

# September 2018 Newsletter

## Madison Avenue Baptist Church

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### September Birthdays:

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

### September Calendar of Events:

2 (Sun)	Worship Sanctuary, 11:00am
3 (Mon)	Labor Day Office Closed
5 (Wed)	Covered Dish Supper, 6:00pm to meet Darlene Mathias, secretary
9 (Sun)	Baptist Men and Women Breakfast, 8:00am
9 (Sun)	Church Council, 2:00pm
10-15	Very Special People, Ohio
12 (Wed)	Regular Supper Begins
18 (Tue)	Deacon's Meeting-7:00pm.
20 (Thu)	NABS Covered Dish, 12 noon, at Deep Run Baptist Church
22 (Sat)	Fall Music Festival, New Hope

### Deacon Corner

#### Welcome Aboard Darlene Mathias

We are happy at Madison Avenue to welcome heartily Darlene Mathias as Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant. She came aboard on Monday, August 6, and she and Peggy have been working together since that time. Darlene's position is a part-time 25-hour work week. Darlene will be under the direct supervision of the pastor, with the opportunity to consult with the Personnel Committee chair if/when needed. Darlene will be attending basically to those same office duties that Peggy has been attending to. There could be times when the work load may call for volunteer assistance since she will be working on a reduced time schedule from past practice. Those willing to assist at times with office routines such as answering the phone, stuffing envelopes, etc. should let Mike Williford or the office know so that a list of volunteers can be on file in the office.

## **Have You Met Church Secretary Darlene?**

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the first Wednesday in September, we will have a covered-dish dinner prior to Prayer Meeting. It will also be an opportunity for everyone to come out and meet officially our new church secretary, Darlene Mathias. Mike Williford as Personnel Committee chair will introduce her to the church following the dinner. We trust that you will make a special effort to bring your favorite dish of food and join our Wednesday-night faithfuls for excellent food, getting to meet Darlene, and remaining for our Prayer Meeting and Bible study time.

You are also encouraged to drop by the church office at your convenience and introduce yourself to Darlene who will greet you with a smile and a warm welcome.

Office hours will be Monday -Wednesday: 8:30am -3:30pm, Thursday-8:00am -12:00pm.

## **Regular Wednesday Evening Meals to Resume on September 12**

**Our Volunteer Kitchen Crew**, after a much deserved summer's reprieve, will crank up again officially on the second Wednesday of September, the 12th. Everyone planning to participate in the meal as a regular will need to sign up on slips that will be readily available. Non-regulars will need to sign up weekly, and regulars who have to miss a Wednesday will need to cancel their reservation by Tuesday noon of each week. Add-ons can also be made by Tuesday noon. Reservations made and not canceled will be expected to pay \$4 for the missed meal. The volunteer kitchen crew operates the Wednesday evening meal program on a very tight budget, attempting to hold the cost as low as possible for participants. Meals again this year will be \$4 for adults, \$10 for a family of more than two, and \$3 for children.

## **Chairman of The Diaconate**

The church Diaconate has elected me for a third year to be chair of this body of ten elected men and women who represent you, the membership of Madison Avenue Baptist Church. I have not been elected for a third successive year because I can do the job better than anyone else. I have been elected again, in large measure, because the church is beginning its third church year in transition, with Pastor Bob leaving at the end of the first year in transition, Edwin and Peggy retiring during the second year in transition, and Dave Periconi leaving at the beginning of the third year in transition. During all three of these transitional years, a Pastor Search Committee has been elected and has been continuously at work preparing itself spiritually and mechanically to accomplish the job for which the committee has been entrusted.

During this transitional period our Personnel Committee chaired by Mike Williford has been at work to secure our new church secretary and will continue its efforts to find part time directors for our music program and our children and youth.

The message behind all that has been said above is that the Diaconate, I as chair of the Diaconate, the Pastor Search Committee and the Personnel Committee all need the continued deliberate and concentrated and consecrated prayers of every member of our church. We are going to come out of this period of transition much stronger and with renewed enthusiasm and spiritual fervor. All we need is belief in the power of almighty God and in ourselves.

We need to keep current with our tithes and offerings. We are definitely down-sizing in church staff, but quality staff will require significant compensation, and we need to be ready financially as a church to support the staff that God brings to us to lead and motivate us to untold heights of service to our Lord and to our church community.

We have been blessed since September 1, 2017, to have Dr. Randy Outland as our transitional minister. He continues both in Sunday morning worship and during Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study to challenge our understanding of God's Holy Word and to apply it to the way we live our lives daily.

*I. K. Williamson, Diaconate Chair*

## **A Bit of Madison History**

Madison Avenue was officially organized, according to early church history, on January 3, 1954, with 252 charter members; however, 328 charter members are listed by name as charter members. Apparently the charter time was left open for a designated period of time. Of the 328 members listed as charter members, only seven are still living and on the membership roll of the church. The seven are Carolyn Compton, Meredith Liles, Betty Loving, Allie Melton, Evelyn Reeves, Hilda Strider and Sally Raulston. Sally and Evelyn Reeves are listed as non-resident members. Evelyn, in her upper 90's, lives with a daughter in Raleigh. Sally spent the greater part of her working years in India and was well known internationally because of her expertise in her profession.

An article in the Goldsboro News Argus dated July 1954 read as follows: *Eighty-eight new members have been enrolled in Madison Avenue Baptist Church since it began worship on January 1. Total membership is 346. Sunday School enrollment is 534. A statistical report to the church membership shows: Cash in Operating Fund, \$2,348.26; Cash in Building Fund, \$10,186.01; Total cash, \$12,534.27; Madison Avenue Church Site, \$16,000; Pastorium Site, \$3,311.80; Equipment for church office, \$1,022.55.*

The first baptismal service for the church took place on August 8, 1954 at the old Camp Tuscarora lake site later renamed Eagles Nest.

## **MABC Committees**

With the beginning of our new church year, we need to hear from all of our committees. Currently, the church office needs to know who the chairman of each committee will be for the 2018-2019 Church Year. Please notify the church office with the information. In that same light, help us by providing minutes from your committee meetings as you meet. This information helps us to know what we're doing together to carry out the ministries of our church for the glory of God. Please turn in to the church office.

**2018-2019 New Deacon List, Deacon Families, Deacon of the Week,  
Sunday School Teachers, Offering Schedule, Budget, and Committee Members  
is posted on Bulletin Board in Hallway.  
Extra copies of Deacon Families will be available  
and will be placed on the table in the hall.**

**A Thank You Note** has been received from Geraldine Rouse's family and is posted on the bulletin board.

**Memorials made during month of July in memory of:** Billie Jean Pruett, Norma S. King, and Geraldine Rouse.

**New Offering Envelopes for October 2018-September 2019** are in the Education Building hallway near the nursery.

## **Senior Adult News**

Our August Very Special People meeting will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> at K&W Cafeteria beginning at 11:30. Please plan to join us for food and fellowship. Please sign up on the VSP bulletin board.

Also sign up for Fall activities. Please check the list and verify that it is correct. If you missed it the first time, please add your name and check the activities you want to do.

I hope all of you consider attending the next Neuse Association of Baptist Seniors at Deep Run Baptist Church on Thursday, September 20. Dave Fishman is pastor of this church. It begins with a covered dish lunch at 12:00. We will plan to take the bus.

Thanks for your donations to the **58:12 RESCUE** mission project that we will be taking to Berlin, Ohio in just a few days. Donations need to be brought by Wednesday, September 5. Place items in the tub under the bulletin board across from the church office. Monetary donations need to be given to Elisabeth Jewell.

## **North Carolina State Missions Emphasis**

**Theme: Have you opened your Hand?**

*You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing Psalm 145: 15*

**August 26 – September 2**

**Our Church 's Goal: \$2000.00**

September is the month that North Carolina Baptists emphasize support for State Missions efforts. Of all the good that goes on through our efforts in supporting Lottie Moon (International Missions) in December, Annie Armstrong (North American Missions) during April, and State Missions in September, none is more visible for the good that is done than by the dollars we give to the State Missions offering. Countless individuals are helped during times of disasters both in our own state and throughout our nation by the direct hands-on involvement of our NC Baptist Men's and Women's Organization. And this is only one area where State Missions dollars work for us. Our goal this year is \$2,000. Let's all give generously to this unusually worthy mission effort.

Pastor Randy will be away on Wednesday evening, August 29. Our program on this evening will focus on North Carolina Missions and the many things that our giving efforts support.