



# May Memorial Baptist Church

Reaching... Teaching... Touching

in the Heart of Powhatan

3922 Old Buckingham Road, In the Heart of the Courthouse Village

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Newsletter 8-9-21

## Blessing of the Backpacks



### From the Pastor...

#### Blessing of Backpacks?

On Sunday, August 22 we will have our annual “blessing of the backpacks” during worship. Don’t misunderstand, we will not be praying for *backpacks*. Rather, we will be praying for the students who carry those backpacks into our schools during this coming academic year.

Our community is fortunate to have wonderful schools, but make no mistake about it, educating our students is no easy task. It takes skilled administrators, devoted and caring teachers, committed support staff including bus drivers, maintenance workers, lunchroom staff, etc. The list could go on and on. And we as Christians also believe the blessing of God is needed for our students to grow into the learners they were created to be.

One of the glimpses we get into the child Jesus is a brief statement that Jesus “grew in wisdom, and in stature, and he in favor with God and man.” This statement comes at the end of the story labeled the “boy Jesus in the temple” in Luke’s Gospel, and it indicates that as Jesus grew physically, he also grew in the ways that would enable him to continue to be a valuable member of his community.

This is our prayer for the students in our community. That they will have all they need to continue to be valued and contributing members of our community.

Be sure to be in worship on August 22 that we as a church family may pray for all of God’s richest blessings upon this new school year.

(Pictured Right) During the VBS Celebration on Sunday, the students finished the final pieces of armor: Shoes of peace and Swords of the Spirit!!





**Kingdom Kids** begins on Wednesday, September 1 at 3:30 to 5:00 at the church

**Youth Soul Food** begins on September 5 at 5:30 to 7:00 at the Youth House  
For more information contact  
Ashley Edwards, Minister of Children and Youth.



## Wednesday Night Activities Returning in September!

Starting September 1, we will be gathering together each Wednesday night **at 6:00 p.m.** for fellowship, food, and Bible study. On third Wednesday nights we will have a full meal and special program (the program will vary each month), and on the remaining Wednesdays we will have "dessert and

discussion." "Dessert and Discussion" will be a time of sweet fellowship and refreshments followed by a Bible-based discussion. (We will also have a full meal on the nights of quarterly church business meetings, second Wednesday in Oct., Jan., March, and June.)

## WE ARE SAVING A SEAT FOR...



Discussing Jennifer Rothschild's

***"The Shepherd with Me" Psalm 23***

Beginning Tues., September 7th, 2021, at 10:00 am, thru December 7th

For details and to register please contact Sandra at [Sandra.cowles@aol.com](mailto:Sandra.cowles@aol.com) Or call 804-376-7901

Meeting dates are September 7,14,21,28 October 5,12,19,26 November 2,9,16,30 and December 7

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Course Material: \$16.00

Registration August 9-27, 2021  
Forms can be found at May Memorial or on its website at [maymemorialchurch.org](http://maymemorialchurch.org)



**All Church Breakfast  
September 12  
by the Baptist Men**



**Salt Shakers Event  
September 26**

You're invited to join with our Salt-Shakers evening to meet new friends and connect with old friends outside the walls of MMBC. This is an event for adults (couples, singles, married, divorced) to fellowship with each other over a meal in a casual, off-site setting. Sign up begins soon!

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**



**Annual Church Meeting – August  
22 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.**



**May Memorial Team Signup Has Begun!**

The May Memorial Ministry Teams under the ministries of: Missions, Hospitality, Stewardship, Spiritual Formation and Worship are now forming. There will be a sign up board in the Commons Area. If you were on a team last year and want to remain on that team or to change to a different team, you may either sign up on the board at church, or contact Debbie Elam at [debelam1@aol.com](mailto:debelam1@aol.com) or call her at (804) 397-5375.



## MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



The Coalition of Powhatan Churches is looking for painters who are willing to volunteer their time to paint the future residence of a client who is now residing in the Coalition's transitional housing unit. The size of the dwelling is approximately 46 ft. x 26 ft. If you can help or know of

someone who can help, please contact Patsy Goodwyn at 1-804-892-3163 or [patsy@goodwynlumber.com](mailto:patsy@goodwynlumber.com). Thank you.

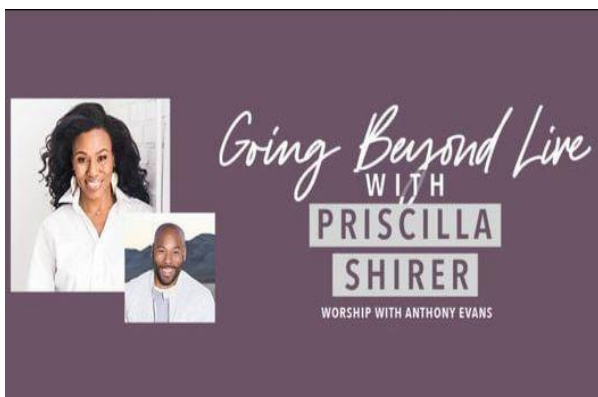
LONESOME DOVE needs someone who is familiar with horse tack to help with our used Tack Shop. This involves taking the donations, making sure items are clean and selling the items in the tack shop. We have many saddles, bridles, blankets and just about anything for the horse. We are willing to pay someone to manage this. Please call Karen at #804-318-6485 for more information.

## Upcoming Events

**An Evening with Paul Armstrong, Storyteller, and Meal** - Wednesday, September 15

**Central VA Baptist Ministries Leadership Training** - September 20

**Blessing of the Animals** - October 3



When: September 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Where: Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Glen Allen  
Cost: \$25.00 which includes box lunch of your choice  
Register Online: [www.mvbcnow.org/women](http://www.mvbcnow.org/women)  
If interested in car pooling, contact Sandra Cowles at [sandra.cowles@aol.com](mailto:sandra.cowles@aol.com) or 376-7901.

*"Stop frantically searching for God's will; start frantically searching for God Himself" - Priscilla Shirer*

## May Memorial's Prayer List 8/9/21

### CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden  
 Jan Boswell  
 Diana Brown  
 Joann Cole  
 Bob Cox  
 Paula Duncan  
 Jean Hall  
 Audrey Johnston  
 Amy Karnolt  
 Bill Ketron  
 Paul Lindsey  
 Alice Miller  
 Shirley Stephens  
 David & Susan Terry  
 Nancy Wilkinson  
 Earl & Janice Worsham

### HOMEBOUND CONTACT LIST:

- Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan,
- 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

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Fred Blevins – Janet Allen  
 Jerry Hayden – Janet Allen  
 Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis  
 Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis  
 Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother  
 Donna Waller, friend of Snead DeNoon  
 Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards's mother  
 James Carwile — Esther Fitch  
 Clyde Martin — Esther Fitch  
 Randolph Martin — Esther Fitch  
 Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter  
 Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg  
 Ami and Scott Gregg - Carol Gregg  
 Marcie Brewry – friend of Debbie Howard  
 Chuck Karnolt, brother of Bill Karnolt  
 Stella Mann – Jackie Lindsey  
 Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister  
 Stephen – Martha Oberg's son  
 Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister  
 Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother  
 Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons  
 Robin Davis – Friend of Shelton's  
 Tim Vidra – son of Steve and Carol Vidra  
 Family of Tommy Hawthorne, nephew of Mary Ellen

### 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

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



**RELAY FOR LIFE SOUTH OF THE JAMES** - We are excited to announce that Powhatan and Chesterfield are joining together for Relay this year. It is on Saturday, September 18th from 4-9pm at Westchester Commons. We would love May Memorial to be a part of Relay this year, if anyone would like to be a sponsor, organize a team, or donate, you can call Jane Ware at 804-598-8803 or email at [Warehouseva3@gmail.com](mailto:Warehouseva3@gmail.com) For even more information you can go Relay For Life South of the James online. Thanks! Jane Ware

## August Birthdays



10- Janice Hudgins  
13 - Elizabeth Cosby  
13 - Stuart Howard  
13 - Dawna Minton  
16 - Carolyn Madures  
17 - Michael Potter

17 - Karl Schmitz  
17 - Karen Cheatham  
19 - Louise Poore  
21- Carol Gregg  
22 - Barbara Barden  
26 - Michael Hylton  
26 - Judy Ketron

## Financial Information

### Our Gifts to the Lord Week of August 8, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 10,908.42
Scholarships	1,000.00
Special Offering	190.00

Total for Giving Period \$ 12,098.42