



The MADISON MESSENGER

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Special October Events

October 1

2:00 pm
Church Council

October 8

8:00 am
Baptist Men & Women
Breakfast

October 17

7:00 pm
Deacon's Meeting

October 25

6:45 pm
Church Conference

October 30

11:30 am
Very Special People at the church

From Your *Transitional Pastor*:

It's been a great joy to become your Transitional Pastor this past month. You all have welcomed Karen and me in a fantastic way. We have enjoyed meeting some of you and look forward to meeting the rest of the body at Madison Avenue.

I really enjoy worshipping with you in the Fellowship Hall. The acoustics in the Fellowship Hall are great. We have great singing and a great spirit in there. As a preacher I feel close to the congregation when I preach and that makes me a better preacher.

Speaking of preaching, thank you for bringing your Bibles to worship. This is important for a number of reasons. Most importantly, God speaks through His Word. Yes, God can speak in a number of ways, but He speaks primarily through His Word. Read it. Second, following in your Bibles will help you follow the sermon. As I explain the text while preaching, you will understand the sermon and the Bible better. And third, don't take my word for it. Make sure I'm on target. Compare my preaching to the Bible to make sure I'm faithful to the text. It's your job to hold me accountable in my preaching.

So, which Bible translation is best? The best translation to have is one that you will read. If you don't read the one you have, get another translation to read. A Bible is no good unless it is read. I am using the English Standard Version (ESV) in the pulpit. There are many other good ones out there. Get one that you will read.

What a great first month. I look forward to worshipping and ministering with you over the coming months. Let's worship and serve God together.

Pastor Randy

Pastor Search Committee

The consensus of the Diaconate and our transitional minister, Dr. Randy Outland, is that the church should proceed with the election of the Pastor Search Committee. In accordance with the by-laws, nominations for the committee will be accepted at the October 25 quarterly conference. The floor will be open at the conference for the nomination of individuals to serve on the committee. The by-

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Notes from Our Music and Senior Adult Ministries



We appreciate the music from our Brass Ensemble on September 24. If you play an instrument, we encourage you to come join us. Hopefully, we will hear from this group each month.

Our Men's Chorus will be singing on October 1. All men, including non-choir men are encouraged to join us. We will meet in the Parlor at 10:45.

Our senior adults enjoyed another great fellowship meeting at K&W Cafeteria on Monday, September 25. Our October meeting will be on the Sep 30, in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 11:30. The meal will be sandwiches from Chic-Fil-et, with everyone bringing side dishes or desserts; tea will be furnished. You need to sign up on the bulletin board.

We are encouraging anonymous pledges toward the purchase of a bus to replace our church van. Our goal is \$30,000 in pledges by the end of October. We have received \$12,000 so far in pledges. Please consider making a pledge. All ages will benefit.

Sunday School Outreach: *Turning a New Leaf*

Jeanie Sherman, Sunday School Director

I recently read an article by Bob Schindler (*Church Sports Outreach* 22 Dec. 2014) in which he refers to theologian Tim Keller's "barely getting a leaf out" - a reference to "Leaf by Niggle," a story by J. R. R. Tolkien. In Tolkien's tale, Niggle, a painter, tries his entire life to paint a tree, but, at his death, he has painted only one leaf. When he reaches the afterlife, he excitedly discovers the tree that he always aspired to paint.

Like Niggle, do you ever feel that you're "barely getting a leaf out"? I thought about this modern-

The Deacon Corner

I wish to take this opportunity, on the behalf of the entire church, to thank both the Kitchen and Hospitality committees for the wonderful reception for our retiring ministry team, Pastor Bob and Karen. The arrangements including the food fare could not have been more elegant. Another important thank you goes to all those in our church who contributed so generously to the love gift that was presented to Pastor Bob and Karen during the reception. The amount presented was \$2,025. Please allow me also to offer a special word of thanks to our Hospitality Committee and all the ladies who prepared the food with such love and generosity that was served to the Jernigan and Frederick families. These acts of love and kindness do not just happen. They happen because ladies like Linda Edwards and Doris Hinnant, co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee, take the time and expend the considerable effort to make them happen.

I.K. Williamson, Diaconate Chair

day parable as it relates to our Sunday School department at Madison. Are we "getting more leaves" by reaching out to those who don't attend church and Sunday School regularly? Are our Sunday School teachers (I'm including myself) promoting our Sunday School classes, Worship, and Prayer Meetings each week? Do our absentee Sunday School members feel loved and included because they are contacted regularly?

Now is the time to make "getting leaves" a reality. Madison Avenue Baptist Church is a loving, faithful, and enthusiastic body of believers. Sunday School is so important for fellowship, for growth in knowledge of scripture, and for OUTREACH to those who might not know what it means to have a relationship with Christ. Now is the time for our "leaves" to lead others to the beautiful "tree" that is eternal life.

"If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God."

~ G. K. Chesterton

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2:00p Church Council	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00a Baptist Men/ Women Breakfast;	9	10 11:00a GPD Luncheon	11	12 11:00a GPD Luncheon	13	14
15	16	17 7:00p Deacon's Meeting	18	19	20 Newsletter info due	21
22	23	24 11:00a GPD Luncheon	25 Church Conference	26 11:00a GPD Luncheon	27	28
29	30 11:30a VSP in Fellowship Hall	31				

Appreciation Meals for the Goldsboro Police Department To Be Served in October

On October 10, 12, 24, and 26, the Madison Avenue family will be hosting Appreciation Meals for the Goldsboro Police Department in our Fellowship Hall. Please continue to pray for this special mission opportunity and for the men and women who serve our community. Thanks to the committee who has planned, prepared, and served the meals.

October Birthdays

Please notify the church office for corrections and additions.

- 5 Louis Hill
- 9 Rick Pridgen
- 10 Jane Best
- 12 I.K. Williamson
- 14 Earl Murphy
- 15 Matthew Edwards
- 25 Elisabeth Jewell
- 28 Margaret Jernigan
- 31 Carissa Perry



Regular Sunday Activities

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

Regular Wednesday Activities

6:00p Family Night Supper
6:30p Prayer Meeting
Children In Action for grades 1-6
Mission Friends for preschoolers

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday	8:30 am— 4:30 pm
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Our Mission

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

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laws require that the individual nominating a person have the consent of the person being nominated prior to the nomination. The church will accept any number of nominations; however, at a called church conference two weeks following the regular conference, five individuals will be elected by the church. Ballots will be passed out and members will choose five names from the list of nominees. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be the duly elected Pastor Search Committee. Any individual who is interested in serving as a member of the Search Committee simply needs to ask a friend to place his/her name in nomination. The church would welcome those wanting or willing to serve on the Committee.

Once the committee is elected, the pastor will begin working with the committee to enable those serving to become adequately prepared before beginning the search process. This will involve

Nursery Ministry

(Ages Birth—2 yrs.)

9:30-10:45 Sunday School

10:45-12:15 Worship

S.S. Teacher: Della Frederick

Christian sympathy is extended to the Carlton Frederick's family on his death, and to Roy Renfrow on the death of his sister, Dorothy Westbrook.

Thank You Notes have been received from Bob & Karen Fulkerson and Margaret Jernigan's family and are posted on the bulletin board.

learning the direction that the church wishes to take, the kind of pastor the church wants, and our desired ministry field or emphasis, among other important factors.