored whenever possible. The flowers are in a throwaway container and may be taken home after the second service on Sundays. There is a \$50 charge for placing flowers on the altar, which are supplied by Heritage Florist and Gifts. See Deborah Bray in the church office for more information.

## Birthdays in June and July

June 1	Charlie Irrgang	June 20	Donna Blackwelder	July 7	Deborah Friend	July 21	Bill Maynard
June 3	Deborah Bray	June 21	Marc Skelley	July 8	Val Miller	July 22	Bill Kinney
June 4	Adam Sanderson	June 23	Judy Davis	July 8	Claire Colo	July 22	Lenora Sheppa
June 7	Amanda Strickland	June 23	Pete Allen	July 9	Davis Blackwelder	July 22	Blake Perritt
June 7	Catherine Irrgang	June 24	D J Klein	July 9	Charlene Mason	July 23	Matthew Welch
June 7	Charlie Colo	June 25	Shane Kirby	July 11	Betty Roberts	July 24	Mildred Goodness
June 8	Hollis Bridges	June 27	Pat Williams	July 12	Steve Monger	July 24	Lisa Rivers
June 12	Jonathan Cochran	June 27	Ivan Cowie	July 13	Karen Clark	July 25	John Shade
June 12	Erica Colo	June 28	Nancy Whitmark	July 14	Stephen Lee	July 26	Shelby Coates
June 15	Mable Sexton	June 28	Kay Koswoski	July 15	Nancy Anderson	July 29	Dave Deutch
June 16	Andrew Mockensturm	June 29	Gene Strickland	July 15	Teri Shade	July 31	Angie Fortenberry
June 17	Patricia Broadrick	June 29	Elizabeth Conner	July 17	Vanda Beamer	July 31	David Conrad
June 17	Mike Ryan	June 30	James Apperson	July 18	Margaret Payne		
June 17	Jessica Osterloh	July 3	Belinda Terry	July 18	Margaret Maynard		
June 18	Florence Garman	July 3	Walter Petersen	July 18	Rebecca Sloan		
June 18	Ginnyu Fichten	July 4	Alice Mockensturm	July 20	Dannie Wilson		
June 20	David Palmer	July 5	Bob Hennessee	July 20	Luann Gillenwaters		

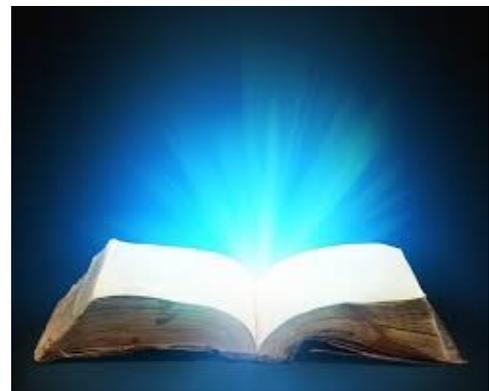
## Anniversaries in June and July

June 4	Brad and Alice Eaton	July 14	Bob and Bethann Grace
June 5	Bryson and Mary Prichard	July 15	Hagan and Erica Colo
June 13	David and Marjorie Palmer	July 16	Walt and Therise Collier
June 15	Stephen and Carolyn Edwards	July 18	French and Jennifer Salter
June 18	James and Cindi Sanderson	July 21	Hollis and Fairee Bridges
June 19	Jerry and Barbara Whitman	July 22	Scott and Karen Motz
June 26	Craig and Kimberly VanPamel	July 23	Mike and Fabiana Spires
June 29	Will and Dana Aycock	July 24	Trav and Becca Wilson
July 3	Johnny and Juanita Lamb	July 25	Wayne and Kay Koswoski
July 6	Ronnie and Pat Williams	July 28	Marty and Dinah Porch
July 13	Robert and Shelby Coates	July 31	Terry and Loretta Bailey



## Upcoming Sermons

June 3	The Gospel According to Randy: Grab the Grace
June 10	The Bishop: 190th Birthday Celebration
June 17	Guest Preacher: Larry Millard
June 24	Guest Preacher: Marjorie Palmer
July 1	Superhero Sundays: Superman (Deploy Gifts)
July 8	Superhero Sundays: Batman (Not Let the Pain Use You)
July 15	Superhero Sundays: Wolverine (Loner)
July 22	Superhero Sundays: The Avengers (Team)
July 29	To Love The Lord: Fear





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**ReGeneration Update**

ReGeneration will soon be back in action. Jim Norton, architect, has assured us that we will have drawings by early next week. If all goes well, we should have our permit in the next 15 days. Hallelujah!! What we expect to see in the coming weeks is: the demolition of the stairs in the "New Elevator Area"; Digging and pouring the elevator pit, and construction of the elevator shaft. Our goal is to have the elevator in and operational by August 1. 🙏🙏 please. We will also be regenerating bathrooms, halls, offices and Sunday School rooms in the 1948 Area. There will drawings posted on a wall adjacent to the Nursery. The one question most often asked is: "When will you be finished". That, of course, depends on when we get started! We will most probably finish towards the end of September. There will be plenty of disruption and dust through this project, so the ReGeneration group asks for much patience and many prayers!

Thank you,  
Ronnie Williams  
ReGeneration Chairman

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**August/September Newsletter Deadline for articles:  
Monday, July 16**

**Email articles and information to office@madisonum.org**