



# 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,  
NOVEMBER  
16,  
2017

I always look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas each year. It is definitely my favorite time of the year. The Bible says, “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving...” (Ps. 50:14) This is something we are to continually do, not just at Thanksgiving or Christmas, for the Bible says, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you indeed were called in one body; and be thankful.” (Col. 3:15) The last part of this verse can be translated, “you continually be thankful!” It is an imperative; thankfulness to God is not an option but a command. But expressing thankfulness to God is not only a command, it is a privilege. It originates from a grateful heart to God for who He is and all He has done. And the Lord is certainly worthy of all the praise and thanksgiving we can give Him for He is a great and wonderful God! Thus, it is clearly God’s will that we be a thankful people throughout the entire year! His Word says, “Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:16-18) So, as one preacher put it, “It’s not just about Thanksgiving Day but Thanksliving Days.” We are to live out a life of thankfulness the year round. In Christ we are called to be a thankful people, a joyous people. The Psalmist declares, “It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night....For You, O Lord, have made me glad by what You have done....” (Ps. 92:1-4) What has the good Lord done for all of us? What can we thank and praise Him for today? May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving as we reflect upon the grace of God in our lives and the love that He has bestowed upon us.

Your Director of Missions,  
Charlie

Women’s Conference: *Beautifully Broken*  
with special guest speaker Vonda Easley  
from the group *Hopes Journey*  
Saturday, November 18, 2017, 10am-1pm



Come join **Galilee Baptist** (4262 Old Hwy 431, New Hope, AL) for a morning of fellowship and worship. All ladies welcome! No admission will be charged but donations are appreciated.

*You are Cordially Invited*  
to the  
*Madison Baptist Association’s*  
**Christmas Open House**  
*Thursday, December 14, 2017*  
*10:00 AM to 1:00 PM*  
*Refreshments will be served.*

only \$150 per student! space limited register soon!

changing one house and one life at a time!

Rocket City Missions is a ministry of Madison Baptist Association.

Nov 22-23	MBA Office Closed
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27	MBA Office Closed
Nov 28	Minister’s Conference
Dec 3	ABCH Christmas Open House (Decatur, 2PM)
Dec 5	Minister’s Conference
Dec 12	Minister’s Conference
Dec 14	MBA Christmas Open House (10 AM to 1 PM)
Dec 19	Minister’s Conference
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 25-Jan 1	MBA Office Closed

### Minister’s Conference Schedule of Speakers

\*Otherwise specified the Minister’s Conference will be held at the Madison Baptist Association Office and will begin at 10:00 AM.

Nov 21	Dr. Mark Milwee
Nov 28	Rev. Terry Herald, Whitesburg Baptist
Dec 5	Rev. Al Pihringer, Harvest Baptist
Dec 12	Dr. Kevin Moore, Mt. Zion Baptist
Dec 19	Rev. Randy Watts, Lighthouse Baptist
Dec 26	No Meeting
Jan 2	No Meeting
Jan 9	Rev. Joseph Cooper, Brownsboro Baptist

In appreciation of your support, the children and staff of  
*Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes & Family Ministries*  
cordially invite you to

**Christmas Open House**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Decatur

Sunday, December 3  
2:00-5:00 PM  
1404 16th Avenue SE  
Decatur, AL 35601  
(256) 355-6893  
decatur@alabamachild.org

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