



Tree of Life

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***Deadline for Oct/
Nov Newsletter is
September 17**

From the Pastor

Reaching out this Fall

Dear Madison Church,

Amazing things are going to be happening this Fall! God is going to give us such opportunities to reach out to those around us.

Sunday, August 5 is a great time to invite someone to Madison Church, not only for worship, but to enjoy our Back-to-School Bash. Be sure to remind them not to come “dressed for church” that day. They will need to dress casually and bring a bathing suit; and a towel. Wednesday, August 8, is our Preschool Open House. What a way to reach out! If you know a family with young children that needs part-time Christian Childcare, we are the best place in the city, please invite them to enroll their children in our preschool.

Also, Wednesday, August 8, our Wednesday Nights (formerly known as “Easy Wednesday” will return). This is a great time to invite new people to dinner, enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of other Christians, grow deeper in your faith in Christ through Bible study and small groups, or serve in worship through joining various musical groups that practice on Wednesday nights. Pastor’s Bible study will be at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. For the first three weeks I’ll be leading a study on what’s going on in the United Methodist Church. Other Bible studies, menus, and other opportunities will be advertised soon. For more information: keep an eye on the bulletin, social media, and worship announcements.

This August we will continue to reach out through our “Holy Fixer Upper” at Lincoln Village Ministry; to volunteer, contact Dave Palmer at 256-656-9541 or dcpalmer@knology.net.

September will be about inviting and reaching out at well. October and November we will reach out to the world, through missions to Uganda and Mongolia.

Rev. John Stott once said, “The Bible isn’t about people trying to discover God, but about God reaching out to find us.” Let us truly have “the same attitude” as Jesus (Philippians 2:5). Let us each one continue each day to reach out to our community.

Grace and Peace,

Trav Wilson

360° Youth

“...breaking bread from house to house...with simplicity...the Lord added to the church, daily, those who would be saved.” Quick quiz...where are these words located in the Bible? Do you know the address (as we used to say)? I'll give you a minute to figure it out. More important than knowing where these words are found is realizing what meaning is really attached to them. This quote comes from the earliest Christians who were truly discovering what Jesus meant when He said, “go into the world and preach the Gospel”. These disciples realized what was needed to spread the good news about Jesus was simple...community. In August 2018, the youth department will be fashioned after this truth and example with the expectation that we will see spiritual, and numerical, growth within the family ministry of MUMC.

Here's how it will look:

Sundays – 360° Youth Service, 6th-12th grades. Games, dinner, worship & teaching.

Wednesdays – Junior High (6-8 grades) Small Groups

Senior High small groups will be meeting in the homes of some of our long-standing church members at a time/day determined by each individual group. For too long we have been asking every student to come at the same time each week to participate in this life-changing, spirit-sharpening, Jesus-centered community that addresses their most intimate concerns. We are changing the schedule to meet the needs of our families.

If you have a non-driving student, you might want to consider joining us on **Wednesday, August 8** as the students gather together and decide on their weekly schedule.

Important Dates:

August 3-4 - Boys/Girls Retreats, Athens, AL.

August 5 – Back to School Bash, 12:00-2:30p

Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, 3:00-4:30p (weekly)

August 8 – Fall Semester Begins, 6:30-8:00p – Small Group Schedule will be determined on this night.

August 12 – Sunday night Youth service Returns July/August Birthday Celebration

Be looking for the Aug-Oct calendar in your inbox real soon. Oh, it was Acts 2:46-47.

Madison Kids

What's Happening in Madison Kids?

August 5 is a big day in the life of Madison UMC! We will be launching our new MADISON KIDS worship service and celebrating after church with the Back To School Bash! Wow so much fun!

Here is a little more info on what our kids will be learning in their worship service over the next two months.....

WISDOM: IS A REFLECTION OF THE CHARACTER OF GOD. We start the month of August with Jesus and our only glimpse into His life as a child. In Luke 2:41-52 we discover that Jesus knew His Father's house was where he needed to be.

We're told that Jesus grew in wisdom, faith, and friendship. This is the model we should follow as we seek to grow in our own relationship with God.

Bottom Line: *If you want to be wise, search for wisdom.* Kids are growing up in the information age. There is access to more data than we could possibly need or imagine. But our knowledge is only as good as how we apply it. We pray that kids find value in searching for wisdom through God's Word, trusted friends, Small Group Leaders, and their family. Wisdom is out there; we just need to find it.

INITIATIVE: IS A REFLECTION OF THE CHARACTER OF GOD. In September, we start at the beginning of Nehemiah's story in Nehemiah 1:1-2:9. We discover that Nehemiah was working for King Artaxerxes when his brother brought news from the exiles living in Judah. When he heard about the devastation in Jerusalem, Nehemiah was heartbroken. He recognized the huge need, but before he did anything he prayed. Nehemiah knew that whatever he would do, he'd need God's help to accomplish it.

Bottom Line: *Be on the lookout for what needs to be done.* Before you can do what needs to be done, you have to see what needs to be done. We hope the story from Nehemiah inspires kids to be more aware of the needs around them. These don't have to be huge either. Our homes and schools are filled with opportunities where we can show initiative, we just have to be open to seeing them

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 27 TRUNK OR TREAT AND OUTDOOR MOVIE! TIMES: TBD



Music Ministry

Hi Everyone!

This month we continue with our series on the three components of proper music in corporate Christian worship: the form of music, the nature of the melody and the manner of presentation. Typically, in our church services, we have a Prelude, an Introit, Hymns, the Gloria Patria, Offertory, Doxology, Anthem, Benediction and Postlude. We talked about the prelude last month. This month we continue with the **Introit**. An **Introit** 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 Introits were typically chants or sung pieces or a choral response. It could be part of a psalm or anthem. In the Anglican or Lutheran churches an Introit is sung as the celebrant of the Holy Communion enters the Sanctuary. Regarding the *nature of the melody*; for Introits the function is similar to Preludes and are used to prepare the congregation for worship. Finally, the *manner of presentation*; our Introits are mostly done by our pianist but at times we have one of our music groups begin our services. The lighting of the alter candles are often done during the Introit as well.

We will soon be kicking off our fall schedule and are waiting for you to join us! Either by participating in one or more of our choirs or becoming a volunteer in one of our groups. You are most welcome in both capacities!! See you Sunday!

~ Sandy

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; 9th grade and up

Youth Choir – Sings for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 6th – 12th grade.

Joyful Noise – Sings for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 1st – 5th grade.

Lil' Notes – Sings for Sunday Services and has an age requirement of 3 years old to 1st 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 3rd grade and up

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

UMW

A Treasure Trove of School Supplies Delivered to Upper Sand Mountain Parish

Upper Sand Mountain Parish serves the most densely populated rural area living below the poverty level in the United States. Donations from MUMC, UMW and Manna House were delivered July 17. From left: Dottie Patterson, Peggy Deutsch, Coleen Drake, Bethann Grace, Sylvia Guerin, Amanda Strickland, Linda Baucom enjoyed the trip. Many, many thank-you to all of you who donated! Thanks also to Amanda for leading this wonderful mission of giving. The **next UMW meeting** will be on **Monday, September 10 at 10:00 am** with election of officers and planning of activities.

September 15, Madison UMW will be hosting the **Northeast Mini Mission U from 8 am to 10 am**. Registration details will be available soon.



Preschool

Madison Church Preschool is registering for 2018-2019 School Year!

- Preschool hours for the school year are Monday thru Friday — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- **New registration forms are available outside the Sanctuary in the main church hallway.**
- **2, 3, 4 and 5 day options available. For information contact Kat at preschool@madisonum.org or 256-772-9880**

You are Invited!

The Madison Church family is invited to the wedding of Catherine Perry and Justin Hobbs, Saturday, September 22, at 4:30 pm, Burritt on the Mountain, with dinner and dancing to follow. Please RSVP to justincatwedding2018@gmail.com or to Nancy Perry



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 Apperson..

Double Nickels

Tuesday, August 7	9:00 am Breakfast at <i>Mia's</i>
Wednesday, August 15	1:00 pm Lunch at <i>City Cafe</i>
Friday, August 31	Noon Lunch and Games in the Youth Room
Tuesday, September 3	9:00 am Breakfast at IHOP
Wednesday, September 19	12:15 pm Meet at the church to go to Grand mother's House for lunch
Friday, September 28	Noon Lunch and Games in the Youth Room

Save the Date:

Day trip to "Falcon Rest Mansion", McMinnville, Tennessee, October 23

The cost is \$35.17 per person. Enjoy entertainment, delicious food, and a tour of the mansion including an interactive show *Ghosts at the Mansion*". It is a fabulous event and history lesson in one package. Make reservations by September 25 by calling Coleen Drake at 256-970-4943 or Connie Blackwell at 256-653,1911.



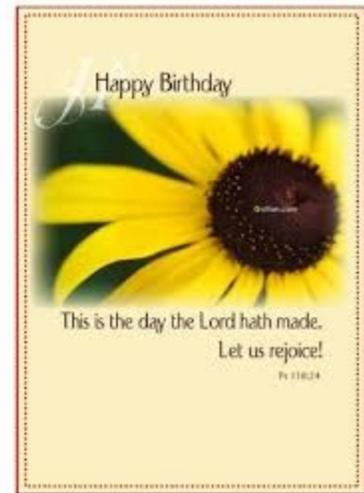
WANTED: Volunteer Marketing Specialist & Team Members

The church is seeking a volunteer Marketing Specialist to work with the staff to develop a marketing plan for the church.

- Responsibilities include developing overall church marketing plan with staff, maintaining social media and print media efforts for the church.
- Please consider volunteering if you have experience, education, or interest in marketing.
- Please contact Trav by August 5 if you are interested at trav@madisonum.org or 256-698-3784.

Birthdays in August and September

Aug. 2 Danny Nichols	Aug. 25 Jan Mason	Sept. 9 Michael Jordan
Aug. 2 Joe Wassell	Aug. 26 Paul Barrett	Sept. 9 Tim McFalls
Aug. 2 John Baucom	Aug. 26 John McFalls	Sept. 9 Laurie McFalls
Aug. 3 Cameron Sturdivant	Aug. 27 Patsy Ryan	Sept. 9 Grace Marenka
Aug. 5 Griffin Stewart	Aug. 27 Alice Eaton	Sept. 10 Rich Sweazy
Aug. 7 Suzie Glover	Aug. 28 Michael Signorelli	Sept. 10 Adalyn Edwards
Aug. 13 Evelyn Gambrell	Aug. 28 Gracie Rivers	Sept. 12 Jennifer Salter
Aug. 13 Karissa Edgecomb	Aug. 29 Annie Jordan	Sept. 14 Barbara Evans
Aug. 14 Amy Maynard	Sept. 1 Dottie Patterson	Sept. 20 Flossie Hughes
Aug. 15 Terry More	Sept. 2 Steve Edwards	Sept. 20 Olivia Price
Aug. 15 Jason Noland	Sept. 2 Wes Slone	Sept. 21 Reba Jacobs
Aug. 16 George Jones	Sept. 3 Tim Wilson	Sept. 21 Nancy Perry
Aug. 19 Robert Defurio	Sept. 5 Roger Crump	Sept. 22 Bennett Perritt
Aug. 19 Terri Renn	Sept. 5 Stan Johnson	Sept. 24 Maxine Phillips
Aug. 19 James Eaton	Sept. 6 Trav Wilson	Sept. 25 Will Aycock
Aug. 19 Sam Maynard	Sept. 6 Sara Cochran	Sept. 25 Kevin Glover
Aug. 19 Kimerly VanPamel	Sept. 7 Bethann Grace	
Aug. 19 Brad Eaton	Sept. 8 Joanna Todd	
Aug. 22 Susan Defurio	Sept. 9 Dori Carden	



Anniversaries in August and September

Aug. 4 Stephen and Lynn Lee	Sept. 3 John and Kim Sloan
Aug. 8 Davis and Donna Blackwelder	Sept 12 Walter and Kara Petersen
Aug. 12 Charles and Anne Erwin	Sept 16 Chris and Barbara Thomas
Aug. 13 Andrew and Susan Kula	Sept 18 Byron and Lynn Phillips
Aug. 31 Jimmy and Gwen Russell	Sept 19 John and Stephanie Bean
Sept. 2 Lee and Genie Riddle	



Upcoming Sermons

August 5	John 6: Walk on Water
August 12	John 6: Bread of Life
August 19	John 6: Disciples Desert
August 26	John 6: Many Desert Jesus
September 2	Testimony (Coleen Drake)
September 9	Seven Letters that Shook the World: Ephesus
September 16	Seven Letters that Shook the World: Smyrna
September 23	Seven Letters that Shook the World: Pergamum
September 30	Seven Letters that Shook the World: Thyatira



Lincoln Village Update

MUMC support of Lincoln Village Ministries; (Property Acquisition, Renovation, and Leasing.) BLUF: You are invited to join a great team of volunteers focused on redemptive, qualitative changes in the living standards of financially challenged families in our community. We stay in touch via email with the subject: LVM Interest and availability. These emails update the team and announce the next opportunities for support (generally Thursday and Saturday mornings). The current project: the dismantling of a rat-infested, coal-saturated duplex at 1114 Bennett Street in Lincoln Village started in May and is ongoing. (There is always something to remove or clean up). Reconstruction will start in August/September and will continue for at least a year. This 1920's vintage mill-house is being transformed into a single family home by seasoned leaders and many skilled, unskilled, young, old, male and female volunteers. All seeing the redemptive spirit of God at work by providing a healthy home in a safe community. Our support is contributing to the healing of persons and families. See the whole story at <https://lincolnvillageministry.com>. This effort is reinforcing our missional out-reach spirit by changing the perspectives and lives of volunteers, and affirming the selfless nature of our church members. While dismantling is almost complete, reconstruction will soon start. Come join us and let your heart grow with us. POC: Dave Palmer, dcpalmer@knology.net, 256-656-9541.



Before



After

ReGeneration Update

We have made some progress, Praise The Lord! On July the 2nd we asked for, and received, a Demolition Permit from the City of Madison. On July the 3rd we began demolishing the "Elevator Area", which includes the old library, 1948/1964 stairs, and removal of concrete and dirt. This is all in preparation for the elevator shaft, elevator pit, and elevator mechanical room. There will be additional wall removals in the days to come.

Regrettably, we are still awaiting details on the architectural drawings that are required by the city. We have hired an outside engineering firm to create these, which includes three separate engineers! I am pushing to receive these by the end of July.

We are working with church staff, Pre-school and Wendell Powers Contracting to submit a plan that will allow Regen to proceed during the upcoming school year. We ask for continued prayers, cooperation, and patience from everyone.

Thank you,
Ronnie Williams





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Friday 9am-noon

Church-wide Yard Sale to Benefit Preschool

Saturday, August 11, 7:30 am to noon in the CLC

Drive thru donations of all kinds will be accepted starting at 7:30 am on Friday, Aug. 10, at double doors near CLC kitchen.

Donation receipts will be given. Please no televisions or mattresses. Clothing for children ages 0 to 12 only.

Volunteers are needed Friday and Saturday. Contact Kat Harbour, preschool director, at 256-653-2447 to volunteer.

**October/November Newsletter Deadline for articles:
Monday, September 17
Email articles and information to office@madisonum.org**