



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
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2018

One day Jesus and His disciples encountered a man who had been born blind. The disciples asked Jesus a very interesting question: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” (Jn. 9:2) In other words, they wanted to know whose fault it was that he was blind. It was a belief in that day and time that physical suffering was the direct result of personal sin thus, the disciples wanted to know who caused the blindness. But Jesus gave them an answer that they didn’t expect: “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” (Jn. 9:3) God sovereignly chose to use this man’s affliction for His own glory. Jesus healed him, and for the first time the man saw the light of day. Jesus also led the man into a saving relationship with Himself: “And he said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshiped Him.” (Jn. 9:38) In this encounter with the blind man, the disciples looked back. They wanted to know the cause of the blindness years ago. But Jesus looked forward to the cure for the blindness, “that the works of God might be displayed in him.” The disciples looked back to the man’s physical birth, while Jesus led the man to a spiritual rebirth. It is time that we, the people of God, look ahead! There’s far too much time wasted living in the past. While we ponder the past and spend time wondering why, and what if, the fields are white for harvest before us and cry out for laborers. Jesus has work for us to do today, for His glory, and it must be carried out with a sense of urgency. Jesus said in verse 4 of this chapter, “We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.” Notice that it is the Father’s works that we are to engage in. We don’t make our own plans or set our own agendas. We are here to do the Father’s works, fulfill His plans for our lives and ministries. And we only have a short time, a limited time to accomplish His will for “night is coming when no one can work.” Whether our life on earth concludes by death or the rapture of the church, life is short, we are “just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.” (James 4:14) So make the

most of life by diligently serving the Lord, using the spiritual gifts and talents He has equipped you with. Just as Jesus is “the Light of the world” (Jn. 9:5; 8:12) we too, His followers, have been called to be the light of the world (Matt. 5:14-16). Let your light shine, don’t cover it up, because we live in a dark culture where people so desperately need to see the light of God’s truth and holiness.

Your Director of Missions,
Charlie



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.

Galilee Baptist Church Homecoming

1903 4262 Old Highway 431 **2018**
New Hope, AL 35760

Galilee Baptist Church will be celebrating its 115th Homecoming on Sunday, July 15, at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School, but instead, a day of singing with special guest group *The Singing Commodores* from Blountsville, AL. This group has been singing and ministering for 38 years and are still going strong serving the Lord. Come out, receive your blessing, and have a good time in the Lord. Lunch will be served after the service.

THE MADISON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
WILL BE CLOSED ON
JULY 4TH & 5TH
IN OBSERVATION OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY.
HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!

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!	
Charity Baptist Church	7/16 - 18	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Cove Baptist Church	7/9 - 13	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Game On!	
Harmony Baptist Church	6/25 - 29	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Shipwrecked	
Haven Baptist Church	6/25 - 29	9:00 - Noon	Game On!	Pre-register at www.havenbaptist.org
Hayes Chapel Baptist Church	7/9 - 13	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Shipwrecked	
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!
Shipp's Baptist Church	6/25 - 29	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Game On!	6/29 - Family Night, 6 PM
The Fellowship of Faith	6/25 - 27	5:30 - 8:30 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	



It's not too late to be a part of the Appalachia Mission Trip to Williamsburg, Kentucky, July 15-18. There are opportunities to serve for adults, youth, and families. Call the MBA for more information.

The BCM Building at UAH is now closed and will remain closed through June, due to extensive building renovations. If you need to connect with Edwin Hocutt, contact him by email (ehocutt@alsbom.org) or contact the MBA at 536-0015.

Jul 4-5.....Independence Day (MBA Closed)
Jul 15-19.....Appalachian Mission Trip

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