



MADISON HEIGHTS
BAPTIST CHURCH

the
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WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Last weekend, I had my fantasy football draft with my high school friends—a tradition we’ve been carrying on for 12 years now! We all try to get together in person as much as possible for the draft, but schedules don’t always permit it. This year, 7 of the 10 of us were able to be in the same place—which is a small miracle! More than that though, it was a practical GIFT. Our league rules take 7 of 10 people to make changes, which is almost impossible to achieve. So, knowing I had a captive audience, I made use of our 7 present to see if there was anything we could agree to try differently. Even with 7, we agreed on nothing. And the prevailing idea was usually, “We’ve always done it this way—why should we change it?” Which is another way of asking...Why do we do what we do?

I feel like I have similar conversations all the time as a parent, but one that I’ve had frequently recently is about where Brody takes things off and leaves them. When he comes home from school, socks come off and end up in whatever room he is in first! When he gets ready for bed, jewelry and glasses come off in the bathroom and stay there because that’s where he took them off! No matter how much I ask about why he would leave things wherever instead of putting them where they belong, I get the same answer that parents LOVE...“Because!” Which leads us all to asking...Why do we do what we do?

I’m sure you’ve heard this illustration before, but here it is again: a husband and his wife were in their kitchen. The husband was sitting at the kitchen table reading the newspaper while his wife was preparing a ham for dinner. The husband watched the wife cut off about one inch from either end of the ham. He asked why she cut the end off, proclaiming “that’s a waste of good ham!” She said “that’s the way my mom prepared the ham.” The husband asked, “why did your mom cut the ends off?” The wife didn’t know.

Later, the wife called her mom to find out why she cut the ends of the ham off. Her mom said, “because that was the way my mom prepared ham.” The wife’s grandma passed away several years earlier, but her grandpa was still living. She called her grandpa and asked, “Grandpa, why did Grandma cut the ends off of the ham?” He was silent as he thought for a moment. Then he replied, “so the ham fit in the baking pan.” Why do we do what we do?

Starting on Sunday, we will take the next couple of months to ask this of the foundational practices of our faith—things that maybe you’ve been doing for decades and taking for granted! Why do we take Communion? Why do we gather? Why do we give? These are just a few examples of the practices we will consider. My goal is to help you think intentionally about each of these practices, to see their roots in our scripture and faith tradition, and to see how committing more fully to one or multiple might enrich your faith life. Why do we do what we do? I look forward to considering that together in the weeks ahead! **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Josh Beeler | “All Time Bible Classics” series
“Communion” | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Music Ministry - Julie Brooks



CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

September 6 John Grieser & Carl LaFerney

DEACONS SERVING SEPTEMBER 6

John Grieser	Ann Irvin
Carl LaFerney	Beth Freeman
Lesley McPhatter	Jesse Staton

DEACONS FOR HOME COMMUNION

Billy Williams	Jeff Williams
Angela Sale	J.C. Fore
Ann Irvin	John Greiser
Cary Murphy	Carl LaFerney

AUGUST 30, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....	\$ 4,137.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)	
Plate Offering.....	\$ 40.00
Designated Offering.....	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$ 4,577.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$ 50.00



MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS - AUGUST



Canned Meats

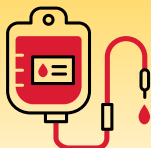
FOR MADISON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Deodorant, Shampoo,
Body Wash



Blood Drive

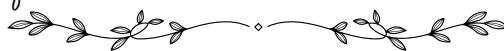
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
1-5PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



FELLOWSHIP

FROM AMY, KATE, & ROB CAMPBELL

Thank you all for all of the love and support that you all have shown the Campbell family. We are grateful for everything you did, making sure our family was fed after mom's funeral.



Wednesday Ministries Kick-off Open House

September 9
6-8pm



information
registration
food and fun
fellowship

Gourmet Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Bar!



Keenagers
will meet September 8
at Tori Blue at 12 p.m.



Shalom Creatives

OPEN ART STUDIO

Sept. 12 10 AM - 12 PM

Free Community Art Time
Guided theme available or create your own

Supplies provided

135 YEARS OF MADISON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH



Join us Sunday, September 20
after the worship service

Refreshments

Historical Presentation

Trivia Contest



PRAYER LIST

Health Concerns

Cheryl Allen	Sambo Brooks
Nancy Campbell	Julian Clark
Tammy Coates	Cheryl Coleman
Neil Crowder	Barbara Duval
Buddy & Norma Fisher	
Dea Baldwin Floyd	Dena Gardner
Carolyn Harris	Michael Herndon
Steve Horne	Gail Jedelsky
Janet LaFerney	Bobby Layne
Duane Lee	Carolyn Martin
Mike Mattox	Kiston McPhatter
Milligan University Cycling Team	
Donna Pearce	Will Sandidge
Dennis & Mary Ann Sitton	
Jesse Staton	Jan Thomas
Brenda Toney	
Regina Trent, friend of Bowers	

Bereaved

Family of Jamie Curd
Family of Gay Mayberry
Family of Herbert Wood

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 & 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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included in The Communicator, email
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