



**MADISON HEIGHTS**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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## **A WINDOW TO ERAS PAST**

For Christmas this year, I received a gift that I’ve long had on my wish list that I never really felt necessitated purchasing for myself. It’s one of those things that ONE person may find to be incredibly interesting, and another might say, “Why in the WORLD do you have that?” It’s called an embosser. An embosser puts a custom printed indentation into a page of a book that demarcates it as a person’s possession. Mine has a picture of an eagle and reads, “From the Library of Rev. Josh Beeler.”

A pastor’s library is one of their most significant possessions. But in many ways, it is similar to this device! Some people will look at the collection and see diamonds or books they want for themselves, and others will look (especially when you retire) and say, “Why in the WORLD do you have that?” The information in books is often linked to a time and era of the field in which they find themselves, but others endure the test of time. Others hold the pages of timeless poetry, recount the biographies of transformational leaders, or give us an insight into the eras before us.

I’m currently reading a book which accomplishes the last two of these. It’s an autobiography from pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick that has been quite interesting to read. It’s shared some experiences through the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and talked about the ethos that embodied much of the theology he was influenced by in his time. In that way, it has been something of a history lesson to get to learn what it was like to pastor during the early hope of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the devastation of the Depression and two World Wars, and the realism that settled in after—about the brokenness of humanity!

But in another way, it has been something of a history lesson about the era before me. You see, this is one of the books that I inherited when I arrived at Madison Heights Baptist Church! And, interestingly enough, it is a book that two pastors before me inherited as well—from Rev. Bumgarner. And wouldn’t you know it, his notes run throughout the pages. I’ve enjoyed getting to read the reflections of Rev. Fosdick alongside the marks of the pastor that many of you know so well from our church decades ago. It’s interesting to see what impact this book had on our church’s leadership an era before, and to read that alongside our existence now!

To that end, let me encourage you to mark your calendars for what will be a similar experience with our church’s history. **On Sunday, September 20 after worship**, we will have a time of celebration and reflection to honor the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church. Volunteers have been working to compile photos and documents to help you journey through our history. Refreshments will be served as well. I hope that you will set aside the time to reflect on our history, ponder what it might have to teach us today, and consider how it might impact the days yet before us! As always, it is my privilege to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP**

### **SPECIAL ELEMENTS**

Josh Beeler | “All Time Bible Classics” series

“The Good Samaritan” | Luke 10:25-37

Back to School Blessing

Choir | “The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference”

## CHURCH LIFE

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

August 9 Steve Martin & Donna Massie

### DEACONS SERVING AUGUST 9

Cary Murphy John Grieser  
Jeff Williams Carl LaFerney  
J.C. Fore Lesley McPhatter

### AUGUST 2, 2026 OFFERINGS

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Envelopes.....                   | \$ 9,538.00  |
| <b>(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)</b> |              |
| Plate Offering.....                     | \$ 60.00     |
| Designated Offering.....                | \$ 3,185.00  |
| Miscellaneous.....                      | \$ 0.00      |
| TOTAL DEPOSIT.....                      | \$ 12,783.00 |
| Find Us Faithful.....                   | \$ 485.00    |

## MISSIONS

### CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS - AUGUST



Canned Meats

### FOR MADISON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Deodorant, Shampoo,  
Body Wash



## FELLOWSHIP

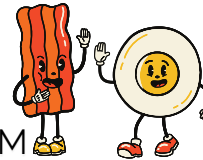
### SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



August 5 at 7pm

**POOL @ the Harveys' House**  
August 7 2-6 PM  
Hot dogs & drinks provided  
Pool for swimming ~ pond for fishing

*Second Sunday  
Breakfast*  
AUGUST 9 AT 9:15 AM



Shalom Creatives  
**OPEN ART STUDIO**  
August 22 10 AM - 12 PM  
Free Community Art Time  
Guided theme available or create your own  
\*Supplies provided\*

Madison Heights Area  
Churches Union Music Service  
**Meeting Jesus:**  
**Changed by the Gospel**  
8/23/26 7:00 p.m.  
Randolph Memorial Baptist Church



## PRAYER LIST

### Health Concerns

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Janet LaFerney                       | Jesse Staton     |
| Sambo Brooks                         | Gail Jedelesky   |
| Donna Pearce                         | Jane Oliver      |
| Buddy Fisher                         | Dennis Stilton   |
| Davis Keya                           | Barbara Witt     |
| Carolyn Harris                       | Steve Horn       |
| Lisa Lang                            | Larry Stratton   |
| Vince Campbell                       | Duane Lee        |
| Jesse Staton                         | Mary Ann Sitton  |
| Dale Freeman                         | Cindy Orkin      |
| Alice Hamlett                        | Jean Springer    |
| Nancy Campbell                       | Julia Berry      |
| Kiston McPhatter                     | Norma Fisher     |
| Todd Cash                            | Kaitlyn Thompson |
| Julian Clark                         | Baby Molly       |
| Dea Baldwin Floyd                    |                  |
| Christy Fore (mother)                |                  |
| Diane and Lisa Kidd (friend)         |                  |
| Tammy Zirkle (Cecil Thacker's niece) |                  |

### Hospitalized

Mike Mattox

### Assisted Living

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

### Homebound

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| June Bryant          | Elizabeth Freeman    |
| Donna Perdue         | Leslie Ray           |
| Barbara Stokes       | Jean & Cecil Thacker |
| Peggy & Herbert Wood |                      |

### Active Duty

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

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