

May Memorial Baptist Church



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

3922 Old Buckingham Road

In the Heart of the Courthouse Village

(804) 598-3098

Newsletter April 26, 2021



Children with Puppies at Kingdom Kids

From the Pastor...Baptist Baptist

This past Saturday I saw a sign for a Baptist church in a community located a couple of counties over from Powhatan. The name of the church is "Baptist Union Baptist Church." The sign caught my eye because it was the only time (to my knowledge) that I have ever seen a Church that worked the word "Baptist" into the name not just once, but twice. I don't know anything about that church (other than their name and location), but I figure that they really wanted to get the point across that they are Baptist.

Last week I was having lunch with another Baptist pastor (and BGAV strategist) and as we were talking about church, he casually asked "so are you all going to keep the 'Baptist' in your name?" It was an interesting question, and I honestly would never consider changing our name to remove "Baptist."

But I admit, at least half of the time I refer to us as simply "May Memorial Church." Part of that is for convenience, and at times I am more intentional to use our full name, *May Memorial Baptist Church*. But being Baptist is important to me. I have always been Baptist, and the hallmarks of

the Baptist tradition are important. I believe in "believer's baptism" and "regenerate church membership." I affirm the idea of "soul liberty" and the "priesthood of all believers." I like the freedom that exists in Baptist life for individual churches to follow God's Spirit and scripture to fulfill their individual calling. I believe and rejoice in those things, but I don't know that I'm a "Baptist Baptist" either.

One of the things that I love about our church is our diverse denominational backgrounds. We have people join our church who were raised Methodist, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Catholic, and Episcopalian. We even have a few who were raised Baptist. And we all come together to worship God and serve our world in Christ's name, and in so doing it reveals that God's work is much bigger than any one denomination or Christian faith tradition.

Our May Memorial story starts with a gathering of Christians of different denominations meeting in the Courthouse, and after a few years of gathering a decision had to be made. The way I've heard the story is that it was a Methodist who made the motion that we be a Baptist Church, and so we were. But we have certainly kept that ecumenical flavor. It is in our DNA; it is a part of who we are. It is a unique quality, and it is another way that we can extend the welcoming hospitality that is a part of our church.



Children at Extended Session

Connecting to God...Worship



Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Choir Practice - New Time!

The choir will now meet on Wednesdays **at 5:00 p.m.**

Now is a great time to join the choir!

New members are welcome!



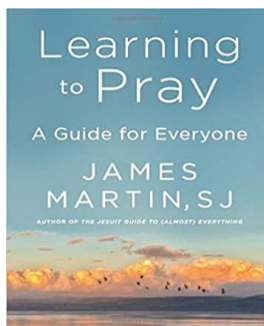
**Kingdom Kids...
IN PERSON!!!
3:30-5:00 Wednesdays
at the church!**



Sunday School - We are studying *The Letter to the Romans*, which has been called the Apostle Paul's masterpiece.

To join the Zoom session at 9:15 a.m. Click the

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174870259> and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open. To join by phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259



Spring Bible Study

(Not meeting this week)

Transformed by Prayer. We will follow the recent book by James Martin, *Learning to Pray*. It is not required that you purchase the book, but it will guide our topics in discussions when we gather.



An Exciting Summer Planned for Children and Youth!

June - Family Pool Party

July - Youth Pool Party

June 13-18 Youth Passport Greensboro College

July 19-22 Outdoor VBS

Youth Beach day in July!

For Questions or to sign up for camp, contact Ashley Edwards.

Connecting to the World...Missions



The Coalition of Churches would like to invite you to attend the event that the Pipe Hitters Motorcycle Union is having at Lonesome Dove. The event is open to the public. During this event, a car will be presented to a veteran. This is being done by Vehicles for Veterans. V4V is run by a 100% disabled veteran. He refurbishes cars and gives them to a veteran. We will have food, raffles, vendors, a band and of course horses during this event.

May 22

Steel Horse Harley Davidson

11502 Hull Street Road

Midlothian, VA 23112

Registration 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The event ends at Lonesome Dove

One Day Mission Project



On **Saturday, May 8** we will go to Meno to bundle firewood that will be sold to Bear Creek Lake State Park. This work will help fund the Meno, a Christian residential community for those affected by drug and alcohol addiction. We will meet at the church at 8:30 and return by 3:00. Lunch will be provided. To sign up call or email the church office.



Social Services Emergency Housing

The Rachael Circle will be collecting items for the Powhatan Social Services Emergency Home. This is a project led by Renee VanNatter at the Social Services office.

Needs:

- *Paper plates and plastic utensils
- *Bottled water and non-perishable food items
- *Twin mattress and pillow covers
- *Gift cards to Walmart and Sheetz



Habitat for Humanity is collecting "gently used" appliances such as refrigerators, clothes washers, dryers and stoves. Also dining room and bedroom furniture (no mattresses), and cabinets. They will pick up the items. Call for a pick up: 804-594-7009.

Announcements



Audio/Visual (A/V) Volunteers Needed

As you pray for May Memorial this week, please ask the Lord to stir the hearts of individuals to volunteer for the Audio Visual Team. Individuals willing to explore the possibility of serving one Sunday a month as a sound board or computer technician are asked to share their interest with [Diana](#) in the church office (804-598-3098). Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity for some in our congregation to become providers rather than consumers...

Joy Sanudo, Billy Kruschwitz

A/V Team Leaders



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

We will be including the (close and home) games for the children and youth at May Memorial over the next couple of months. If you would like to go to a game and cheer on our students they would love to see and hear you cheering them on!

Monday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. – Clover Hill High (13301 Kelly Green Lane, Midlothian)

PHS JV Lacrosse Team

Sarah Seaman

(there is an entry fee which, for home games and away games against Midlothian, are managed through [gofan.co](#) (not .com) and aren't available for purchase until game day.)

Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. – Amelia County Lot

Powhatan Debs (Coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Alyssa O'Quinn

Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. – Hidden Rock Park Field 4 (1920 Hidden Rock Lane, Maidens)

Powhatan Herricanes (Coached by Michael Edwards)

Laura Edwards

Wednesday, April 28, 4:30 p.m. – Powhatan Middle School

Middle School Baseball

Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

Wednesday, April 28, 5:30 p.m. – Midlothian High (401 Charter Colony Pkwy, Midlothian)

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(there is an entry fee** see note below)

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)

Warriors

Graham Bilthuis

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Saturday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)
 Warriors
 Graham Bilthuis

Sunday, May 2, 2:00 p.m. – Pitt Field (3834 Old Buckingham Road)
 Powhatan Herricanes (Coached by Michael Edwards)
 Laura Edwards

Monday, May 3, 4:40 p.m. – Cumberland
 Middle School Baseball
 Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

Monday, May 3, 5:30 p.m. – Home at Powhatan
 PHS JV Lacrosse Team
 Sarah Seaman
 (there is an entry fee** see note below)

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. – Green Field
 Warriors
 Graham Bilthuis

Wednesday, May 5, 4:30 p.m. – Powhatan Middle School
 Middle School Baseball
 Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. – Home at Powhatan
 PHS JV Lacrosse Team
 Sarah Seaman
 (there is an entry fee** see note below.)

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. – Pitt Field (3834 Old Buckingham Road)
 Powhatan Herricanes (Coached by Michael Edwards)
 Laura Edwards

Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. – Turner Field (3849 Old Buckingham Road)
 Powhatan Debs (Coached by Matt O’Quinn)
 Alyssa O’Quinn

Saturday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. – Green Field
 Warriors
 Graham Bilthuis

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Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers for an upcoming Sunday service, please let the church office know which date and we will place you on the flower calendar.

Thank you.

Thank you

Dear Pastor Edwards,

Thank you for opening your church doors to us so graciously, especially having never met us before. It is something we will never forget and we are immensely grateful for your hospitality. The church was beautiful, but what we will remember even more was how your church's doors were open to all people, just as the Lord would like it. Please use this as a donation to your wonderful church to continue to do God's work.

With much gratitude,
Leah & Isaac Eickmeier
April 10th wedding.

May Memorial's Prayer List 4/26/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Jan Boswell
Joann Cole
Bob Cox
Paula Duncan
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea & Rick Gallier
Amy Karnolt
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Alice Miller
Fran O'Donnell
Judy Potter
Shirley Stephens
David & Susan Terry
Earl & Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

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

HOMEBOUND CONTACT LIST:

- Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
- Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
- Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates
- Nancy Wilkinson, 2116 Eastwood Ridge Dr., Moseley, VA 23120
- Earl and Janice Worsham, 18507 Harrison's Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002

The church office makes every effort to keep the list current. Please let us know any updates or if a name can be removed.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Ami Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
Janie Dean
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons
Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's
Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis
Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards's mother
Sandra Williams, family member of Carol & Irvin Wms
Randy Kope, Grandson of Les and Diane Miller
Michael Bryant, friend of David & Constance Deal
James Carwile — Esther Fitch
Clyde Martin — Esther Fitch
Randolph Martin — Esther Fitch
Mavis Martin, sister-in-law of Esther Fitch
Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister
Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother
Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother
Amy Mitchiner, Debbie Mottley's daughter
Heather King – Annie Sparrow
Charlie Bennett, son of Nancy Richards
Calvin Harris, brother of Carol Williams
Judy Ketron's mother, Freda
Pat Lewis – Carol Gregg
Stephen Kendal – Carol Gregg
Tommy Hawthorn
Donna Waller, friend of Snead DeNoon
Fred Blevins – Janet Allen
Jerry Hayden – Janet Allen

April/May Birthdays



25- Jesse Bilthuis

28- Gabe Cosby

2 - Jim Madures

5 - Scott Richards

9 - Conley Bodsford

10 - Lee Howard

12 - David Terry

14 - Jason Young

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of April 25, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 6,456.00
A Time to Build	645.00
Scholarships	25.00
Total	\$ 7,126.00