

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 7-6-2021

VBS! **YOU'RE INVITED!**

MAY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE!

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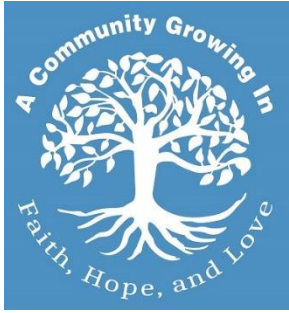
This year VBS will be on **July 19-22**
from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Go to our Website to register:
Maymemorialchurch.org

(If you cannot register on-line, call the church office for assistance with registration)

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.



From the Pastor...

Vacation Bible School

When I was growing up Vacation Bible School was a part of my yearly schedule. I attended the morning VBS at the church where my family and I were members, but the more memorable VBS I attended was at a Baptist church which was closer to our home. Emmaus Baptist Church had their VBS in the evenings, and they had a reputation in that southern Wayne County community for a memorable VBS experience. There was nothing “over the top” in their VBS—no smoke and laser light shows, no live band, not even any inflatable slides—it was simply a consistent, well-planned program by a good group of adults who genuinely cared for children in their community.

The first reason I think VBS at that country church impacted me because it taught me that I could find ways to lead in church. I’ll never forget the excitement I had when I was told that I was going to be able to carry the Bible in the procession that started the closing service of VBS and then lead the congregation in saying the pledge to “God’s holy word.” We routinely have children lead in various ways in worship at May Memorial, but when I was a child it seemed that most churches were still in the “children are to be seen and not heard” mode. Being able to lead God’s people in that simple routine told me that I had something to offer the community and that the church would embrace me in that role. I felt like I mattered.

I also learned in those days from that church that missions mattered. To their credit, Emmaus Baptist followed the exact plan for VBS that the Sunday School Board produced which included a focus on a different missionary each night. I remember bringing my offering and learning about the Baptist men and women who were carrying good news throughout the world and how my offering was a part in making that possible. I remember learning about Lottie Moon at VBS, I heard about the Southern Baptist “Bold Mission Thrust” campaign that encouraged giving and cooperation so that the over-arching goals of God’s kingdom could be accomplished.

Last, and most important, I remember the crafts that I made at VBS. Growing up in church I’ve made a lot of crafts, but I remember these crafts as the best. One year a group of men decided they would do the crafts (or perhaps they were volunteered by their wives?) and each child was able to make a wooden sign that carried their last name. As a little boy I was ecstatic when I realized that I was going to be able to operate a router and engrave all seven letters of my last name into a 1x6 piece of lumber. The next night we took strong smelling oil-based black paint and colored in the letters. Before the week was over our signs were complete with a stained finish covered with shellac and ready to be hung on the outside of our houses. It was a great craft, but what is most memorable about it was the men who took the time to carefully guide us children in the making of it. Most of the time it seems that VBS is up to the ladies, and with only a few exceptions they staff the entire VBS week. But I remember those men who helped with VBS. They took us to see the goats in the field beside the church one night. They impressed us when they took our dares to touch the electric fence. And I remember them carefully and skillfully guiding our hands as we held the power router. I was blessed by seeing men lead in VBS, and their willingness to be the craft leaders demonstrated to me that gender-specific roles in the church are only barriers we have erroneously allowed to occur.

I learned much from VBS, and I pray as children flock into our church in a couple of weeks they are learning some of the same things. Our four days of VBS may seem like a small thing in light of an entire childhood, but God uses small things to shape lives.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Youth Day at the Lake

The youth will gather at the lake at the home of
Bob and Nancy Wood on
July 10.

We will meet at their house at 11:00. Lunch is provided.
We will spend the day kayaking, swimming, paddle
boarding...etc. Pick up is at 4:00



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).



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. In case of rain,
we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall.*

Bring a friend!



Choir Summer Schedule: June and July

7/7 Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 p.m.

7/11 Choir Sings in Worship

7/14 No Rehearsal (church picnic)

7/18 Andrew out No Choir (choir will sit in loft to lead congregational
singing)

7/21 Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.

7/25 Choir Sings in Worship

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Annual Church Meeting - Sunday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the church

Leadership Training - September 20

Salt Shakers Event - September 26

Blessing of the Animals - October 3

BGAV Annual Meeting - November 9-10

Christmas Cantata - December 19

Thank You

Dear Rev. Edwards and May Memorial Baptist Church,
Thank you! Thank you for your wonderful gift to the Free Clinic! Thank you for your continued support to the clinic. Thank you for understanding our many needs at the clinic. And thank all of you at May Memorial for your caring hearts,
Fondly, Connie

Michael,

Once again Scottville residents enjoyed the comfort of your Fellowship Hall. It makes our picnics even more enjoyable because of air conditioning and the spacious fellowship hall. Thank you for your church's willingness to provide this for us.

Kakki Aydlotte, Activities Chairman

Volunteers Needed!

The Food Pantry Ministry is in need of more volunteers. Please contact the church office at (804) 598-3098 or Bill Karnolt if you can help. The team assists at the Food Pantry on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers are needed! Please contact the church office at (804) 598-3098 or Ashley Edwards at (804) 586-0652. Let Ashley know where you would like to serve: Teacher, teacher's helper, crafts, snack, Bible story, singing, games, etc.

July Birthdays



6 - Megan Crump
11 - Susan Terry
13 - Bob Lathrop
13 - Payton Sanudo

16 - Ashley Edwards
20 - Mary Ellen Balarzs
22 - Constance Deal
22 - Lauren Wilkinson

Financial Information

Our Gifts to the Lord

Week of July 4, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 5,680.86
A Time to Build	150.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	50.00
(Piano fund)	
Total for Giving Period	\$ 5,905.86

May Memorial's Prayer List 7/6/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Charlie Bennett
Jan Boswell
Joann Cole
Bob Cox
Paula Duncan
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea & Rick Gallier
Audrey Johnston
Amy Karnolt
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Alice Miller
Stephen Shaw
Shirley Stephens
David & Susan Terry
Nancy Wilkinson
Earl & Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent Templeton, Quint Sutton,
David Brizendine, Jeremiah Cliff, 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 and Scott Gregg - 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
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
Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister
Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother
Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother
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
Stella Mann – Jackie Lindsey
Robin Davis – Friend of Shelton's
Tim Vidra – son of Steve and Carol Vidra
Kate Griffin
Nancy Adams