

May Memorial Baptist Church

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Reaching.....Teaching...Touching...in the Heart of Powhatan

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From the Pastor...A Trip to the Familiar

This past Saturday my family and I traveled to North Carolina to have a meal celebrating my dad's birthday. Instead of driving all the way to southern Wayne County, we met my parents in Wilson at our favorite barbecue restaurant, Parkers.

Parkers is a NC institution. It opened in the mid-40's on Hwy. 301 in Wilson. At the time that section of highway was dotted with Bright Leaf Tobacco warehouses, where local farmers would take their tobacco crop to market. Parkers is very basic. Wooden floors. Wooden chairs. Wooden tables. It is nothing fancy, but in my opinion, it is the best. The food is great, the service is always quick and friendly. You eat "family style" at Parkers, so the food never ends. The wait staff is all teenage boys wearing white shirts, khaki pants and 1950's style paper hats, another reason why my children love Parkers. (continued on page 3)

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members! David and Jamie Ellis (L) and Martin and Janice Hudgins. All have joined by letter of transfer.



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February 5 – Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share
 February 12 – Sweet Heart Potato Bar
 February 19 – The Ladies Bible Study will provide a meal
 February 26 – No Meal, Ash Wednesday Worship



Photos from last week's dinner by the Koinonia Class.



Attention Men!

You are invited to join for breakfast on Thursday, February 20 at 8:30 at County Seat. This will be a good time of fellowship with other men in the church. RSVP to the church office so we can make a reservation for our group. A sign-up form will be in Sunday's bulletin.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert



At May Memorial Baptist Church
 Sunday, March 15



The special St. Patrick's meal will begin at 5:00 pm and Concert at 6:15 pm Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as Shepherds Pie and Soda Bread. Cost \$8.00 per person. \$25.00 max per family. Make your reservation by March 11 by calling the church office at (804) 598-3098 or emailing: maymem@verizon.net and reference "ST PATS"



Would you be willing to help us? We need people to make: Shepherd's Pie, Corn Bread, Soda Bread Desserts - St. Patrick's Cookies, Cupcakes - brownies, individual items we can put on a dessert plate. **If you can help with these food items, please let us know when you make your reservation. Thank you!**



The Children will be participating in WMU's Children's Missions. We are teaming with Thrivant...they will donate \$250 towards our project. We are going to go to Amelia Nursing Home with games and puzzles for the seniors as well as lap quilts. The kids will prepare activity bags for each of them before we deliver. We will meet at the church on Feb.15th at 1 pm. As soon as we finish assembling the bags we will caravan over and deliver them. Parents will need to attend with kids. RSVP by 2/10/2020 to [Ashley Edwards](#), Youth/Children's Minister.

Habitat for Humanity

is now taking applications for our next home to be built on Old Tavern Road. All candidates must either have lived or worked in the County for the past year, have a fairly good credit and rental history and be a US citizen or permanent resident. They also must be able and willing to give up to 200 hours of sweat equity. For more information call Rosaleen Rick, Executive Director, at 804-594-7009. There will be an ad in next week's Powhatan Today.

From the Pastor



(continued from page 1) ... I am drawn to that restaurant for another reason: it has not changed since my childhood. In my mind it looks exactly the same. The food is exactly the same. It is the same experience I remember even from my pre-school days. As we had dinner with my parents this past Saturday, I remembered sitting in that same dining room with my paternal grandparents, my uncles (two of whom are now deceased) all my cousins, and of course my parents and sister. As we sat there with my children this past weekend, it was the same experience. It was familiar, and comforting, I think in a way it felt like home.

I like things that don't change. I have seen so many things change in the world in only 45 years, there are very few things that have stayed the same. I don't think it is a stretch to estimate that the octogenarians in our church have probably seen more change in their lifetime than occurred in the previous 250 years. And Parkers has stayed the same.

This is how we frequently look at the practice of our faith. In a world that seems to be changing too quickly to keep up with, the one place we want to stay the same is church. To be able to go back to a place week after week that is familiar and safe, where I know the routine and the rules and the roles, it brings great comfort. The only problem is that we serve a savior who regularly pushes his followers to, well, change. To move on. Move forward. To drop old notions and ideas; to forsake systematic injustices and cruel practices; and to embrace what God is doing in the world. But leaving the familiar for the new unknown is not easy. God is in the business of bringing new life and new hope and new beginnings, but often for that to happen some things must be allowed to die or to be left behind. In order to follow Jesus, sometimes we must leave behind the boat and the nets.

I love all the parts of church that should and do stay the same. The ordinary. But I can never convince myself that everything must stay the same. Because that would assume that everything we do or believe is already perfect. And perfect we are not. So God continues to call and mold and change and challenge.

I guess as a native North Carolinian I am saying that it is okay, even desirable, to change my practice of faith as needed, just don't change my barbecue.



The Closet Team

The Deacons added a new team at their January meeting: **The Closet Team**. This team has the mission of "battling cluttered closets" and clearing storage spaces to keep things neat and orderly. If you are the person in your family that everyone accuses of throwing things out too quickly, this team is for you! This team will work once or twice a year. The Closet Team is a part of the stewardship ministry of May Memorial Church, because keeping our building and spaces orderly and clutter free is being good stewards of what God has given us. Contact the Church Office, Pastor Michael, or Deacon Chair Ed Utt if you would like to be a part of this team.



MMBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the MMBC scholarships for the 2020-21 school year are available in the church office. Completed applications with required attachments should be returned to the church office no later than March 31, 2020 for consideration by the scholarship team. Previous scholarship recipients do not need to include attachments but should update the application form. If you have questions, please contact Jackie Lindsey, team leader, at prlindsey1@verizon.net or 804-598-3038.

Youth and Children's Bulletin Board



Show Choir Premiere - Tuesday, January 28 at Powhatan High School Auditorium. Doors open at 7:45pm; show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$8 per person and you can buy them at the door.

About Youth and Children's Bulletin Board-

We are starting a new *Newsletter* column featuring the activities our youth and children are participating in in the community. Does your child have a softball game? Music recital? In a play or musical? Art show? Awards program? Cross country? Please let the church office so we can include in the newsletter so others in the church can attend. Please let us know the details: location, time, cost of admission, etc. The deadline for submissions for Monday's *Newsletter* is the previous Thursday at noon. You can call the church office (598-3098) or email maymem@verizon.net.



Below: Soul Food last Sunday and Ashley Edwards, Youth and Children's Minister, joins the children at lunch.



Thank You

May Memorial Family,

The love Kenneth and I have felt from you in response to my lung surgery has been true agape love. Your prayers, food, cards and Michael's visits have kept me going. I am getting stronger every day with PT. Please keep the prayers going for I still have a ways to go! As most of you know Kenneth is not a cook, and your delicious food in abundance has been a life saver.

*God bless each of you,
Warm hugs and love,
Margaret and Kenneth Carter*

Prayer List January 27, 2020

For any changes, please call the church office at (804) 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Margaret Carter
Don Fitch
Nancy Flower
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Shirley Reynolds
Joy Sanudo
Jeff Spoon
David&Susan
Terry
Nancy Wilkinson
Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent
Templeton, Quint Sutton,
David Brizendine, Jeremiah
Clift, Nelson Sutton, Justin
Donnavon, Austin Breeden,
Caleb Hammer

HOMEBOUND:

Janice Worsham, 2041 Rocky Ford Road
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, The Crossing at Bon Air, 9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Room 202, Richmond, 23235
Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
Jim Pinkley, Chesterfield Woods
Shirley Reynolds, Spring Arbor assisted living facility.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Stephen Breeden, Son of Martha Oberg
Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, friend of Juli Garrett
Bob Tiller, Jeanne Matthews brother
Suzi and Steve McClung
Dee Hubbard, friend of Snead DeNoon
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy&Juston Sanudo
Clyde Martin, brother of Esther Fitch
Jeff Crews, Susie Brock's brother-in-law
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter
Bobby Wells, Gladys Rabon's sister
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's
Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis
Chris Elam, Nick's son
Gene Gwaltney
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
Jodi Erpelding, friend of Gene and Jeanan Krueger
Janie Dean
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons

Tuesday, January 28

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids

5:45 p.m. Mid-Week Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, January 31

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 2

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

January

29- H.C. Smith

29-Anna Edwards

30-Carla Crump

31-Daisy Osborne

February

2-Don Fitch

8-Rudy Potter

8-Ed Utt

9-Carolyn Roberts

10-Juli Garrett

10-Mike Koelzer

15-Debbie Mottley

17-Judy Martin

23-Lester Oberg

25-Hunter Smith

(Please contact [Diana](#) in the church office if your name is missing.)

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord for January 26, 2020

Attendance: Worship 131, Sunday School 78

Regular Offering \$ 5,134.50

Total Giving For Period: \$ 5,134.50