

# May Memorial Baptist Church

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

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*Newsletter November 16, 2020*

**From the Pastor...** The year I worked as a hospital chaplain I normally liked getting a call from the Birth Center at Rex Hospital. Frequently, this meant that a healthy baby had just been born and the mom and dad desired to have a chaplain present to mark the joyful day with a prayer and a blessing. Those were always wonderful visits, but they were not very common... (continued on page 2)



May Memorial Helped  
Snead DeNoon  
Celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday

Many members of May  
Memorial greeted  
Snead with posters and  
good wishes last  
Sunday following  
church.



## *Advent and Christmas for the May Memorial Family*

There will be Advent Hospitality, Wednesday Advent Worship in the Sanctuary, a video presentation of the Children's Christmas Pageant, and a Christmas Eve Worship service in the morning.

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## *Advent and Christmas for the May Memorial Family*



*Advent Hospitality: A Gift from the Home...*  
(of name)

**November 30 – December 25**

Consisting of artwork, music, Christmas symbols and decorations, and readings, these gifts will come from members of the May Memorial family and will be sent out each morning during Advent.

**Advent Wednesdays,**

***Noon until 1:00 p.m., December 2, 9, 16, and 23***

Come for a few minutes, or the entire hour. You will hear music from the May Memorial Carillon and guest musicians. This is not a concert, but a time to enjoy the peace and beauty of the May Memorial Sanctuary during the Advent Season. The Advent Wreath will be “re-lit” each Wednesday so those who gather can hear words of hope, joy, love, and peace as we wait for the Coming Messiah.

**Sunday, December 20**

***YouTube Premiere Children’s Christmas Pageant***

The pageant will premiere on YouTube and in our sanctuary (video presentation) at 3:00. The sanctuary premiere is offered for those who do not have access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

**Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

11:00 a.m., YouTube Premiere Service in the MMBC Sanctuary, made available especially for those without a computer or access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

4:00 p.m., MMBC Christmas Eve Worship on YouTube Premiere

This will be an online worship service much like our worship services while in early pandemic weeks.

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### **From the Pastor...**(continued from page 1)

More frequently, I visited those who were struggling. Many of those, before leaving the hospital, had received hopeful words that because of a treatment or a surgery they were on the road to healing. But most of these could not be characterized by joy. Relief, yes, but not joy.

The same is true in Pastoral Ministry. I spend a lot of time with people who are struggling. I have regular conversations with people who are facing health issues, family tension, grief, addiction, and who are just discouraged. Occasionally, I get to share moments of joy. Parties, anniversaries, and weddings. But the norm is not joy, it is crisis and pain.

In all of this I have learned something deep and meaningful. Even though most of my time is spent with those who are facing a tragedy, hardship, or crisis, I have discovered that those people are often very grateful. It flies in the face of reason, but I have heard a man who was diagnosed with ALS tell me that “it could be worse, I have so much to be thankful for.” I have listened to a woman who’s 30-something-year-old daughter recently died tell me that “I’m so thankful because she did have such a full life.” And it seems that this attitude of Thanksgiving is not based on circumstances, but on a grateful heart. It is as if those for whom “everything is coming up roses” can miss an “attitude of gratitude,” and those who are facing a crisis can still have gratitude rooted deep in their soul.

Twenty-twenty has been a tough year. COVID 19 has taken over 200,000 American’s lives since mid-March, and the infection numbers are now as high as ever. People have lost jobs and homes. It has been a crisis-filled year. We have watched the cruelest of racial violence that has taken God-created life, and then we have grieved when protests have also turned violent and destructive. (continued on page 3.)

It has been a tough year. Our hearts are still divided and troubled by an election season that for many continues without appropriate resolution. And our hearts are burdened.

But, this year, more than most, I find it easier to be still, to observe silence, and to consider what it means to be a thankful person.

Find time in these next two weeks to consider the blessings of God in your life. Remember all of God's good gifts. God's faithfulness, and goodness, and mercy, and peace. Even in the midst of a trying year, God has been faithful to us His people.

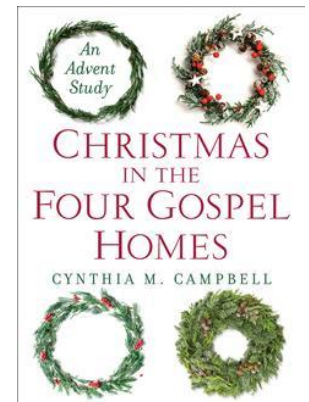
This Sunday in worship we will do just this. We will stop, pause, and think of what it means to be grateful. To offer thanks to God, even in the midst of a difficult time. And we can do this not because "everything is right with the world," but because our God continues to be good. Join us this Sunday, for worship is our natural response to God's good work in the world.

Give thanks, for God is good. God's mercies endure forever.

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## Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom

During the four Sundays of Advent this year, November 29 through December 20, travel with the Zoom Sunday School to some 'houses' decorated quite differently for the birth of Jesus—the four "Gospel homes" of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John! Bob Kruschwitz and Juston Sanudo will be team teaching the study. (continued on next page)



Our study of Mark continues through November 22, then we will begin this new study. Our guide will be Cynthia M. Campbell, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2019). Copies of this book are available in the church office and from online booksellers. "The purpose of our journey is to experience what Christmas means from [each Gospel's] perspective and how Christmas is celebrated there," Campbell writes. Each week's study features a house drawing by architect Kevin Burns, who offers his own interpretation of how each Gospel welcomes us to "reflect on the mystery of Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary." Please join in the Zoom Sunday School class each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m., or view it afterwards online through the May Memorial YouTube channel.

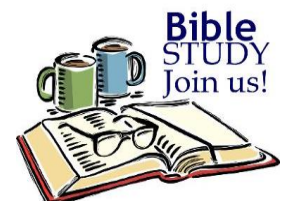
To join by phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259

## Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship

*Bible Study on Zoom - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*

To join us with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter this code: 286 978 612





*Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting* Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun! To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799  
Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

### *Handbell Choir and Adult Ensemble Choir Rehearsals!*

Beginner handbell rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Advanced handbell rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Adult Choir Ensembles will meet on Monday's at 7:00 p.m. through December 22nd. There are 2 **ensemble** groups. Group A will practice on 11/23, 12/7 and 12/21. Group B will practice on 11/16, 11/30 and 12/14.

## Connecting to the World...Missions

### Small Mission Projects

November 16 - through Nov. 22

the WMU Rachael Circle is sponsoring a

### Baby Shower Collection



They will be collecting new baby items for the Richmond Pregnancy Resource Center. The center helps those facing an unplanned pregnancy, who are feeling a lot of emotions: confused, overwhelmed, scared. They are there for support and to talk through client's questions and options, and it's all free. They do not perform or refer for abortions. Also, they provide connections to parenting classes and baby care items, including diapers, wipes, and clothing. **All items donated must be new.** Collection begins on November 1 and ends on November 22.

#### They Have an URGENT Need for the following:

- **BABY LOTION**
- **BABY MITTENS (so they can't scratch themselves)**
- **BABY SHAMPOO**
- **BABY SHOES (Infant Size through size 4 toddler)**
- **BABY WASH**
- **BABY WINTER OUTERWEAR (Prams, Snow suites or Jackets)0-18 months**
- **BOTTLES – 8 Oz**
- **FALL -BOY & GIRL CLOTHING – 3, 6, 18 & 24 MONTHS**
- **Grooming Kit (Nail Clippers, Brush & Comb set)**
- **Onesies – 0-3, 3-6 Months**
- **TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS - COMPLETELY OUT**
- **VASELINE**

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NO BLANKETS, NO BABY POWER, AND NO #2 DIAPERS AT THIS TIME\*\*\*\*\***

#### FOR MOM

FALL Maternity Clothing

- Large & XL (especially pants or leggings)

**Due to ever changing safety regulations and recalls, we are only able to accept NEW items.**



## Christmas Mission Project

**Standing Rock Indian Reservation**—This year before Christmas we will be joining with Baptists across Virginia collecting gifts cards for children in the Cannon Ball on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. WMU of Virginia staff (who are at Standing Rock) will shop for each child using the gift cards so the children there will receive what they need this Christmas. Please bring gift cards on our **collection date of December 13 during Worship** from Dollar Tree, Amazon, Walmart or Target. While any amount is appreciated, a \$25 gift card will sponsor one individual child at Standing Rock.

## November Birthdays



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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 16 - Josh Deal              | 29 - Brooke Fredette |
| 17 - Snead DeNoon IS 90!!!! | 30 - Ashley Osborne  |
| 18 - Martha Oberg           |                      |
| 19 - Rob Williams           |                      |
| 22 - Nancy Wilkinson        |                      |
| 24 - Debbie Howard          |                      |
| 24 - Dot Wilkins IS 90!!!!  |                      |

## Poinsettias Announcement

the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please sign up below. The cost is \$13.00 a plant. Payment is expected when ordering. Checks can be made out to May Memorial Baptist Church. You may place your order in the offering plate at church or mail to the church at P.O. Box 56, Powhatan, VA 23139. Order deadline is 12/6.

May Memorial places poinsettias in



## Financial Information

### Our Gifts to our Lord

### Week of November 15, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 3,367.50
Scholarships	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,392.50</b>

# Prayer List 11/16/20

## CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden  
Susie Brock  
Joann Cole  
Bob Cosby  
Bob Cox  
Snead DeNoon  
Lee Duncan  
Nick Elam  
Ester Fitch and Family  
Bea Gallier  
Rick Gallier  
Bill Ketron  
Bernice Koelzer  
Paul Lindsey  
Fran O'Donnell  
Jim Pinkley  
Shirley Stephens  
David&Susan  
Terry  
Frances Tilman  
Nancy Wilkinson  
Earl Worsham  
Janice Worsham

## MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent Templeton, Quint Sutton, David Brizendine, Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Sutton, Justin Donnavon, Austin, Breedon, Caleb Hammer, Kris Curtis, Adam and Hunter Mitchell

## HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

- Janice and Earl Worsham, Auburn Hill Senior Living, 5800 Harbour Ln, Midlothian, VA 23112
- Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
- Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
- Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
- Jim Pinkley, Currently with Billy and Marlis Kruschwitz
- Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother  
Lacie Baggett  
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
Stuart Yeorge  
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law  
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  
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's  
Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law  
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis  
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law  
Janie Dean  
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister  
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons  
Lennox Family  
Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith  
Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt  
Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's  
Logan Cook, grandson of Wilford and Linda Poor  
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister  
Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller  
Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike & Bernice Koelzer  
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt  
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law  
Teresa Fields  
Brenden McMullan, the Cox's grandson  
Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister  
Emily, Gene & Sandy Parker's daughter  
Chuck Karnolt  
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz  
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's  
Stephanie Prentice, Nancy Flower's granddaughter  
Stuart Howard and Bre  
Sue Ellen Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister  
Family of Erik Topp, father of Linda Daniels,  
Grandfather of Kerri Bilthuis  
Fred Boatwright, Amy Potter's father  
Helen Dean  
Mike Davidson  
Family of James Kyle Wills, Sr., Kyle Wills'  
and Kelly Jarrell's father