



July 1, 2026
Issue 2



WEEK 1
WE NEED A KING
OVER OUR LIVES
1 Samuel 8:4-7



WEEK 2
WE NEED A KING
OVER OUR HOMES
Joshua 24:14-15



WEEK 3
WE NEED A KING
OVER OUR CHURCH
Colossians 1:15-20



WEEK 4
THE KING WE'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR
Revelation 19:11-16



MAULDIN
METHODIST CHURCH

July 5-Worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by covered dish luncheon in the gym.

July 6-Church Office closed

July 12-16-Vacation Bible School (Pg. 3)

July 12-SPRC-4:00 p.m.

July 13-Senior Adult Lunch (Pg. 6)

July 13-Church Council-6:30 p.m.

July 14-Outreach-6:30 p.m.

July 20-Long Range Planning-6:30 p.m.

July 23-Information evening about "Circles" (Pg. 5)

Pre-Prayer the Way-Mondays (pg.6)

4Ps-Tuesdays-9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays-9:30 a.m.-Sanctuary open for prayer

Community Meal-Tuesdays-5:30-7:00 p.m. (Pg. 6)

Friendly Yarns-First and third Wednesdays-9:30 a.m.

Galatians Bible Study-Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Fun in the Sun Bible Study-Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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Clear communication is a shared responsibility, and your engagement helps keep our church family connected. Rather than waiting for information to find you, we encourage everyone to regularly check our established communication channels—email, website, social media, and now our monthly newsletter. There is always something happening in the life of the church, and we do not want you to miss the ministries, events, and moments that matter most.

If you would like your group or event included in the August edition, please send all information to Carol by **July 27, 2026**. carol@mauldinmethodist.com. Thank you!

Our Journey Together-with Rev. Herd

On July 4th our nation will celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America. Two hundred and fifty years ago, our forefathers declared that they would no longer live under the rule of the King of England. It was a bold step toward freedom and self-government, and it is a milestone worthy of celebration and gratitude.



As Americans, we rightly give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and for the sacrifices made by generations who helped preserve those freedoms. The history of our nation reminds us of the importance of liberty and the responsibility that comes with it. Yet as Christians, there is an important truth we must never forget. While our nation was founded on the rejection of an earthly king, our lives were created for the rule of a heavenly King. The reality is that we really do need a king—not a governmental king, but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ.

One of the defining struggles of humanity is our desire to rule ourselves. From the Garden of Eden until today, people have often preferred their own way to God's way. We want to determine right and wrong, choose our own path, and direct our own lives. Yet Scripture repeatedly reminds us that self-rule ultimately leads to confusion, division, and spiritual drift. The Book of Judges summarizes this condition with the sobering words: "Everyone did what was right in their own eyes." Does that not sound familiar?

We live in a culture filled with competing voices, conflicting values, and growing uncertainty. People are searching for meaning, purpose, truth, and hope. In such a world, the Church has a unique opportunity to point people to the One who alone is worthy of our allegiance and trust. That is why our church renewal sermon series continues this July with the theme, *"We Need a King."* Throughout this series, we will explore what it means to live under the lordship of Jesus Christ. We will be reminded that true freedom is not found in independence from God but in joyful surrender to His authority.

Jesus is not merely a teacher to admire or a historical figure to remember. He is the risen King who calls us to repentance, faith, obedience, and discipleship. When Christ reigns in our hearts, He brings order where there is chaos, peace where there is anxiety, hope where there is despair, and purpose where there is confusion. As we continue seeking renewal as a congregation, my prayer is that each of us will ask an important question: Who is truly reigning in my life?

Church renewal begins when God's people once again submit themselves to the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. Before He can renew our church, He must reign in our hearts. Before He can transform our community, He must first transform us. I invite you to join us throughout July for this important series. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, and pray that God will use these messages to deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, America declared, "No more king." Today, as followers of Jesus, we joyfully declare, "We need a King." And His name is Jesus.

See You In Church,
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Vacation Bible School

July 12th–July 16th, 2026

Register Here!



Children's Ministry

mallery@mauldinmethodist.com

If you would like more information about serving in Children's Ministry, please reach out to Mallory. We would love to help you find the area where your gifts and passions can best serve our children and families.

If you have a child that is a rising first, second, third, or fourth grade please reach out to Mallory for the upcoming Bible presentation in August.

SUMMER

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2026



Sunday School @ 10:00am

JULY 12-16

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Spirit Center 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Completed K3 - 5th Grade
Special Fun each Night!

JULY 22

BIG AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK

6:00pm - 8:00pm
Each child needs to bring \$10 and complete the waiver prior to arrival. Waiver is located in Realm.

JULY 26

MKIDS CONNECT FOAM PARTY

Lower parking lot at the gym
6:00pm - 8:00pm K-5th

AUGUST 1

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Back 2 School Bash Community Outreach
The Gym Volunteer times vary pending on assignment

MORE DETAILS:

MKIDS FACEBOOK PAGE

Mkids Parents please like and follow for summer information and so much more.



Youth Ministry

Jon Brooks (jon@mauldinmethodist.com)
 Josh Smith (josh@mauldinmethodist.com)



THE LOFT MAULDIN METHODIST SUMMER 2026

“A Gospel-centered community where we learn about Jesus, live like Jesus, and lead others to Jesus”

2026 SAVE THE DATES

- Fall Retreat at Awanita (Sept 25-27)
- Rooted GMC Conference (Oct 9-10)



The LOFT: Mauldin Methodist Student Ministry



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JULY

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| 8 | Carowinds Trip | 22 | Big Air Trampoline Park |
| 10-11 | VBS Church Decorating | 24-27 | Beach Retreat |
| 12-16 | VBS | 31 | Back to School Bash Setup |
| 19 | Movie Night in Loft | | |

AUGUST

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| 1 | Back to School Bash | 23 | MS and HS Gatherings |
| 2 | Red Carpet Banquet | 26 | Wed Night Groups |
| 9 | Promotion / Messy Night | 30 | Combined Gathering - Luau Night |
| 16 | MS and HS Gatherings | | |
| 19 | Wed Night Groups Kickoff | | |

Save The Date!

The Red Carpet Banquet

Sunday, August 2, 2026 6:30pm in The Forge



THE BRIDGE
 MAULDIN METHODIST

young adult ministry summer '26



sunday bible study

SUNDAYS

10:10 AM - 10:45 AM
 in LOFT 314

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10
 JULY

6-9 PM Movie Night at Jon's House

Join us for pizza and a movie at Jon's house - 204 Bryson Dr. Simpsonville, SC 29681.

31
 JULY

7-9 PM Young Adult Pool Party

Join us for food and swimming at the Brogdon's - 1801 Reedy Fork Rd Pelzer, SC 29669. Please bring a bathing suit and towel.

14
 AUGUST

7-8 PM Small Group in the Loft

8-9 PM Dinner at Azteca (114 W. Butler Rd. Mauldin)

COME AS YOU ARE. BRING A FRIEND.

we can't wait to see you there!

Ministry Opportunities-Get Connected TODAY!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Back to School Bash-August 1, 2026

You can purchase school supplies through our Amazon wish list and shipped directly to the church. Click [here](#) to view or use the QR code.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, July 31 and on Saturday, August 1 for the event. Volunteer through Realm or call Holly Richter, 864-415-7484, for assistance.



Serve Beyond Sunday-Community Engagement Campaign

What if one relationship could change a life?

MMC has the unique opportunity to be introduced to SHARE's *Circles* program to help individuals and families move from surviving to thriving. *Circles* helps families achieve long-term financial stability through goal setting, education, support, and meaningful relationships. You don't need special expertise...just a willing heart and a desire to make a difference.

To learn more, please register to attend a *Circles* informational meeting on July 23, 2026, 6:00-7:00 pm in The Forge. A meal will be served for those in attendance and childcare provided. Together, we can help transform lives and strengthen our community. Contact Craig Hood if you have any questions (657-788-3405).

RSVP Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4EA4AA28A4F9C16-64666976-circles>

Partnership with Ollie Place

We are excited to continue growing our relationship with the Ollie Place apartments located on East Butler Road. To date, we have sponsored a food drive for the residents and distributed angel stocking stuffers last Christmas. Be on the lookout for more opportunities to serve the residents later in the year. We will be planning another food drive as well as working on some ways to make our Community Meal more accessible to the residents.

Backpack Ministry: Help Keep Our Blessing Boxes Full

Food insecurity continues to grow in our community, and while we are not currently packing week-end food bags for our friends at Mauldin Elementary, the need has not gone away.

One way Mauldin Methodist continues to serve is by keeping our Blessing Boxes on campus stocked with non-perishable food items. Every day, members of our Backpack Ministry team stop by the church to refill the boxes, ensuring that anyone in need has access to food at any time.

As more families rely on this ministry, our pantry supplies are being used quickly. You can help by donating non-perishable food items such as canned goods, soup, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, crackers, granola bars, and other shelf-stable foods.

Donations may be dropped off in the church office or placed in the Backpack Ministry collection boxes located in the Son Room and The Forge.

Ministry Opportunities & News

Community Meal

Through our Community Meal Ministry, we offer a place of welcome, fellowship, and care for our neighbors. Guests also have access to showers and laundry services, helping meet practical needs while building meaningful relationships. This ministry is only possible because of the faithful volunteers who prepare meals, serve guests, greet visitors, and lend a helping hand each week. Whether you can serve occasionally or regularly, there is a place for you on the team. Use the QR code to view the volunteer schedule and sign up to serve on a Tuesday evening. Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ with our community—one meal, one conversation, and one act of kindness at a time.



Communion Servers

Communion Servers are needed on the first Sunday of each month. You can easily sign up to serve in either The Forge or the Sanctuary by using the QR code. If you need assistance signing up, please contact Carol in the church office, 864-288-4728, ext. 122, or carol@mauldinmethodist.com.



Senior Adult Ministry

IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Gather with the Heroes and Nerds for our monthly meeting on July 13th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate Christmas in July and fill 50 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Dena Willimas and Dilsa Johnson will be leading the Elf Workshop. We hope to see you there, it will be a celebration you don't want to miss.

MMC Sisterhood

We had such a great time of fellowship discussing our Summer Book Club selection in June, we decided to do it again in July! Order and read (or listen on audiobook) your copy of *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. We will meet on July 21 at 6:30 PM at the home of Susan Hood. Email Susan for all the details (carolinahood320@gmail.com)



Pre-Prayer — the Way

Purpose: Intercessory prayer across the area, low commitment opportunity for people to join together outside of the church building to practice prayer together, emphasizing how the church is the body and not the building.

Come pray with us around our community this summer!!

These 30-min guided prayer sessions offer a simple and fun way to experience God around town.

DIFFERENT DATES AND LOCATIONS:

 July 6: Conestee (Prayer Walk) 6:30 PM – Meet at location	 August 3: Ollie Place 6:30 PM – Meet at location
 July 20: MMC 6:30 PM – Meet at location	 August 10: Different Schools (Mauldin Elementary, Middle and High) 6:30 PM – Meet at location

Let's pray for our city, our neighbors, our schools and our community!

Alpha Fall 2026 - Come and See!!



Searching for more? Have big questions about God and faith? Could your faith use a booster shot? Looking for Community? If you answered "Yes" to any of these, then Alpha is for you! Come experience the Good News! Alpha is for everyone, from questioning skeptics to those looking to reinvigorate their faith. So bring your family, and friends to *Come and See!*



Join us for Fall Alpha 2026 beginning Wednesday, August 19, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Alpha includes a free meal, and child care is available with registration.

We can't wait to meet and get to know you! Learn more and register by clicking here or scanning the QR code.

Did You Know?

Medical Equipment Available to Borrow

Did you know that Mauldin Methodist Church has a variety of medical equipment available to loan to those in need? Whether you are recovering from surgery, caring for a loved one, or experiencing a temporary health challenge, we may be able to help. Our inventory includes wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters, shower chairs, and bedside commodes (potty chairs).

If you or someone you know could benefit from any of this equipment, please contact the church office to check availability and arrange for pick-up.

One of the many ways we share the love of Christ is by caring for one another. We are grateful for the generosity of those who have donated this equipment and made this ministry possible.

Stay Connected with the Online Church Directory

Did you know that Realm includes an online church directory? It's a convenient way to connect with your Mauldin Methodist family.

Through the directory, you can:

- Access member phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

- Add or update your family photo at any time.

- Connect with your Sunday School class or small group through group messaging.

- Keep your own contact information current.

The online directory is a great resource for staying connected and building relationships within our church family. Log into Realm today and explore everything it has to offer!

Monday Counting Teams Needed

Did you know that each Monday morning, we have trusted volunteers gather to count the previous Sunday's offerings and prepare the deposit for our Business Office? We're looking for four new volunteers to join our Monday Counting Teams! It's a simple but important ministry that helps ensure the faithful stewardship of the gifts entrusted to Mauldin Methodist.

If you enjoy working with a small team and would like to serve behind the scenes, we'd love to have you. No experience is necessary—we'll show you the process.

To learn more or volunteer, please contact Paul Niebauer at 864-982-2035.

Summer Reading-Staff Recommendation

Mallie Medlock recommends *Jesus The King* by Timothy Keller

Jesus the King by Timothy Keller was given to me by a mentor, and I must admit it collected some dust. But when I did open it, I was met with a powerful and insightful look at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I regret letting it sit idle for as long as I did. Throughout the book, Keller thoughtfully addresses some of the deepest questions of the Christian faith, including how God's justice and wrath relate to His love, mercy, and compassion. This gave me a new perspective on challenges I face in everyday life, from hateful people to confusion while reading the Bible.

One of the strengths of this book is Keller's willingness to explore topics that many Christians find difficult to discuss. In chapters such as "The Wrath of Love," he examines God's righteous anger alongside His perfect love, revealing the beauty and consistency of God's character. Keller also highlights the stunning contrast between Christ's infinite majesty and His humble, sacrificial service.

Whether you are a new believer or have followed Christ for many years, *Jesus the King* will deepen your appreciation for who Jesus is and what He has done for us. You will likely come away with a fresh perspective on God's character and a greater love for the King who gave His life to save us. I highly recommend this book to anyone seeking to grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ.

Mr. Jeff Reeves Receives Heritage Award

On Sunday, June 28, 2026, Mauldin Methodist Church was honored to recognize Mr. Jeff Reeves as the newest recipient of the Heritage Award. This award is presented to a church member who exemplifies exceptional servant leadership through faithful volunteer service and a willingness to go above and beyond. Jeff has been instrumental in revitalizing the 4Ps Ministry and has devoted countless hours to improving our church campus and assisting fellow church members with projects in their homes. His quiet, faithful service has made a lasting impact on our church family. A lifelong member of Mauldin Methodist Church, Jeff was surrounded by family for this special occasion, including his two sisters, daughters, and grandchildren. Their presence made the celebration even more meaningful.

When accepting the award, Jeff humbly summed it up best: "To God be the glory." His servant's heart and unwavering commitment to Christ and His church are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations, Jeff, and thank you for your faithful service to Mauldin Methodist Church!



Stewardship Spotlight

Your 2026 second quarter giving statement will be emailed to you between July 15 and 20. You will receive an email which will provide a link to your statement. If you need a statement mailed to you please reach out to Christi, our Business Administrator.

You can reach Christi at 864-288-4728, ext. 134 or christi@mauldinmethodist.com.

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