

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter April 21, 2020

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

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FROM THE PASTOR

May 15, 1910

May 15, 1910 was a Sunday nearly 110 years ago. That day a gift was made to “The Baptist Church of Powhatan Courthouse,” a silver communion set. It was given by Mr. C. D. Wingfield, a relative of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Tucker, who lived in “The Homestead,” the large home on the west side of Scottville Road close to the Courthouse. Our church had not yet taken the name “May Memorial,” and it was newly identified (by its own members) as a Baptist church. May Memorial started as an ecumenical church, meeting in the courthouse.

When Pastor Rudy Potter came to serve as May Memorial’s pastor he asked Mr. Sam Tilman, Maryvel Firda’s father, to build a small cabinet to hold the beautiful communion set, and it was placed in the narthex. I have noticed that

communion set many times, but over the past few weeks it has been on my mind even more.

Since May Memorial has possessed that silver pitcher and chalices, our nation and world has had many trials and hardships. I have thought about it, and over the last 110 years May Memorial has experienced:

World War I

The Spanish Flu

The Great Depression

World War II

Hitler, Holocaust

Rationing to support the war effort

Korean War

1960’s with the assassinations of MLK, RFK, and JFK

Vietnam

9/11

Great Recession

And these are just the “big” things. There have been many other challenges that don’t fall on the radar of world events. And May Memorial has remained.

When COVID 19 is over, and another pastor is looking at the communion set given by C. D. Wingfield in the beautiful cabinet made by Sam Tilman, she or he will be able to add COVID 19 to that long list. (continued next page)

Our attitude is not “we’ve ‘always’ been here, we’ll ‘always’ be here.” But, “God continues to work in our community and world and we continue to be a part of what God is doing.” This does not mean that individual churches last forever, but churches live as long as God has a place for them in God’s work. And May Memorial continues to live in God’s mission in the world.

May Memorial has been Christ’s light through many difficult days, and it continues to be Christ’s light in our community. We have been forced (or called?) to learn new ways of being church, of connecting with each other, and of serving our community. We continue to “Connect to God, Each Other, and the World,” but in new and different ways. God has blessed us in these past 110 years, and God is continuing to bless us.

Stay strong. Be patient. Love one another. God is not done with us. This is not a time to “survive” but a time to follow God into new ways to serve and reach into our community.

Connecting to God...Worship

May Memorial's Worship Plan

This year because of physical distancing the leadership of May Memorial has decided to have our celebration of Easter on our first Sunday back physically together in worship. That being the case, our worship plan for the next several Sundays is:

Sunday, April 26

Keeping Vigil for Easter: God's Story of Redemption Beginning in Creation

Sunday, May 3

Keeping Vigil for Easter: God's Story of Redemption Continues in Noah

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship

Mid-Week Gathering this Week: The May Memorial Gathering Room

Join us for The Gathering Room on Zoom this Wednesday night. Click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open. Be sure your camera and microphone are turned on! You can click on the link anytime this week to be sure it will work. If you experience problems [email](#) or call Pastor Michael at (804) 922-0101.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 around 6:25 p.m.
Enter this code: 286 978 612

Church Wide Zoom Sunday School Sunday Morning, 9:45

Click the link <https://zoom.us/j/373897124> and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open. Be sure your camera and microphone are turned on! You can click on the link anytime this week to be sure it will work. If you experience problems [email](#) or call Pastor Michael at (804) 922-0101.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 around 9:40 a.m.
Enter this code: 373 897 124

STORYTIME

with Mrs. Mottley



Since our children are not going to a school building each day (and adults are at home) Debbie Mottley is reading a book for us each week. Debbie is an excellent elementary school teacher in Chesterfield County, and has a heart for the children in our church and community.



Watch each week for Story Time with Mrs. Mottley!

Story Time may be accessed through our website by clicking [here](#).

Connecting to the World...Missions

From the Coalition of Churches:

There is a need for a riding lawn mower for a Powhatan resident. We are looking for anyone who has a mower they are willing to donate or sell for a reasonable price. The client, in his 80's - lives next door to and is caregiver to his slightly impaired daughter - had an old riding mower that broke and cannot be fixed. He has had knee difficulties. If you can help please email: <nealexander68@gmail.com>

Thank You

MMBC Family,

After 5 days in the hospital being treated by my cardiologist, nephrologist, and pulmonologist for orthostatic hypertension, I am so glad to be home with Home Care nurses and Jackie taking care of me! And the food is much better, too. Thank you for your many calls, emails, and cards but especially for the prayers sent up on my behalf. Although I have to take it easy for 2 weeks, I look forward to easing back into my usual daily routine, which includes gardening and splitting wood. I miss seeing everyone but am enjoying the virtual communications for prayer meetings and worship services. What a day of rejoicing that will be when we all gather back at MMBC.

How lucky to be a part of the wonderful MMBC family.

Blessings, Paul Lindsey

Prayer List April 21, 2020

For any changes, please email Diana at maymem@verizon.net

CHURCH FAMILY:

Don Adkins
Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Pat Cover
Lee Duncan
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
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

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
Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father
Scott Richards' parents
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.
Tim Martindale, friend of Bob & Vicki Kruschwitz
Michelle Haab, Niece of Bill Ketron
Pam Polk, Ed Mottley's sister
Vera Flippin, friend of Jeanne Matthews
Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' Mom

HOMEBOUND:

Janice Worsham, 2041 Rocky Ford Road
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, (currently at Kirk and Peggy Johnston's home) 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

Tentative Schedule

Birthdays

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. A Virtual Worship Service
will be shared on the website and
through email

9:45 a.m. Zoom Sunday School

5:30 p.m. Zoom Soul Food

Wednesdays:

6:30 p.m. Zoom Mid-Week Gathering

April

21-Nancy Flower
25-Jesse Bilthuis
28-Gabe Cosby

May

2- Jim Madures
2-Lydia O'Donnell
5-Scott Richards
9-Conley "Squirrel" Bodsford
10-Lee Howard
12- David Terry
13-Hayden Smith
14-Jason Young

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord:

4/20/20 offering

\$20.00	Benevolence
\$5,347.50	Regular Offering

Total \$5,367.50



E-Giving

You may contribute to missions through May Memorial's e-giving site. [CLICK HERE](#) to access that website.