

October 2018 Newsletter

Madison Avenue Baptist Church

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October Birthdays:

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

October Calendar of Events:

3 (Wed)	Covered Dish Supper, 6:00pm
7 (Sun)	Church Council, 2:00pm
14 (Sun)	Baptist Men and Women Breakfast, 8:00am
16 (Tue)	Deacon's Meeting-7:00pm.
16 (Tue)	NABS State Fair Trip, depart at 8:00am from Adamsville Baptist Church; Contact Wendy at RTC by October 12 to sign up: 252-566-9478
24 (Wed)	Quarterly Church Conference, 6:30pm

Deacon Corner

Florence Had a Mind of Its Own: Unfortunately, the recent hurricane caused devastations for untold thousands throughout eastern North and South Carolina as well as difficulties and inconveniences for countless thousands of others. As everyone knows, services were canceled at Madison Avenue on Wednesday, September 12, Sunday the 16th, and the fellowship meal on the 19th. In spite of all these inconveniences, most of us have so very much to be thankful for.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meals: Hopefully we are back on our regular schedule at church again. Our Wednesday evening fellowship meals resumed on Wednesday, September 26. For these meals to continue and for them to be worth the time and effort that Marsha Compton and the other volunteer kitchen crew put in week after week, we as a fellowship need to sign up and participate. There were only 19 signed up for the meal on the 26. We should easily have twice that number. If you are not a part of these fellowship meals that precede prayer meeting and Bible Study each Wednesday evening, please seriously consider becoming a part of this meal group. The meals are very good, quite moderately priced, and the fellowship is great. Let's make the considerable time and effort of our volunteer ladies in the kitchen well worth their efforts.

Pastor Randy's Recent Illness: Pastor Randy shared with the September 19 Bible Study group his recent health issues that sidelined him and his services at Madison on a couple of Wednesdays and Sundays. He was hospitalized for several days with a urinary tract infection that entered his blood stream making him extremely ill. In addition, during his hospital stay he was diagnosed with diabetes, and a kidney stone was discovered that has to be surgically dealt with. He is

recovering nicely, but the kidney stone surgical procedure will be done on Friday, September 28. He plans to be back preaching for us again on Sunday, October 7. He was absent of Sunday, September 22, involved with the marriage of his son in the Mars Hill area. He has appreciated so very much the thoughts and prayers of Madison members during his illness and recovery.

Church Secretary Darlene Hasn't Missed a Beat: Thanks to Darlene Mathias' own enthusiasm, competence and the opportunity to work with Peggy Bartlett for the better part of a month, she has adapted to her new role as our part-time secretary with dignity, grace, and cheerfulness. Darlene is so easy to talk with, and she greets those who drop in with a welcome smile and cheerful words. We are grateful that she is attempting to take care of the necessary activities and responsibilities of the church office in only twenty-five hours each week. Please be aware that her work hours are 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 8 a.m. until 12 noon on Thursday. The church office is closed on Fridays.

When Darlene was employed, she informed the Personnel Committee that she already had a commitment to be away from October 11-28. We may be calling on Peggy a few times during Darlene's absence to help with a few essential responsibilities.

What Would The Church Do Without Our Dependence on Edwin Jewell?: We at Madison are so very thankful that Edwin and Elisabeth have an established home in Goldsboro and made a deliberate decision to remain here and in the church following his "official" retirement. He has for the past 18 years been our technology "go-to" person, and we still heavily depend on him regularly to keep us afloat. Thankfully we have a few other volunteers such as Bobby Fuller, Craig Millard, Don Westover, Jeanie Sherman and Becky Aldrin who have taken advantage of Edwin's desire and efforts to train others in the technology needed to operate equipment and develop PowerPoint programs.

Now we are depending again on Edwin to jump back in the music arena along with Elisabeth and Susan Edwards to help us have meaningful music for our worship services and for other special times and services. Elisabeth and Susan have graciously agreed to make sure that the piano music needed for all our services is taken care of with their volunteer coordination. We owe them, Becky, and all our volunteers in the church a debt of gratitude.

I. K. Williamson, Diaconate Chair

A Bit of Madison History

Madison Avenue, during its greatest growth years, established two mission churches that are still in existence today and are now churches in their own right. Under the leadership of a mission-minded member, Bob Atkins, Pineview Mission, in the Belfast community was organized in 1961 during the ministry of the church's first pastor, Roy Beal. In 1964, again under the leadership of Bob Atkins, and during the interim ministry of Dr. Norfleet Gardner, a mission church was organized in the Mar Mac community on land donated by the Raymond Bryan family. Our church voted to build a house on the property not to exceed \$17,000 in cost as a place for the mission church to meet. The fast-growing mission requested help from Madison Avenue in 1970 to

become a full church in its own right rather than a mission and to become Love Memorial Baptist Church. Both these churches are functioning churches today because of the vision and mission mindedness of members of Madison Avenue Baptist church during the first ten years of its own existence.

To: MABC Family.

My husband and I would like to Thank you for the delicious covered dish supper and for the special warm welcome we felt. My husband stated that the “Baptists” know how do things right! I’m very thankful to the personnel committee for choosing me to serve the church as Secretary and looking forward to our new journey together!

In Christian Love,
Adam and Darlene Mathias

Thank You Notes have been received from Adam and Darlene Mathias, Dave and Fran Periconi and are posted on the bulletin board.

Memorials made during the month of September are in memory of: Billie Jean Pruett, Norma S. King, and Geraldine Rouse.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Dick Manley’s family on his death.

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

Fall Senior Adult Activities

Our group of 14 seniors enjoyed a great blessing on our trip to Kentucky and Ohio in September. We are thankful for how God blessed our trip in so many ways. Please see the pictures on the VSP bulletin board, and listen to the many stories from those who went. This was the first major trip for our new bus and it was wonderful. Thanks to all who helped provide this bus. We look forward to lots of good use from it.

Note these upcoming dates:

Thursday, October 4: NABS meeting at First Baptist Church Deep Run; begins with covered-dish lunch at noon. Guest speaker: Sgt. Shawn Howard, from Lenoir County Sheriff’s Office.

Tuesday, October 16: Senior Day at the State Fair in Raleigh; leave from Adamsville Baptist Church at 8:00 am. Leave from the fair about 3:00 to return home. Free admittance for seniors. Contact Wendy at the RTC by October 12 to sign up! 252-566-9478

Thursday, November 8: Day trip to historic Edenton; cost about \$30 including guided trolley ride, tour of 4 homes, and lunch in town.

Saturday, December 8: Day Trip to Lake Mattamuskeet for Swan Days Festival. This is a celebration of the return of the Alaskan tundra swans to Lake Mattamuskeet. Free, except for lunch. Lake Mattamuskeet is about an hour and a half east of Washington. The lake is an important stopover for wintering waterfowl, attracting more than 200,000 ducks, geese and swans from November through February. Bring your camera.

Pictures from Senior Adult Trip to Kentucky & Ohio

