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SUCH IS LIFE...

When I arrived at the office this Monday morning, I had a revelation: “I’m supposed to start a sermon series on the 7 Deadly Sins that will last until Easter, but I’ve now lost two of the weeks to complete it!” As it turns out, you kind of need seven weeks to talk about seven sins...and so we had to call an audible. So go the best laid plans...

No problem there, other than pushing back a sermon series I’d intended to start this week. We will instead turn to Judges after Easter, and will begin a shorter series this week, entitled “Biblical Bigfoots” about sayings some folks think are in the Bible, but in fact are not! It will still be a meaningful time together in worship, and I look forward to seeing each of you on Sunday!

After all, it will have been THREE WEEKS away from each other at that point! Isn’t that strange to think of? SO many meaningful plans were in place that had to be cancelled due to weather...worship, Wednesday activities, kid/youth events, yoga and water color sessions, meals and communion—the weather took a toll on many of our regular and unique plans to start the year together.

But, as they say (NOT the Bible mind you—this could be another “biblical bigfoot!”), “such is life!” The longer you live, the more you learn that making it through requires a willingness and ability to flex away from our best plans to move towards something different. In fact, this ability, I’d argue, is something that allows us to draw closer to the likeness of God!

Think about it: NO ONE in all of history has come close to laying out the sort of plans that God intended for his creation! And yet, with the free will of creatures comes the inevitable struggle with things not going according to plan! In our sin, selfishness, and pride, we walk down roads that God never intended—that are FAR less for our own good than God desired! And yet, no matter where we go, God is there. Not having led us down the dark paths, but never afraid to walk them with us and try to guide us back toward the light. God is the ultimate detour guide.

I’m not sure where this storm dropped you. I’m not sure which unplowed side roads or back alleys of life you find yourself on these days, but I pray that you will trust that, no matter how dark or detoured, God is there with you. God is longing to bring good from your waywardness. His love is ready to guide you back.

I don’t know about you, but I’m excited for clear roads and days where my schedule holds. I hope that will include time together at church in the days ahead—I look forward to being back with you! As always, it is my joy to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - bring your canned soups (votes for winning team) to Fellowship Hall

9:15 AM - SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Rev. Josh Beeler | “Help Yourself”
Romans 5:6-8, Psalm 82:3, Proverbs 14:21, 31
Chancel Choir | “We Are Changed”
Communion

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 8 Irene White & Beth Freeman

DEACONS SERVING FEB. 8

Beth Freeman	Jesse Staton
Steve Owen	David Bryant
Mike Garrett	Luke Hamel

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 OFFERINGS

(no service due to weather)

Budget Envelopes.....	\$	0.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)		
Plate Offering.....	\$	0.00
Designated Offering.....	\$	0.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$	0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$	0.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$	0.00

MHBC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Personnel Committee is currently receiving applications for our new office position. Applications are being received until Sunday, February 15. If you would like to apply, please email Personnel Chair, Carl LaFerney at **cjlaferney@msn.com** or call with questions at **(434) 851-6003**.

To see a full job description, visit our church website:
madisonheightsbaptist.com/stay-connected

IN THE HOSPITAL & REHAB

Contact the office to let us know!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Bring canned soups **THIS SUNDAY, February 8** and “vote” for who you think will win the Super Bowl - Seahawks or Patriots? All soups will go to Neighbors Helping Neighbors - which means our neighbors are the real winners! And one person from the winning team will win a prize!



WINTER WEATHER WATCH

During these winter months, be sure to monitor our Facebook group for updates, postponements, and cancellations. When worship services are cancelled, it will also be posted on WSET 13.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

This Wednesday, February 4 includes Children’s Choir and Disciple Kids, Youth Fellowship & Bible Study and Youth Bells, and Adult Prayer & Bible Study.

ALMOST ALL NIGHTER (NEW DATE)

This Friday, February 6 from 6-9pm Dinner, dessert, games, & Lilo & Stitch! Kids and youth are invited to join us for the evening--and to bring a friend! Sign-up sheet in main hall!



KEENAGERS & YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, February 10 at 10:30am The crowning of our 2026 King or Queen with a covered dish lunch to follow - bread and beverages provided.