

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter

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

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Grand/Father Daughter Dancing

Laura and I looked forward to this past Friday night for a couple of months. It was our fifth (and last) "Father-Daughter Dance" that we have

attended at her school, Flat Rock Elementary. All the elementary schools in Powhatan host this annual event on different nights close to Valentine's Day. On the same night, Gerald Hagen went with Eva to her dance at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Academy, another wonderful dance for students in our community. I don't do a lot of dancing, mainly because I can't dance. Based on the photos, Gerald is a much better dancer than I am. But whether one dances or not, the father daughter dances are still great events at our schools. This year's theme at the Flat Rock dance was



Hollywood Red Carpet theme, with a star lined walk of fame, fancy hats, and flashy sunglasses. (continued on page 3)

Connecting to God...Worship



Join us for an
Ash Wednesday Service
February 26 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Connecting to the World...Missions



CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY - UPDATE

The Children will be participating in WMU's Children's Missions Day on Saturday! We are going to play BINGO with the residents of Amelia Nursing Home and pass out the toiletry bags that we will prepare at church. All we need is for your children and you to join us on this fun missions adventure! We do not need any donations, all will be funded by THRIVEANT! Meet at the church on Saturday 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.



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 signup form will be in Sunday's bulletin.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert

At May Memorial Baptist Church
Sunday, March 15



Tom Stevens on
the fiddle and
Jimmy Payne on
the guitar



The special St. Patrick's meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Concert at 6:15 p.m. Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as Shepherd's Pie and Soda Bread

Cost: \$8.00 per person. \$25.00 max per family.

Invite your friends and family! Flyers and cards are available at the church!

[MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 11](#)

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!



Family Game Night!

Saturday, 2/29 from 6-7:30

for ALL AGES!

A fun time for families to gather and play games with young and old.

A \$5 donation is suggested to cover pizza and snacks.

Announcements



There will be a **Special Called Business Meeting** on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room to entertain a motion from the Personnel Committee to increase the Minister of Music's salary. Bible study will begin following the brief business meeting.



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. You may download the form to print here: [SCHOLARSHIP FORM](#).

From the Pastor

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) For several weeks I also knew of an invitation that was extended to me (as a dad of daughters) to attend a Father/Daughter dance at PCC the same night. PCC is a effective and thriving church, and I think this was their second or third year having their own dance in addition to what is done at the elementary schools. Of course, I opted for the school dance. From what I hear the dance at PCC was well attended by their members and others from our community.

I thought about PCC and their dance within the walls of their church, and I thought about what it would be like for May Memorial to host such an event. Would it be better to attend an event like this in the church where I am comfortable, or is it better to attend at Flat Rock Elementary?

For many years churches tried to recreate every aspect of life inside the walls of the church. It was a little before my time, but I remember hearing a book referenced while I was in seminary titled "Total

Church Life.” And that is what many churches tried to create. A “Christian” version of life outside of the church. Church book stores. Church coffee shops. Church health clubs. Churches tried to take boy scouts and girl scouts and recreate it within the church, and the Baptist version was called Girls in Action and Boys in Action. The church that my Columbia Seminary graduation was held at, Peachtree Road Presbyterian Church in Atlanta had its own parking deck with tunnel that ran under Peachtree Road so folks could easily get to their gym, pool, and fitness center. It was larger and nicer than any YMCA that I have ever seen. And I wonder, is it better for Christians to build their own life and activities within the walls of the church facility or is it better for them to be in the community? Where should I dance with Laura, at Flat Rock elementary or in the church?

There is not a right or wrong answer, of course. In the gospels we see at least two commands or methods of carrying good news. One is “come and see,” and the other is “go and tell.” And while both are part of the church’s mission in the world, I feel my life shifting toward the “go and tell.” That is where my heart is being drawn, and I seek to adjust my calendar and schedule to reflect this.

Does God want the church to create its own microcosm set apart from the world or does God want us to be salt and light in the world? Does God want us to withdraw or does God want us to carry the love and peace of Jesus into our world?

I had a great time with Laura on Friday night. We went to dinner before (we really didn’t need to do that, but Laura insists that be a part of our date) and I saw and talked to a church member who was working in the restaurant. At the dance, one dad, a friend of mine, told me that in addition to bringing his daughter he brought another student whose dad committed suicide when she was in kindergarten. “Don’t you think that is what Jesus would want me to do?” he asked. I talked to another friend who is Buddhist/Agnostic and continued building that relationship. I talked to a new student’s dad who is a Dr. at MCV, a young man, and we had a conversation about pastor’s praying for the patients before they go in to surgery. I’m not sure if this man is a Christian or not. I didn’t go to evangelize, and I didn’t do any type of thing at this dance. But I like being outside of the church and having these encounters. “Go and tell” is a command of the New Testament, and I simply have a hard time doing that at 3922 Old Buckingham Road.

Thank You

I thank my friends at May Memorial for all their prayers for me. I am feeling better with more energy.

Janie Dean

Prayer List February 10, 2020
For any changes, please contact Diana at (804) 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Shirley Reynolds
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,
Kris Curtis

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 in Salisbury, 14001 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian, 23113

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
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
Family of Bob Tiller, Jeanne Matthews brother
Mike Vidra
Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father

Tuesday, February 11

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. Rachael Circle Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Backpacks of Love at
 Aerations Plus

Wednesday, February 12

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. Special Called
 Business Meeting
 Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, February 13

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mother Meeting

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry
 1:00 p.m. Children's Mission Day

Sunday, February 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

February

10-Juli Garrett
 10-Mike Koelzer
 15-Debbie Mottley
 17-Judy Martin
 23-Lester Oberg
 25-Hunter Smith

March

4-Amy Johnston
 5-Jane Ware
 6-Cheryl Vrooman
 9-Bob Cox
 10-Tom Seaman
 11-Carol Williams
 12-Erin Johnston
 13-Stuart Matthews
 13-Joan Cosby
 13- Cindy Wilkinson
 13-Mason Lloyd
 15-Anne Gillespie

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

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord for February 9, 2020

Attendance: Worship 124, Sunday School 70

Regular Offering	\$ 5,084.43
Building Fund	1,976.00
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	200.00
Total Giving For Period:	\$ 7,280.43

**Building Fund
 in Memory of M.W.
 Phyllis Anderson**

**Scholarships
 in memory of our
 parents on
 Valentine's Day
 Mr.&Mrs. Paul Lindsey**