

Madison Community Band plans Christmas concerts

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MADISON – For its final performances of the 2015 concert season, Madison Community Band will present Christmas concerts in two local venues.

On Dec. 4, the band will perform at Grace United Methodist Church, 2113 Old Monrovia Road in Huntsville at 7 p.m. Then, on Dec. 5, the band will be in concert at Bridge Street Town Centre near Monaco Pictures at 1 p.m.

“Under the direction of Madison resident Dave Ryan, the band will create a winter wonderland of musical magic,” band announcer Bryan K. Cobb said. “They will transport you from the manger in Bethlehem to a Christmas festival, take you on a sleigh ride and a bugler’s holiday and celebrate Twelfth Night and a cowboy Christmas.”

In addition, the audience can expect a musical visit from St. Nicholas, along with candy canes for the children.

In 1993, Madison Community Band performed its first Christmas concert with 15 members. For this year’s concerts, approximately 60 members will be present.

“The band is part of a long tradition of community bands in America. Through the years and across the nation, community bands have enabled musicians to play and share their love of music with their friends and neighbors,” Cobb said.

For 23 years, the band has performed at community concerts, patriotic celebrations and holiday festivals in Madison and Huntsville and throughout the Tennessee Valley. Most recently, the band entertained at a holiday concert for “Host of Christmas Past” celebration in Fayetteville, Tenn.

Madison Community Band is an all-volunteer organization that seeks to unite musicians with a passion for performance, promote music and arts in the region and encourage young people to perform music and community service.

For more information, visit m-c-b.org or Facebook/Madison Community Band.