MADISON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

# the Communicator

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**"The Hands of Christ in the Place We Live."**

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## RHYTHMS IN THE DARK

While the days ahead may contain one of my least favorite parts of the year (sunsets before 5:30pm), they also contain one of my favorite parts of our annual rhythm—meaningful moments to track the days. In biblical times, the autumn days were tracked by the harvest coming in. This was the time that crops were gathered and processed for eating throughout the winter. It was a time that God was thanked and praised for his provision over our ancestors' lives. The fall was a season for gratitude for God's blessings.

One of my favorite parts of our shared life together at MHBC is that we still have much the same rhythm in place with our Season of Stewardship. November is dedicated to taking account of God's rich blessings in our lives, and prayerfully considering how God might want us to use those blessings to sustain our church.

We follow a regular rhythm here: the budget gets released and discussed (November 1 and 4), we have a meal to celebrate what has been and how God will bless us as a church through our shared resources in the year ahead (November 8), we vote on our budget for the year ahead (November 15), and we conclude it all by pledging to give our part to our common missions and ministry budget (November 22). We are all part of this process together—we can only accomplish what we will all commit to—so I invite you to start praying about this rhythm now, and how you might contribute to our common efforts with what God has blessed you with.

And then, as the month of Stewardship comes to a close, we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent. Weeks dedicated to preparing our hearts for Christ's return. Dark days where we remember the brokenness of the world, as well as God's promise to one day light up the darkness for good. At Advent, the Church year officially begins, and we have the joy of starting over again together as the people of God—striving to bring the light of Christ into our world during the darkest of days. Start to mark off your calendars and time now to join us for all the different ways we gather to celebrate the season that leads us to Christmas. I guarantee that slowing down the outside noise enough to gather with your family of faith will add a depth of meaning to the winter days that nothing else can!

We fall back this weekend, which means we must prepare to meet more darkness whether we are ready or not. But with that preparation comes the return of beautiful rhythms to our lives as well. Rhythms that—in the darkness and the stillness—invite us to return to God. To be grateful for his gifts. And to make our lives again about his way and work. It is my constant joy to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

### *SUNDAY MORNING*

**9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL**
**11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP**

### *SPECIAL ELEMENTS*

Josh Beeler | "Why We Do What We Do" series
"Pray" | Matthew 6:5-15
Chancel Choir | "When I Don't Know What To Do"
Communion

# CHURCH LIFE

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

November 1 — Angela Sale & Ellen Saunders

## DEACONS SERVING NOVEMBER 1

| | |
|---|---|
| Steve Owen | David Bryant |
| Mike Garrett | Luke Hamel |
| Marvin Hensley | Ann Irvin |

## DEACONS FOR HOME COMMUNION

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|---|---|
| Marvin Hensley | Ann Irvin |
| Marvin Jefferson | Steve Martin |
| Donna Massie | Billy Williams |
| Angela Sale | Ellen Saunders |

## OCTOBER 25, 2026 OFFERINGS

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|---|---|
| Budget Envelopes....$ | 5,980.00 |
| **(Weekly Budget Needs $9,424.06)** | |
| Plate Offering....$ | 70.00 |
| Designated Offering....$ | 4,635.00 |
| Miscellaneous....$ | 88.43 |
| TOTAL DEPOSIT....$ | 10,773.43 |
| Find Us Faithful....$ | 535.00 |

# MISSIONS

## WOMEN ON MISSION

Projects for shut-ins and blessing bags

## CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS NOVEMBER

Canned Ham



## COATS 4 KIDS

We are collecting new, hooded winter coats in sizes 4T-20 for girls or boys. Coats will be collected through 11/22 and given to children in our community.

## BREAKFAST FOR MADISON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY FACULTY & STAFF - 11/3




Volunteers arrive at MHES by 7:45
Food drop off at MHES at 7:45 on 11/3
or at MHBC on 11/2 from 8:30 - 2:30

# FELLOWSHIP

Wear a kid-friendly costume!

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Candy after programs

**WEDNESDAY 10/28 6:00PM**

CHICKEN TACO SALAD – KIDS' OPTIONS AVAILABLE

*SIGN UP ON THE CHART BEHIND THE CHOIR LOFT*





## yoga

october 29 at 10 am

## WatercolorClasses

11/3 at 6 PM & 11/4 at 10 AM

## CARING THROUGH PRAYER




## Dedicated to Growth Through the Years



Stewardship Lunch
November 8
after worship

## Budget Discussion

November 4 at 7 PM

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of *Barbara Peters Clements* on her recent passing

*Welcome Adeline Carter*
daughter of Stacie & Brent
born 10/24/26

# PRAYER LIST

## Health Concerns

| | |
|---|---|
| Johnny Abbott | Cheryl Allen |
| Donnie Allgood | Amherst 4H Leaders |
| Shelley Beeler | Julia Berry |
| Eleanor Woodruff Brockman's daughter | |
| Kelvin Brown | Phyllis Bower |
| Nancy Campbell | Vince Campbell |
| Dena Christen | Walker Clark |
| Tammy Coates | Sharyn Coffey |
| Kinsley Cox | Paul Faulconer |
| Norma Fisher | Dea Baldwin Floyd |
| Elizabeth Freeman | Elijah Gendron |
| Carolyn Harris | Sonny Harvey |
| Ted Harvey | Scott Hepburn |
| Patsy Jordan | Rebekah LaFerney |
| Angie Lee | Billy Ogden, Sr. |
| Jay Parker | Kiston McPhatter |
| MHES Teacher Breakfast | |
| Lisa Moore, Amy Hall's sister | |
| Dennis Sitton | Jean Springer |
| Jesse Staton | Jimmy Steuart |
| Barbara Stokes | Jean Thacker |
| Carolyn Thompson | Greg Tyree |
| Mary Ann Woods | Brenda Young |

## Hospitalized

Judy Gunter

## Assisted Living

| | |
|---|---|
| Diana Ray | Jimmy Thacker |
| Nancy Roakes | Betty Jackson |

## Homebound

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

## Hospice

Barbara Clements — Betty Goff

## Active Duty

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

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