



Madison Baptist Association

“Assisting churches in fulfilling their mission, and providing them opportunities for fellowship and to work together in advancing the kingdom of God”

THURSDAY,
APRIL
13,
2017

The apostle Paul emphatically stated that he was “not ashamed of the gospel.” (Romans 1:16) The gospel, in a nutshell, is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It has to do with Jesus’ sinless life, substitutionary death, and glorious resurrection. The gospel (“good news”) is God’s good news to the world. Even though it exposes man’s sin and calls for repentance, it also announces that there is a way of forgiveness and salvation. That way is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only way by which people can be saved (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Thus, Paul possessed an unashamed boldness when it came to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the lost. He seemed to never be deterred by the criticism and opposition he faced during his ministry. He laid his life on the line; no sacrifice was too great when it came to preaching/sharing the gospel. He even desired to go to Rome to preach the gospel (Romans 1:13-15), the capital of a pagan empire where he would eventually be imprisoned and beheaded.

When it comes to sharing/living the gospel in our society today, we too must be consistent and unashamed in our testimony for Christ. We cannot put our light under a basket. We will experience different reactions to the gospel message, just as Paul did. Paul wrote, “...we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.” (I Cor. 1:23) But we must remain fearless, “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (fear), but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...” (II Timothy 1:7-8) We must be reminded that the gospel “is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16) It is not merely a creed to be defended, but a powerful message to be shared/proclaimed. It is a power to be experienced, and it is intended for all people! We don’t rely upon our own knowledge and strength, for it is God’s power that is displayed in the gospel message and it is His power that saves people from sin and its consequences. So we have good news to share with those around us! It’s the news that, “...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” (II Cor. 5:17) At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Christ; we emphasize new life. Because He lives, His followers have been raised to walk in newness of life. The Easter/Gospel message is a great message of hope, and it is relevant the year-round. It is relevant for all eternity. He is alive forevermore, and because He lives.....

Have a Blessed Easter!
Charlie

REGISTER NOW!

VBS Clinic

Saturday, April 22
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.*
Farley Community Church**

*new clinic schedule! **new venue!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/lxrtkht>



Apr 13	Minister’s Conference (10:30 AM)
Apr 16	Easter Sunday
Apr 17	MBA Closed
Apr 22	VBS Clinic (Farley, 8:30 AM, pre-registration required)
Apr 24	MBA Executive Board Mtg (10:00 AM)
Apr 27-May 9	Romania Summer Mission Trip
May 11	Minister’s Conference (10:30 AM)
May 18-20	ESL Teacher Training, MBA

The offices of the Madison Baptist Association will be closed on Monday, April 17th. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, April 18th.



2017 R.A. Race Results Madison Baptist Association

1-2 Grade Class Speed

- 1 - Ryan Merrick (FBC Hsv)
- 2 - Eli Richardson (FBC Hsv)
- 3 - Daniel Laster (FBC Hsv)

3-4 Grade Class Speed

- 1 - Reece Brazeal (Trinity)
- 2 - Matthew Ponder (FBC Hsv)
- 3 - Dalton Thompson (New Salem)

5-6 Grade Class Speed

- 1 - Matthew DePlashett (FBC Hsv)
- 2 - Hardy Helms (FBC Hsv)
- 3 - Cooper Sisk (FBC Meridianville)

Open Class Speed

- 1 - Jake Wilbourn (New Salem)
- 2 - Jason Hall (New Salem)
- 3 - Lauren Ponder (FBC Hsv)

Best Looking 1-2 Grade

- 1 - Christian Alderson (FBC Hsv)
- 2 - Eli Richardson (FBC Hsv)
- 3 - Ryan Merrick (FBC Hsv)

Most Unique 1-2 Grade

Daniel Laster (FBC Hsv)

Best Looking 3-4 Grade

- 1 - Zachary Merrick (FBC Hsv)
- 2 - Dalton Thompson (New Salem)
- 3 - Caleb Del Greco (FBC Hsv)

Most Unique 3-4 Grade

Stephen Walls (New Salem)

Best Looking 5-6 Grade

- 1 - Cade Mackey (FBC Hsv)
- 2 - Hardy Helms (FBC Hsv)
- 3 - Cooper Sisk (FBC Meridianville)

Most Unique

Joshua Smith (FBC Hsv)

Open

- 1 - Lauren Ponder (FBC Hsv)
- 2 - Jason Hall (New Salem)
- 3 - Jake Wilbourn (New Salem)

Most Unique

Susan Benson (FBC Hsv)



Minister’s Conference

Thursday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be **State Missionary Lee Wright (ALSBOM)** and the topic will be **How to Protect Your Church from Sexual Misconduct.**

Fellowship and lunch will take place after the conference. Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person.

We hope to see you there!

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language Teacher Training 2017

☆ Thursday, May 18 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 ☆ Friday, May 19 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 ☆ Saturday, May 20 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

☆ You must attend all sessions in order to be certified. This is a Christian based training.

☆ The cost is \$25 which includes all materials and lunch on Saturday. The training takes place at the MBA.

☆ Call (256-536-0015) or email
 ☆ (dpanter@madisonassociation.org)
 ☆ Denise for registration information.

☆ **You must register in advance to attend.**

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