



The MADISON MESSENGER

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Welcome to Dr. Randy & Karen Outland

What a great privilege it is to be called to Madison Avenue Baptist Church as your “Transitional Pastor.” We praise God for Pastor Bob’s great ministry here over the past nine years. We wish him and Karen Godspeed as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

Notice that I called myself your “Transitional Pastor,” instead of your Interim Pastor. “Interim” is a traditional term used of a pastor serving a church

who is in between full-time/permanent pastors. There is nothing wrong with this term, but it can imply that the Interim Pastor is just filling in the gap between pastors, like treading water.

I don’t think that is what you have in mind during this “transitional” period between pastors. It’s not what I have in mind as well.

Madison Avenue can’t afford to tread water. We must continue to transition from where we are presently to where we want or need to be when you call your next full-time/permanent pastor. My responsibility is to help you, to equip you, to lead you in the transitional period. Thus I will be your “Transitional Pastor.”

I look forward with great anticipation and enthusiasm to working side by side with each of you as we seek together God’s will for Madison Avenue Baptist Church. It’s going to be an exciting ride. Will you join with me as we transition together?



For His Glory,
Randy Outland
Transitional Pastor

Special September Events

September 9

6:00 pm

Fall Music Festival at
Emmaus Church, Dudley

September 10

8:00 am

Baptist Men & Women
Breakfast

3:00 pm

Church Council

September 19

7:00 pm

Deacon’s Meeting

September 25

11:30 am

Very Special People

Notes from Our Music and Senior Adult Ministries

Congregational singing is a good indicator of the personal involvement of our worshippers. For the past several weeks, your worship singing has been great: enthusiastic, genuine, and apparently very meaningful. It seems the video projection has been a great help. Printed music is also available for those who need it. Please let me know if there are other ways in which to enhance the meaning and depth of our Sunday worship. Let me know what music and musical styles best helps you to worship.

We have not had a handbell choir in a while, since several of our members moved away. I would like to see if we have enough interest in getting this going again. If you are interested, please let me know soon. The goal is to be ready to play for the Christmas season. You will need to be able to read notes and rhythms, or willing to learn real fast. Rehearsals are normally on Sunday afternoons.

Our senior adults enjoyed another great fellowship meeting at K&W Cafeteria on Monday, August 28. The highlight of the meeting was a report by Dot and Jerry Allsbrook on their trip to the Holy Lands.

Our senior adults have been talking for some time about the possibility of getting a new bus for our church. A 15 passenger bus would be a great help, especially to our seniors, but is also good for all ages, and a CDL license is not required. A proposal will come before the church soon. We are now asking church members, especially our seniors, to make anonymous financial pledges in support of a new bus, to help us get a better sense of what our church is willing to do. Our goal is \$30,000 in pledges by the end of October. No gifts are being asked for now, as the church has not approved this project yet. Pray with us as we seek to make the right decisions. Your suggestions are also welcome.

Our September Very Special People meeting will be on the 25th, at K&W Cafeteria, beginning at 11:30. All seniors are invited and urged to attend.

Family

It seems like just yesterday that Karen and I arrived in Goldsboro. We were running late, and driving down 117. I called Rick Pridgen and told him we weren't sure where we were, but that there were "purple lights" all around us. Rick quickly told us of a "more excellent way", and in moment we arrived at our new apartment. When we finally arrived, there were over 40 members of the Madison Avenue family there waiting to welcome and help us move in. How many times over the last nine and a half years have you waited on and helped us, but then, that's what family does.

As the Body of Christ, we are family. Family members don't always agree, we don't always live in the same house, or town, but there is nothing that can ever "unfamily" us. My sister and I may live 4,000 miles apart, but she will always be my big sister.

Now, as Karen and I seek continue to seek God's direction in our lives, never forget that we will always love you. We'll miss the VBSs, the Old Timey Christmases, the neighborhood caroling, but most of all, we'll just miss being with you, our family.

Karen and I love each one of you in much the same way that Paul loved the Corinthian Church. May his parting words to that body be ours to you:

"Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Cor. 13:11)

We love you!
Bob & Karen

The Deacon Corner

Another major segment in the life and history of Madison Avenue Baptist Church has now come and gone, namely the ministry of Pastor Bob and Karen Fulkerson. And what a wonderful, productive, and loving segment it was. Our prayers and very best wishes will continue for the Fulkersons as they anticipate the rest of their lives. We are most blessed and so very thankful, and so much better off as individuals, to have experienced this ministry together.

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September 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Randy Outland | 4 Office Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 6:00p Fall Music Festival at Emmaus Church-Dudley |
| 10 8:00a Baptist Men/ Women Breakfast; 3:00p Church Council | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 9:00-12:00noon Friends of Children Day at Kennedy Home |
| 17 | 18 | 19 7:00p Deacon's Meeting | 20 Newsletter info due | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 11:30a VSP at K&W Cafeteria | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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We now look forward to a new segment in our history: our ministry under the spiritual leadership of Dr. Randy Outland. As Randy and the members of our fellowship get to know one another, we have every reason to believe that this, too, will be a productive and fruitful ministry as we labor together and chart plans for the future of our church. A major effort will be directed at preparing for the election of the pastor search committee to seek out the permanent pastor that the Lord has waiting "in the wings" for Madison Avenue.

Please keep Randy and our church in your daily prayers, praying that the Lord will lead our interim pastor and our church in the direction that we should go from this point in the history of our church.

I.K. Williamson, Diaconate Chair

September Birthdays

Please notify the church office for corrections and additions.

- 4 Deanne Morris
- 6 Sandra Kerr
- 7 Debbie Harris
- 8 Isaac Richardson
- 8 David Vucinich
- 9 Jan Kroboth
- 11 Richard Manley
- 17 Ed Aldrin
- 18 Keith Anderson
- 18 Lee Mallard
- 19 Sally Grant
- 20 Jeanie Sherman
- 20 Marian Lockamy
- 21 Barbara Taylor
- 28 Noah Richardson
- 29 Erik Edwards
- 29 Margie Warwick



Regular Sunday Activities

- 9:45a Sunday School
- 11:00a Morning Worship

Regular Wednesday Activities

- 6:00p Family Night Supper
- 6:45p Prayer Meeting
- Children In Action for grades 1-6
- Mission Friends for preschoolers

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Church Staff

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| Dr. Randy Outland | <i>Transitional Pastor</i> |
| Rev. Edwin Jewell | <i>Minister of Music and Senior Adults</i> |
| Peggy Bartlett | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Dave Periconi | <i>Organist</i> |
| Susan Edwards | <i>Pianist</i> |

Office Hours

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| Monday – Thursday | 8:30 am— 4:30 pm |
| Friday | 8:00 am— 4:00 pm |

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Our Mission

*To glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus
Christ through love, discipleship, and service.*

New Offering Envelopes for October 2017-September 2018

Are a in the Education Building hallway
near the nursery.

Family Night Suppers

will begin on Wednesday, September 6

You will need to fill out new reservation
slips. Make plans to join us on Wednesday
evenings at 6:00

Nursery Ministry

(Ages Birth—2 yrs.)

9:30-10:45 Sunday School

10:45-12:15 Worship

S.S. Teacher: Della Frederick

IMPORTANT:

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

For the months of **September, October and
November**. Please sign up on bulletin board
outside of the nursery.

New Church Year Begins in September

Make your church a priority this year

Get involved

Invite prospects

Reach out with the love of Jesus

Be the church wherever you are

Christian sympathy is extended to Margaret
Jernigan and family on the death Ed Jernigan.