

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 6/7/21

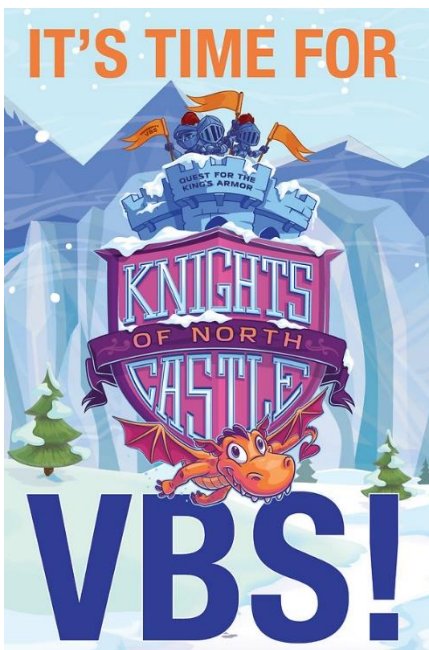
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Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday!

Please join us this Sunday, June 13, at 11:00 a.m.


Congratulations
CLASS OF
2021



Vacation Bible School!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

This year VBS will be on July 19-22
from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Go to our website to register at: maymemorialchurch.org

Please join us for an IN PERSON VBS this summer at May Memorial Baptist Church. (3922 Old Buckingham Rd) All children, K-6th grade, are invited to Knights of North Castle for a Quest for the King's Armor. Children grow strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Brave Knights (boys and girls) begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor - the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation - at work in the lives of familiar Bible

characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

We are looking for volunteers! Please contact Ashley Edwards if you would like to help!



Pictured here are the final days for Kingdom Kids before summer break.

There are many other children's activities planned throughout the summer. Stay connected through our website at maymemorialchurch.org and by receiving the *Newsletter*.

Kingdom Kids will resume in the fall.



From the Pastor...

Nomadland and *Koinonia*

Last night Beverley and I watched *Nomadland*, a film released on Hulu several months ago. *Nomadland* tells the story of Fern, played by Frances McDormand, who lost everything in the great recession. Her husband dies and the industry in hometown closes down. She is in her 60's and wants to work, but during that tough financial time is unable to find a job. She makes a decision to join a community of nomads, van-dwellers, who live out of their vans and consider themselves "houseless."

It is a unique community. There is a Vietnam Veteran who has PTSD and finds the quiet and solitude soothing. Charlene is an Indiana University and Ball State graduate who is a real-life van dwelling nomad who plays herself in the film. And then there's Bob Mills, the "patriarch" of the modern nomadic van dwelling community, who also plays himself in the movie. He tells the story of a friend who worked his entire life in the corporate world, and a few days after his retirement lost his life to cancer. "His boat was left sitting in his driveway" Bob says, "he never used it." Bob invites people to not be like a workhorse, who work every day of their lives and then simply be put out to pasture when our culture decides their usefulness is past.

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There is one scene in which Fern is talking to Bob, she shares her grief, loneliness, and pain. He acknowledges the seriousness of her situation, but then he tells her, "I think for you connecting to nature and true community will make all the difference for you." That statement lodged itself in my mind, especially the phrase "true community."

There is a Sunday School class at May Memorial call the *Koinonia* class. They meet each Sunday morning (in our building) at 9:45. It is a great class with an important name. *Koinonia* is a word that appears in the New Testament, first appearing in Acts 2, that means fellowship, participation, sharing, or contribution. It involves the idea of a community that is committed to sharing a life together. Who build one another up. Weep with one another. Support one another. Hold each other accountable. And in Bob Mills words, *koinonia* is *true* community, that makes a difference.

This is May Memorial Church. A community of people who have given their lives to God and seek to serve Him together. We all come with different paths, but here we find true community. The invitation is for us to all offer ourselves to God and each other so that our community may truly be *koinonia*, that our community be true, and that it continues to make a difference.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Koinonia Class

Sunday School has resumed for the Koinonia Class in the adult classroom behind the sanctuary. We will study Daniel "Faith Under Fire". Copies of this study are available in the classroom. We welcome **ALL** who would like to attend. There are 4 teachers who rotate teaching the lesson, each style of presentation very unique. For more information, please contact Juston Sanudo (804-393-0235).



Zoom Sunday School

We are studying *The Letter to the Romans*, which has been called the Apostle Paul's masterpiece. Our final session will be on June 20.

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

The Sunday School lesson for June 6 can be viewed our website.



Family Pool Party - June 26!

1 to 3 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Snacks and swimming!

At the pool on 711.

(1351 Huguenot Trail, Powhatan)



Youth Day at the Lake

The youth will gather at the lake at the home of Bob and Nancy Wood on

July 10.

More details coming soon!

For questions, contact Ashley Edwards by calling the church office at (804) 598-3098.



***May Memorial Baptist Church
July Fellowship Cookout***

Wednesday, July 14, 6:00 p.m.

On the church front lawn.

Grilled Hamburgers and Hotdogs provided, please bring sides and desserts to share.

Everyone is invited!

Connecting to the World...Missions



Standing Rock Kits

Sunday, June 27 - 12:30 -2

Following worship on June 27th, The youth and children with gather at the Youth House and put together kits to be delivered to the Standing Rock Indian Community. This opportunity is offered by the WMU of Virginia. There are 3 different kits that can be assembled, a Family Activity Kit, Hygiene Kit and School Supply Kit. Ashley will have lunch and t-shirts for all those that volunteer! 12:30-2 on June 27th. An informational flyer is on the back page of this *Newsletter*.

June Birthdays



9 - Jim Blandford
9 - Christina Fredette
13- Irma Alvis
13 - Doug Bradbury
15 - Paul Lindsey

16 - Audrey Mann
19 - Sarah Seaman
24 - Nancy Richards
27 - Frances Winall
28 - Chris Goodwyn

Financial Information

Our Gifts to the Lord

Week of June 6, 2021

Regular Offering	\$4,367.50
Scholarships.	25.00

Total for Giving Period \$4,392.50

Our Gifts to the Lord

Week of May 30, 2021

Regular Offering	\$4,175.81
Scholarships.	25.00

Total for Giving Period \$4,200.81