

May Memorial Baptist Church

Newsletter 11-2-20

Reaching...Teaching...Touching ...in the Heart of Powhatan
In the heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098



Special Announcement:

Worship this Sunday, November 8.

***We are going to have a “mini-concert” in honor of
Veteran’s Day at 10:45!***

Be sure to be at church by 10:45 or tuned in to our live service!

From the Pastor’s Desk...

Republican or Democrat? A New Name Not on Tomorrow’s Ballot

Years ago, I baptized a young woman, she was about 15 years old. I had performed her mom’s wedding ceremony when she married a wonderful man, and the entire family joined the church. It was a wonderful day when the daughter professed her faith in Jesus and planned to be baptized. I remember the day of her baptism, I baptized her and her new stepfather the same day. When she was baptized, I said the things I normally say. I talked about Salt and Light from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, she made promises, renouncing sin and evil and promising to serve Christ in the world. She professed her faith, confessing that “Jesus is Lord,” the earliest of Christian confessions. I also talked to her about a new name. I told her that as she had given her life to Christ, as she passed through the waters of baptism she then had a new name, and that new name is “Christian.” (continued on page 2)

Evening Social – Thursday on Zoom

You are invited for 30 minutes of conversation and fellowship Thursday night, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. Our hosts, Howard and Dawana Sheppard, will welcome you to this Zoom session. The only agenda is chatting with old friends, meeting some new ones, and catching up on one another’s day. So, grab your own coffee, tea, or dessert, and gather by Zoom for a good time together.

To join by phone, call: 312 626 6799 Enter Meeting ID: 856 7662 7115



Handbell Choir Resumes!

Sandra Parker, May Memorial's interim music minister, had the first handbell choir rehearsal on Monday, November 2 at 6:15 p.m. These practices will continue on Monday's, a schedule will be shared soon. This is a great opportunity for ministry and fellowship. We will have all safety precautions in place.



From the Pastor's Desk... (continued from page 1)

I frequently say this to those I baptize, and I didn't think much about it that day. I didn't think she had even heard me. Later that week I realized that she did in fact hear that she had a new name. On her social media accounts, she had changed her name, temporarily, to Hannah (not her real name) Christian. She then went on to tell her friends on social media that "today I was given a new name, I was given the name Christian." I was amazed at her boldness.

Even though many of us have already voted, tomorrow is election day. The signs have been up for what seems like years, the ads have rolled thousands of times on our TVs. The candidates have given speeches and made promises and criticized and stretched the truth (lied?) and done all they can do to win tomorrow's election. And it is unlike any election season most of us have ever seen.

Things are uncertain, and even downright frightening.

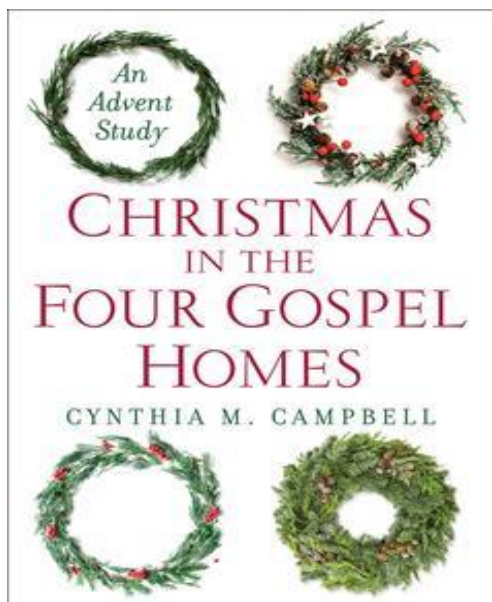
But tomorrow as the Democrats and the Republicans have it out, remember, you have a different name. And it is not Republican or Democrat. Your name is Christian, it was given to you when you professed Christ and passed through the waters of Baptism. And regardless of what happens tomorrow, your allegiance will still belong to the one who gave you His name in the watery womb of baptism.

There are many "Caesars" who call for our loyalty, many "Nebuchadnezzar's" who build "golden statues" and call for us to bow down when the music plays. But we owe our allegiance to none other than Christ, and because of what happened at Easter, Christ has won the day. When Hannah (and all Christians) profess faith saying "Jesus is Lord," it means that all others, whether they have won an election or not, are not.

John Upton, Executive Director of the BGAV, shared with pastors last week that he has repeatedly heard over the past months that the Corona Virus has changed everything. No, Upton told us, Easter has changed everything. Jesus has changed everything.

Even your name.

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. 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

Rachael Circle Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, at 12:00 p.m. We welcome all ladies! We are busy with many projects including the Christmas Mother. Feel free to join us!

Join Zoom Meeting
By Phone: (312) 626 6799
Meeting ID: 864 7089 6628

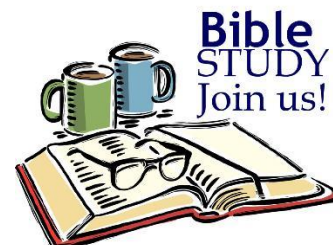


Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting

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

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

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799
Enter this code: 286 978 612



Connecting to the World...Missions



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.

Mission Project



Small Mission Projects through November

This week Nov 2 to Nov. 8, we will concentrate on the Thanksgiving Complete Meal for the food pantry.

BAG ITEMS BELOW: Please Double Bag.

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN OF YAMS OR SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX OF MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 16 OZ. CAN OF CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS OF CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS OF GREEN VEGETABLES
- 1 – 10 OZ. CAN OF GRAVY
- 2 – 6 OZ. PKGS. OF STUFFING MIX
- 1 – BOX OF HOT CHOCOLATE
- 1 – SMALL BOX OR JAR OF ICE TEA/BAGS
- 1 – COMPLETE FAMILY DESSERT ITEM

Copies are also available in the Commons Area.

Donations of a \$10.00 Food Lion Gift Cards would also be appreciated. Please add one to your bag, if possible. Clients will be able to purchase meat or other necessary items for their meal.

Point of collection and distribution is at Powhatan Food Pantry located at 2500 Batterson Road on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. We are now accepting donations throughout November. If you are not able to fill a Complete Thanksgiving Meal bag, any partial or monetary donations are always welcome. Checks may be made out to: Powhatan Food Pantry and sent to the treasurer, Theresa Fields at 1520 Swiftwood Drive, Powhatan, Va 23139

Starting on November 9
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.

A complete list of baby items, like baby lotion and baby winter outerwear will be available in next week's *Newsletter*, or a flyer is in the Commons Area. All items donated must be new.



Nov 1 - Jim Spain
2- Jesse Green
2 - Carol Vidra
4 - Hannah Crump
4 - Rebekah Crump
5 - Charlie Allen

6 - Jimmy Willis
6 - Barbara Mencarini
8 -Tricia Flippo
8 - Rory O'Donnell
9 - Joy Sanudo

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord

Week of November 1, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 8,319.50
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering (lighting)	200.00
Total	\$ 8,544.50

Prayer List 11/3/20

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
Harry Wheeler
Nancy Wilkinson
Earl Worsham
Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

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

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 Poore.
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller
Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike and Bernice Koelzer
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
Lisa Davis, Glady's Rabon's daughter
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

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

Janice Worsham, Westport Rehab. Center., 7300 Forest Ave, Room 213, Richmond 23226
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