



**MADISON HEIGHTS
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

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A VOLUNTEER VINE

As much as I love growing all the foods that fill my garden, the thing that I love growing the most are cherry tomatoes. I eat more than two of the average individuals in cherry tomatoes, eating many even while I tend to the rest of the garden. Maintaining it is hard work you know! Though, I can only eat my fill IF I have them to eat!

This year, we purchased our plants from the ones that were grown at the middle school by Brody and his classmates. And, whether it was my fault in not picking the right plants or a labeling error from students, after purchasing 8 tomato plants, 4 of which were supposed to be cherry tomatoes, I ended up with ZERO.

Through the beginning of the summer, it was certainly a disappointment—not to having my favorite garden snack is not something I’m used to! But I continued diligently, harvesting what was otherwise a good bounty. Until about a month ago, I noticed a volunteer tomato plant growing up among my basil—not at all where I’d planted them. I let it continue, curious as to what might transpire, and wouldn’t you know it: just this morning, I picked my first two cherry tomatoes of the season.

Life certainly comes with its fill of surprises, doesn’t it? Some of them LESS than desirable, like my discovery of originally planted varieties LONG after I could do anything about it! And some, a hint of sunshine in what could otherwise be a very heavy season. Even in the unexpected chaos, there can be sprigs of unexpected joy.

I don’t write this to negate the heaviness that life often deals—and that many of you are walking through even now. Oftentimes, our situations are heavier than we can manage on our own! I write this more as a reminder to keep your eyes open for the small bits of relief. They aren’t meant to negate the weight of the rest, but simply to remind you that you don’t have to carry it alone.

As a continuation of my Sunday sermon illustration, in trying times, Mr. Rogers would encourage children to “look for the helpers.” Helpers in terrible things remind us that goodness is still at work. Scripture reminds us of this truth in a variety of ways, including the way that you’ve heard me say repeatedly if you’ve ever been to a funeral I’ve led: “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

There will still be burdens to bear, crosses to carry, and tears to tend to. There will still be gardens in life that don’t go at all how you’d planned! And yet, in the form of friends, family, meals, church care, and so many other things, God regularly sends surprise vines of joy—breaking through the chaos. 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
“Hannah & Samuel” | 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Back to School Blessing

Chancel Choir | “Glory to His Name”

CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

August 16 Billy Williams & Angela Sale

DEACONS SERVING AUGUST 16

Cary Murphy	Steve Owen
Beth Freeman	David Bryant
Jesse Staton	Mike Garrett

AUGUST 9, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....	\$ 8,309.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)	
Plate Offering.....	\$ 71.00
Designated Offering.....	\$ 1,005.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$ 9,385.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$ 555.00

MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS - AUGUST



Canned Meats

FOR MADISON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Deodorant, Shampoo,
Body Wash



FELLOWSHIP

We extend our condolences
to the family and friends of
Beverly Keith Campbell
July 10, 1947 - August 6, 2026



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

Blood Drive
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
1-5PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Wednesday Ministries Kick-off Dinner

September 9
6-8pm



information
registration
food and fun
fellowship

PRAYER LIST

Health Concerns

Cheryl Allen	
Julia Berry, Cecil Thacker's cousin	
Sambo Brooks	Nancy Campbell
Vince Campbell	Todd Cash
Julian Clark	Barbara Duval
Buddy Fisher	Norma Fisher
Dea Baldwin Floyd	Dale Freeman
Alice Hamlett	Carolyn Harris
Steve Horn	Gail Jedelesky
Friend of Diane & Lisa Kidd	
Janet LaFerney	Lisa Lang
Duane Lee	Kiston McPhatter
Baby Molly	Jane Oliver
Donna Pearce	Dennis Sitton
Mary Ann Sitton	Jean Springer
Jerry Staton	Larry Stratton
Kaitlyn Thompson	
Regina Trent, friend of Bowers	
Barbara Witt	Tammy Zirkle

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	

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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