

Dear Friends: This will be the last Newsletter you will receive for a while. We will begin printing and mailing newsletters to those who are homebound when normal activities resume at the church.
– Diana Schmitz, Church Secretary.

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter 3/17/20

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

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All services and activities at the church have been cancelled for another week through March 28.

Men's Breakfast is cancelled on Thursday.

Reacting...

One of the things I pray about daily in my life is that I not be reactive. I ask God on a daily basis (almost) that whatever I face through the day that I not react quickly. I ask God to give me the strength to be slow, steady, and measured. Those are the exact words I use. It is so easy for all of us to react quickly. When I react quickly I often regret it. Sometimes people tell me astounding things, and when they do, I don't want to react. Sometimes I hear criticisms (we all do), and I don't want to react. I want to hear people and process fully what they say to me, and when I react quickly I am not at my best and am prone to mistakes.

Last week we made the decision at May Memorial to cancel all activities for the week. We have made that same decision for this week. I pray that next week things will be looking better, but based on President Trump and Governor Northam I am not sure that is realistic. I know that other churches in the community and across the nation did not cancel, and they do not plan to cancel. One pastor contended that God wants us to be "victorious" over Covid 19, that God will protect us, therefore we should not change our habits in any way. I think that is irresponsible.

When we are nearing the end of this national emergency, I would rather have erred on the side of safety, even if it is an overreaction, than on the side of over-confidence resulting in the spread of the virus.

The Coronavirus and Covid 19 are like most things in our life, we have no control over it. We have responsibility to ourselves, families, fellow church members, and neighbors to do what is on "our side of the street," but that is as far as we can go. After that, we have to trust God that God will take care of us. And God will take care of us, but that does not mean that we are invincible to the many things in this world that can harm us. My parents taught me that God gave us "good sense" that he wants us to use, especially at times like this.

Use your good sense. Follow the President's and Governor's recommendations. Stay at home if you can, watch out for those grocery cart handles, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer. All of these things (and more) are on our side of the street. But then leave the rest to God. And God will take care of you, and us.



**2020 Antique Power Show
Powhatan Coalition of Church**

The 2020 Antique Power Show, sponsored by the Powhatan Coalition of Churches, will be held on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day. This will be the 3rd year of a 5-year commitment that May Memorial agreed to handle "event parking". The proceeds from the Power Show will be use to benefit those in need in the Powhatan County community.

MMBC will need to have a team available on Friday, April 24 to set up designated parking areas (cones to be provided by VDOT), to set up directional signs (provided by Coalition), and to set up the entrance area. On Saturday and Sunday 4 teams will be collecting donations (again this year entrance is by donation).

The MMBC Teams are shown as follows:

- Friday (Set up), April 24, 2:00-5:00 PM – 5-6 volunteers needed
- Saturday, April 25, 8:30 AM-Noon – 6 volunteers needed
- Saturday, April 25, Noon-4:00 PM – 6 volunteers needed
- Sunday, April 26, 9:00 AM-Noon - 3-4 volunteers needed
- Sunday, April 26, Noon-4:00 PM – 4 volunteers needed (this shift includes taking down signs, cones and any general cleanup).

Jay Givens will be coordinating the planning for this event. A sign-up sheet will be located on the table in the Commons Area, or you can volunteer by emailing Jay at 2085givens@comcast.net or by calling him at 804-372-6790 (H) or 804-691-6302 (Cell). Please let Jay know if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping May Memorial be a part of this important community event.

Thank you

To my Dear Friends at May Memorial,

Thank you for all of your cards, prayers and offers of help during my recent surgery and recovery. They are much appreciated.

Love,
Judy Boelt



Priscilla Shirer SIMULCAST in Crewe, VA

A group of ladies are attending the simulcast in Crewe on April 25. Tickets are \$25.00. If you would like to carpool with the group, please contact Sandra Cowles at sandra.cowles@aol.com or call her at (804) 376-7901. Flyers and registration forms will be at the church on the newsrack.



Relay for Life - Saturday, May 2

The Relay For Life event will be at Powhatan High School on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Prayer List March 17, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Don Adkins
Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
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
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
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
Jodi Erpelding, friend of Jeanan Krueger
Janie Dean
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons
Mike Vidra
Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father
Scott Richards' parents
Family of Gene Gwaltney

Birthdays

March

17-Sharon Samuels Labons
17-Erin Claud
17-Billy Kruschwitz
20-Jackie Lindsey
20-Graham Bilthuis
21-Halona Samuel
23- Joyce Smith
26-Jay Givens
27-Brent Gillespie
29-Les Miller
30- Bob Cosby
30-Mike Lindsey

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

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord for March 8, 2020

Attendance: Worship 94, Sunday School 74

Regular Offering	\$ 5,754.14
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	50.00

Total Giving For Period: \$ 5,824.14

This Week's Financials: As the congregation is continuing to give to support the ongoing ministry of May Memorial Church through the mail and e-giving the totals will be reported when available. Because contributions come in through the week the giving reports may be delayed a week.