



MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH

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## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY PASTOR MIKE ALLISON

Hi everybody. We are starting an MBC Newsletter to keep our membership, missionaries, and friends up to date as to the latest happenings of our different ministries at Madison Baptist Church. We plan on publishing this electronically every three or four months. The MBC Chronicles will include testimonies of God's working through our many ministries. The Lord has done so many wonderful things here that we can praise His name for.

Looking at the numbers it appears Madison Baptist Church has recovered from the effects of Covid. So far in 2024 we are averaging over 500 in Sunday School, and over 600 in the morning services. God is so GOOD!

We have some very special events coming up this year, including VBS/Missions Conference and Teen Camp in June, and a Teen Missions trip in July. Evangelist Lou Rossi will be returning to MBC for our Fall Revival beginning October 13. Bro. Greg Tonge has gotten our Men for Missions program going again. Thirteen men went to Saltillo, Mexico to help Bro. Lanier in March, and more trips are being planned.

The Lord willing, we will be sharing many more exciting things with all of you in the months ahead. God bless you, Madison Baptist Church.

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# *Madison Baptist Church World Missions*

BY LARRY NELSON, MBCWM DIRECTOR

MBC World Missions began 35 years ago as a missionary ministry of Madison Baptist Church serving missionary families who are members of our congregation and sent out of our local church. MBC World Missions serves as a local church mission board and is the administrative arm of our missions program.

The first missionary family from MBC was our founding pastor, Tony Stark. In 1989 the Stark family yielded to God's call to leave their church in Madison, Alabama to begin a new church planting ministry in Uganda, East Africa. Shortly after that the Lord called Bob Cook and his family to serve along with the Starks. In 1991 the Nelson family surrendered to serve as missionaries to Uganda. At one point in time we had seven families all serving together in Uganda.

At that time our mission program operated under the name of East Africa Outreach. However, in 1997 Brother David Lewis was called to serve in South Korea and the name was appropriately changed to Madison Baptist Church World Missions. This name was much more fitting whereas Madison Baptist Church has sent out thirty nine of its own families to minister and plant churches on five continents around the world.

The countries where our families currently serve include Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, and the United States. We also have active ministries which continue through national pastors who are trained by our missionaries in the countries of Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, and Venezuela. The focus of our missionary work centers on Church Planting, Soul Winning and Discipleship. Supporting ministries include Bible Institutes, Radio Broadcasting and Missionary Helps.

The work of world missions cannot be accomplished by just one family or one local church. It takes many families from many churches with the vision of obeying our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature. World missions does not stop with sending out our own families to the mission field ; Madison Baptist Church also supports more than eighty missionaries from other local churches. Our Missionaries are supported by more than 600 other Independent Baptist Churches of like faith and practice.

God is not finished. He is still preparing and calling others to serve Him. Perhaps the Lord is speaking to you. Are you ready to be involved in in the ministry of World Missions?

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

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## *SERVICE SCHEDULES*

Sunday School  
9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service  
10:45 am

Spanish Sunday School  
1:00 pm

Spanish Morning Service  
2:00 pm

Sunday Evening Service  
6:00 pm

Wednesday Services  
11 am & 7 pm

Spanish Midweek Service  
Thursday 7 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

RCYC  
April 26-27

Missions Conference  
June 16-21

Vacation Bible School  
June 17-21

Fall Revival  
October 13-18

Anniversary Sunday  
October 20

*If you would like to register your teen for our Rocket City Youth Conference, please visit [thercyc.com](http://thercyc.com)*

## Madison Baptist Youth Group

BY JONATHAN ROSS, YOUTH PASTOR

It has been my great joy to be the Youth Pastor at Madison Baptist church for eight years now! We moved in March of 2016 to begin working here with the teens of our church. The Lord has been so good to us over the years! It has been wonderful to invest in our teens and see them grow into young adults, faithfully serving the Lord. Our prayer and goal is to help our teens fall in love with Jesus and choose to serve Him with their lives.

We have many opportunities for teens to get involved with our Youth Department. First is Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:30 am. I teach our 7th-12th grades each week during this time. Here we study the Bible and help teach our teens about things they face in this day and age. We have Teen Power Hour every Wednesday at 4pm. We go out to our local neighborhoods in Madison and knock on doors to share the Gospel with our community. Then, we come back to church for a delicious meal. After we eat, we have what I call our Power Hour. During this time we play games, have teen choir practice, and do our Bible lesson. It is a great time together each week! My wife and I look forward to spending this time with our teens. Next, we have monthly activities planned that include activities in our gym, some activities that cost (such as bowling, skating, etc.), and special trips. We have camp each summer, a special missions trip this July, and special conferences we host ourselves such as RCYC that we are gearing up for now and other conferences we drive too. There are plenty of ways for your teen to be involved at Madison Baptist Church.

It is tough times to raise a teenager. Our goal is to partner with our parents in teaching young people to love the Lord, know the Word of God, live a Holy life, and serve the Lord with their lives! We would love to have you visit with us soon!





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## *Vacation Bible School*

BY WALLY BRYANT, VBS DIRECTOR

I personally believe VBS is the greatest outreach a church can have all year. It will bring in families that would never attend church and children that have never heard of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Vacation Bible school is a lot of hard work and a lot of fun. This is a time where even the oldest church member can dress in costume and act like a kid. I have a saying, "If you're too cool to act a fool, you don't need to work in Vacation Bible School."

Each year we start planning for our VBS months in advance, the theme is of great importance for everything revolves around it. Songs need to be planned, Bible verses are chosen, games and prizes bought. We here at Madison Baptist church go all out for VBS. But, if it were not for the great number of church members that get involved, we would never be able to pull it off. From the men that work in the parking lot and direct traffic to keep the kids safe to the kitchen ladies that prepare the food each day, cookie ladies, hall monitors, bathroom monitors, VBS office workers, teachers, scribes, helpers, people working in our soul-winning station, preachers, VBS Man, bus and van drivers and all the many young adults and teens that work in our bus ministry and we can't forget all the nursery workers. But these aren't all, we also have skit workers, piano players, team leaders, Stage leaders and many that are behind the scenes praying or purchasing prizes. As I said before, VBS takes a lot of workers to be successful.

In years passed we have done Treasures of the Nile, Trains, Pirates, 5 Day in a Museum, King Arthur, Legos, Cowboys, Space and so many more; the options are limitless. You are probably saying to yourself, "but our church is not that big. How could we possibly pull something like this off?" Here's my answer to you. Scale it back. It doesn't have to be the size of ours. Do what you can do and let God do the rest. If you reach one child or one parent for Christ, your VBS has been a success. But making excuses why you can't do it doesn't fly.

Many churches are getting away from the idea of Vacation Bible School, thinking that the kids of today won't come, because they have better things to do. VBS is for past generations. Kids today have all of these video games to play. That thinking comes from the Devil. With workers and children, we average over 600 each day and as the week goes on it grows. Yes, kids today have a great many things to do with their time. At the end of the day, they're still just kids that want to laugh and have fun! So why not let them have fun and introduce them to Christ at the same time and just maybe lead them to Christ while you're at it.

Don't let the Devil win the hearts of the children and their parents. Get to them first, show them the love of God and the friendliness of your church. Open the doors and let them in, Jesus let you come in didn't He? So, pass it along and start a Vacation Bible school this year.

*If you are interested in registering your child for VBS, our registration will be up on our website May 22!*