



MADISON HEIGHTS
BAPTIST CHURCH

the
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“The Hands of Christ in the Place We Live.”

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ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE

I spent a good portion of my Tuesday morning revisiting the 1969 MHBC Directory, printed specifically in dedication to the building of what is our current sanctuary. In it, I saw many of your faces alongside your siblings and parents, read about the history of building projects we’ve undergone (6 phases of building construction now, to be exact!), and reflected on the words written about the significance of that sort of work. It was a wonderful journey in nostalgia, one that we will take together on Sunday as we celebrate 135 years of our church’s ministry in Madison Heights.

Of course, there is an alternative to this sort of practice. We could certainly embrace the modern sentiment that seems to inject cynicism and criticism into every arena of life and instead of celebrating what has endured, simply asking “Why?” of the practice. Why should we celebrate the continued existence of our church? After all, lots of churches have stood this long and longer! Why should we celebrate an organization with a spotted past? There’s no denying, every church (including ours!) has had its share of hardships, poor decisions, scandals, and failures. Perhaps most cynically, many have asked this question of many institutions in recent days: why should we remember the good acts of vastly broken people so long ago at all?

Our nation just recently celebrated its 250th Anniversary to much the same questioning. Many, influenced by the current dysfunction we hear so often about and the broken aspects of our past that have not yet been resolved, asked the same questions of July 4th this year. What good is it to celebrate a nation created by founders who were quite broken themselves, and that still hasn’t reached its goal?

Wilfred M. McClay, professor of history at Hillsdale College, had this to say on the topic: “What, then, should we say about the all-too-human leaders who brought this nation into being a quarter of a millennium ago? We can teach our children this: All of us are flawed. The Founders were not exceptions to that rule. Neither are we. But what is not normal or usual are those rare moments in history when flawed people come together to produce extraordinary things. Not flawless things, but great things, things worthy of our admiration and gratitude.”

135 years of continued ministry in a community by a gathered body of believers is truly one of those extraordinary things—it is a testament to the faithfulness and grace of God. That this group persists in worship and ministry despite the effects of world wars, economic depressions, blight and drought, indiscretion, arguments, and uncertainty is proof of the fact that God uses broken people to do wonderful work for his kingdom in the name of Jesus. No gathering of humans will ever be flawless, but God has done great things through the people that have been, are, and continue to be Madison Heights Baptist Church. I look forward to celebrating that with you this Sunday in admiration and gratitude. As always, it is my privilege to serve as your (and MHBC’s 22nd!) pastor. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Josh Beeler | “All Time Bible Classics” series

“Gather” | Hebrews 10:19-25

Chancel Choir | “What a Day That Will Be”

CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

September 20 Beth Freeman & Jesse Staton

DEACONS SERVING SEPTEMBER 20

Marvin Jefferson	Steve Martin
Donna Massie	Billy Williams
Angela Sale	Ann Irvin

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....	\$ 6,935.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)	
Plate Offering.....	\$ 135.00
Designated Offering.....	\$ 495.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$ 7,565.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$ 260.00



After my 14 day hospital stay at Lynchburg General, I would like to thank my church family for all of their acts of kindness from hospital visits, to cards, to scrumptious food. I really appreciate your acts of love and support. - Cheryl Allen

MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS - SEPTEMBER

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WOMEN ON MISSION COLLECTION

Items for Shelters including:

Gift cards	Housewares (pots, dishes, etc.)
Bus passes	Cleaning supplies/detergent
Toilet paper	Paper towels
Personal hygiene items	Batteries

FELLOWSHIP

FALL PROGRAMMING

Tuesdays beginning 9/15

10 AM Koinonias

Wednesdays beginning 9/16

6:30 - 8:00 PM Programs for all ages

Thursdays beginning 9/17

6:30 PM Handbells & 7:30 PM Adult Choir

**135 YEARS OF
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Sunday, September 20 after worship
Refreshments
Historical Presentation
Trivia Contest
The exhibit may also be viewed 9/17-22

Deacons Meeting 9/21 at 7 PM

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY 9/23 6:00PM

HAM, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, ROLLS, DESSERT
ALPHA GAL & KIDS' OPTIONS AVAILABLE



PRAYER LIST

Health Concerns

Cheryl Allen	Karen Amato
Sambo Brooks	Sue Bryant
Nancy Campbell	Julian Clark
Tammy Coates	Sharyn Coffey
Cheryl Coleman	Neil Crowder
Barbara Duval	Paul Faulconer
Norma Fisher	Dea Baldwin Floyd
Dena Gardner	Carolyn Harris
Michael Herndon	Steve Horne
Gail Jedelsky	Janet LaFerney
Rebekah LaFerney	Bobby Layne
Duane Lee	Carolyn Martin
Kiston McPhatter	Donna Pearce
Will Sandidge	Dennis Sitton
Sittons' son-in-law	Jesse Staton
Jan Thomas	Brenda Toney
Brenda Young	
Regina Trent, friend of Bowers	
Randy Bower's mother	

Hospitalized

Mike Mattox

Assisted Living

Diana Ray	Jimmy Thacker
Nancy Roakes	Betty Jackson

Homebound

June Bryant	Preston Floyd
Elizabeth Freeman	Donna Perdue
Leslie Ray	Barbara Stokes
Jean & Cecil Thacker	
Peggy Wood	

Hospice

Barbara Clements	Betty Goff
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Active Duty

Timmy Brown	Robert Cole Bryant
Jayna Clements	Joe Clements
Connor Irvin	Chloe Maxfield
John Roakes	Blake Thacker

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