



# 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,  
JUNE  
07,  
2018

In his book “Shepherding the Sheep in Smaller Churches” Paul Powell lists **12 qualities of good Christian leadership**. Though he is writing primarily about the pastor, these principles can be applied to all Christian leaders. For the sake of space and readability, I will just list these qualities with a brief explanation of each one. They are further expounded upon in Powell’s book:

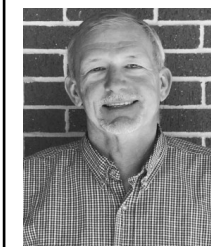
1. Integrity – A good Christian leader can be trusted. The pastoral work of preaching, shepherding, and leading are not isolated events. All that a pastor does and the way in which he does it impacts people. It has been said, “The impact of a message often depends on who said it. We believe good men more readily than others.” A man of integrity is respected by others, even if they don’t always agree with him. Pastors must possess high moral character.
2. Vision – A good Christian leader is in tune with the future, knows where God wants him to go, and is focused with a clear purpose. Where there is no vision the people perish, but where there is vision the people flourish.
3. Wisdom – While intelligence implies a degree of knowledge and the ability to learn, wisdom has to do with judgment. A part of wisdom is knowing what to do, who to listen to, and what to leave alone.
4. Compassion – A good Christian leader must really care about people. It has been said that people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care. People are prone to follow you if you put their best interest first instead of your own interests.
5. Courage – You can’t be a great leader in the church and straddle the fence. You’ve got to have the courage to speak and live out your convictions, with sensitivity and love.
6. Enthusiasm – If the pastor can’t get excited about what he is doing, then neither will his people. The people will catch the pastor’s vision and enthusiasm for the work as they see firsthand his involvement and excitement in the ministry of the church.
7. Initiative – Good leaders are proactive, not reactive. They challenge their people to go forward. Leaders get a vision from God, develop a strategy for fulfilling that vision, and challenge the people to go forward.
8. Humility – A good Christian leader possesses a servant spirit. Jesus said, “Blessed are the meek [humble], for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matt. 5:5) Pastors are servant leaders, not tyrants who seek to control the congregation through fear and intimidation.
9. Sense of Urgency – Good Christian leaders possess a sense of urgency about what they are doing. Our lives are like a vapor that appears for just a little while and then vanishes, so seize the day and heartily serve the Lord. There is just no time for procrastina-

tion when the Lord’s work is so vital.

10. Persistency – All great leaders have faced obstacles and opposition, and pastors will face criticism and rejection. They succeed only by persisting.
11. Sense of Humor – Pastors must be able to relax and not take themselves too seriously. Enjoy your family, your people, and the work of the Lord.
12. Example – Pastors must practice what they preach; show the people how to do it. Lead the people forward by going forward.

Your Director of Missions,  
Charlie

Jun 12-13..... SBC Meeting, Dallas, TX  
Jun 17 ..... Happy Father’s Day  
Jun 17-21..... Rocket City Missions  
Jul 4-5..... Independence Day  
(MBA Closed)  
Jul 15-19..... Appalachian Mission Trip



We welcome Mr. Neill Hunter, LPC, LMFT, Pathways Professional Counseling, ABCH to the Madison Baptist Association  
Office Hours for Counselor:  
Monday and Tuesday  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
To make an appointment call  
205-504-0265.

VBS in the Madison Baptist Association				
Church	Dates	Time	Program	Other Info
Bethlehem Baptist Church HG	6/25 - 29	8:30 - Noon	Game On!	Register online by 6/1 for free shirt
Bethlehem Baptist Church LS	7/9 - 13	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	
Brownsboro Baptist Church	7/16 - 20	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	
Cave Spring Baptist Church	6/13 - 15	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Camp Out	6/15 - Family Night, 6:00 PM
Charity Baptist Church	7/16 - 18	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Clements Baptist Church HSV	6/11 - 13	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	6/13 - Family Night, 6:30 PM
Cove Baptist Church	7/9 - 13	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Farley Community Church	6/11 - 15	9:00 - Noon	Game On!	4 years old to Grade 6; register online
Flint River Baptist Church	6/10 - 13	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Summer Bash	4 years old to 5th Grade
GracePointe Baptist Church	6/11 - 15	6:15 - 8:15 PM	Paul & the Underground	4 years old to rising 6th Grade
Harmony Baptist Church	6/25 - 29	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Shipwrecked	
Harvest Baptist Church	6/11 - 15	8:30 - Noon	Game On!	Register at <a href="http://www.harvest-baptist.org">www.harvest-baptist.org</a>
Haven Baptist Church	6/25 - 29	9:00 - Noon	Game On!	Pre-register at <a href="http://www.havenbaptist.org">www.havenbaptist.org</a>
Hayes Chapel Baptist Church	7/9 - 13	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Shipwrecked	
Huntsville First Baptist Church	6/11 - 14	9:00 - Noon	Game On!	Kickoff 6/10, 4:30 PM in Life Center
Jackson Way Baptist Church	6/11 - 14	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Game On!	All day; \$35 for lunch/snacks/shirt
Lakewood Baptist Church	6/18 - 22	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	Supper served
Lakewood Baptist (on mission)	6/14 - 16	11:00 - 1:00 PM	Game On!	At Creekbend Apt; lunch served
Lighthouse Baptist Church	6/11 - 15	5:30 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	
Locust Grove Baptist Church	6/11 - 15	9:00 - Noon	Game On!	Register at <a href="http://locustgrove.com">locustgrove.com</a>
FBC Meridianville	6/18 - 22	9:00 - 12:30 PM	Game On!	
Monte Sano Baptist Church	6/14 - 16	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Morningside Baptist Church	6/18 - 23	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Murphy Hill Baptist Church	6/16 - 20	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Shipwrecked	Dinner is provided
New Market Baptist Church	6/18 - 22	5:45 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	Dinner provided; family night 6/22
New Salem Baptist Church	6/18 - 22	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	6/24 - Family Night, 5 PM
Oak Park	6/11 - 15	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Pleasant Spring Baptist Church	7/13, 5:30-9:00 PM; 7/14, 8:30-Noon; 7/15, 5:00-7:00 PM		Game On!	Game On!
Sherwood Baptist Church	6/11 - 15	8:30 - Noon	Game On!	6/15 - Family Night, 6:30 PM
Shippo Baptist Church	6/25 - 29	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	6/29 - Family Night, 6 PM
Southside Baptist Church	6/18 - 21	9:00 - Noon	F.A.I.T.H.	Kindergarten to rising 6th Grade
The Fellowship of Faith	6/25 - 27	5:30 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	
Wears Chapel Baptist Church	6/18 - 22	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Westlawn Baptist Church	6/24 - 28	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	6/29 - Family Night, 6 PM
West Mastin Lake Baptist Ch	7/23 - 26	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Whitesburg Baptist, Pulaski	7/16 - 20	9:00 - 1:00 PM	Game On!	4 years old to 5th Grade (completed)
Winchester Road Baptist	7/9 - 13	8:45 - Noon	Shipwrecked	

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY FISH/CHICKEN FRY

**GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(4262 Old Hwy 431, New Hope, AL)

Saturday, June 9  
beginning at 12pm.

Everyone welcome to  
join us for  
fish/chicken and fixins'!



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