

MADISON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Welcome to Madison Church! We are glad you have joined us on this Lord's Day. We are here to worship the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who died for our sins that we may have forgiveness and who rose from the dead that we may have blessed lives here and eternal life hereafter.

If you are a guest, we are especially glad to have you. Make yourself at home! Our prayer is that you will sense the love of God and the love of God's people. If the Lord especially speaks to you, please seek out any of our people. We will be glad to pray with you. After our service this morning, we will enjoy a meal in the gym downstairs. You are invited to enjoy the food, fellowship, and devotion.

Upcoming Events

SALAD	Today, Noon	Church Gym
R & D Group	Not Meeting This Week	
Bible Study	Nov 22	Cancelled

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Children's Class (ages 3–7) - Upstairs

Children's Class (ages 8–11) - By Copy Room

Adult I - Room 214

Adult II - Room 216

Children's Church – 10:45 AM

Children (ages 3–10) - Room 212

Madison Catechism

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is speaking to God.

Sundays
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday Afternoon Lunch Noon

Wednesdays
Adults 6:30 PM
Youth 6:30 PM
Children 6:30 PM

Our SALAD (Sunday Afternoon Lunch and Devotion) today will be held in the gym hosted by Rodney and Mary Yerby. Chicken chili will be provided. Feel free to bring sides, drinks, and desserts. Or, just come enjoy the fellowship and meal!

Thanks to all who supported and attended our **Joint Thanksgiving Service** Tuesday night. The food, fellowship, and service strengthened and blessed us. Special thanks go to **Beth Rogers** who coordinated the entire meal and cooked much of it! Thanks also go to various helpers: Many came Monday night to set up things (Sarah DeWitt, Terry Hamm, Abigail Morgan, Clara Morgan, Emma Morgan, Michelle Morgan, Seth Morgan, David Sayre, Beth Rogers, Mike Rogers, Dianna Walls, Don Wilson, and Donnie Wilson). Music was prepared and provided by Jamie Beck, Ray Ragsdale, and Rodney Yerby. Too many to name helped with the cleanup afterwards, but Seth and Stephen Ford and Belinda Hamm deserve special mention. Truth be told, I can't remember all who contributed to make the evening a success, but all your efforts are appreciated and blessed by God! Thank you, all!
Pastor Paul

Remember that **this week**, because of Thanksgiving, **we will not have a Mid-week Bible study.**

The annual **Ladies Christmas Party** will be held at the home of Dianna Walls (117 Fox Den Ct; Madison, AL) on Monday, December 4. More details to follow.

These Sundays when Pastor Paul is working through **questions and answers regarding basic Christianity** are great opportunities to invite the unchurched to come and learn about our faith. Upcoming weeks will examine such questions as: What are the Scriptures? Who wrote the Bible? What is sin? How can a person experience forgiveness of sins? Each week we will explore biblical answers that should help us better understand and see the truths of Christianity.

Soon our **Reading and Discussion Group (R & D Group)** will begin the book *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*, by Dane Ortlund. D. A. Carson says this work brings "comfort, strength, and rest to believers." After enjoying a meal together (lately at Five Guys/Super Chix), they plunge into discussing what was read the week before. If you would like to be a part of this group, please let Pastor Paul know (615-506-7913; paulvh57@gmail.com). Questions about the R & D Group can be directed to any of its participants: Sarah DeWitt, Randy and Carlotta Harbison, Paul and Diane Harrison, Mitchell and Bethany Moody, and April Troutt.

Saturday, December 2, is the annual Toy Run fundraiser for the Alabama Children's Home. They are looking for volunteers to serve food, take out trash, clean, etc. Morning volunteers would need to be in Eldridge at 9:45. They also need people at 12:30 PM to take down tables and chairs. It is expected to be over by 2 PM. They need single-serve desserts such as brownies and cookies, if anyone can help bake these. Please let Matthew Puckett (205-495-9744; matthewpuckett2@gmail.com) know if you will be able to assist with any of these volunteer tasks or if you have any other questions. Thank you!

One of the Free Will Baptist organizations we encourage you to support is **North American Ministries**. Their focus is planting new churches in and near the United States. All these church-planting efforts are led by solid, Bible-believing ministers, who are preaching the gospel and working to see souls saved and believers built up in the faith. Today is the day our denomination sets aside each year to encourage us to make a special offering to this ministry. You may earmark your gift NAM. Pastor Paul

Sunday School Refreshments - Mike and Rick's class is providing refreshments for **November.**
