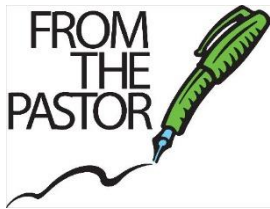
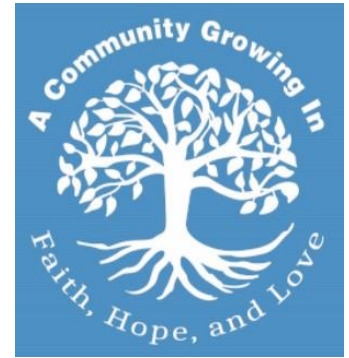


May Memorial Baptist Church

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

3922 Old Buckingham Rd., Powhatan, VA
In the heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098



*"I Will Try to Get Jesus out of Trouble this Sunday,"
or, "This Parable will Offend You"*

It is Monday, and I'm going to tell you all the problems that I am having with the text that I will preach on this Sunday. I'm not sure how I'm going to preach this parable, but today, Monday, I'm just seeing the problems... Continued on page 2...

Connecting to God...Worship



**Please Join Us for Worship at 11:00 a.m.
This Sunday, September 27, in the Sanctuary!**

Please bring a can of vegetable soup and your three cents a meal offering.

You don't need a reservation but would you please let us know you are coming by calling the church office?

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



WMU Rachael Circle
Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

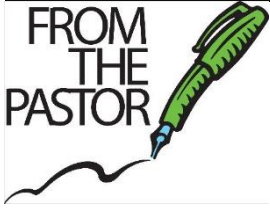
All Ladies are Invited!

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**Blessing of the
Animals
Sunday,
October 11**

Join us at 2 p.m.
on the front
steps of the
sanctuary with
your pet!



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The parable is the one called "Laborers in the Vineyard." It is found in Matthew 20, and honestly it is a little (a lot?) offensive. Jesus tells the story about a landowner, a vineyard owner, he has work to be done. So he goes out early in the morning and hires a group of workers. He tells them that he will pay them a fair day's wage. They agree, and they start work early in the morning. Mid-morning the farmer sees that he needs more help, so he hires more workers. Tells them the same thing, that he will pay them a fair wage for their work. He does the same thing again at noon, and at three o'clock, and then just a short time before the work day ends.

All goes well, until it is time to pay the workers. He starts with those who worked the shortest amount of time, and he pays them a large amount compared to the duration of their labor. No problem yet, because those who started earlier in the day probably think he is going to pay them more based on the "hourly wage" of the latecomers. But he doesn't. He pays them all the same thing. They worked different amounts of time, some started at six in the morning, some started just moments before quitting time. All paid the same.

First, paying workers all the same is not fair. Some worked about twelve hours, some worked about an hour. To pay them all the same is not fair. You do not get equal pay for unequal amounts of work. Sure, a CEO today may make hundreds of thousands of dollars a week while factory workers don't make that in a year, but those are different jobs and different responsibilities, right? These were all hired hands, pulling weeds or picking grapes or pruning vines. The same work, different hours, and they all get the same? It is just not fair.

Second, what will this teach those latecomers? They probably laid in bed until noon, finally rousing up with the sun at its highest in the sky, stumble around for a couple of hours, and then come upon this work. They will probably try to do the same thing tomorrow. Why would they show up at six the next morning after being paid the same? Isn't this reinforcing their bad, lazy, habits? Of course it will reinforce those habits.

Jesus is in real trouble this coming Sunday. Didn't he know that Americans were going to read this story? Everyone knows you don't do this. My children understood fair and unfair before they started Kindergarten. What is Jesus trying to do?

I'm going to try to get Jesus out of trouble this Sunday, but we may just have to deal with what he says. Come and see.



Lighthouse Parade - October 25

Join us as each family will make a cardboard box jack-o-lantern and we will "light" them. Kids will wear costumes and parade through Powhatan.

More Information to follow.



Bible study on Zoom Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

You can read the passages that we will focus on each week:

Wednesday, September 23 -- Matthew 10:40-42

"Choosing a Braver Faith"

Wednesday, September 30 -- Genesis 24:34-67

"A Love that Makes Neighbors"

To join us click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter this code: 286 978 612



Kingdom Kids *meeting on ZOOM!!*

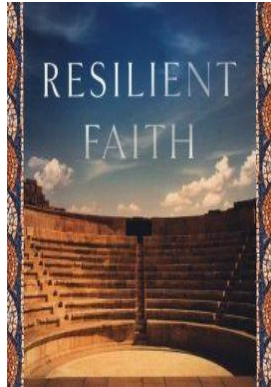
Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link, then follow the directions by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2770321474>

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474



Church Wide Zoom Sunday School: Sunday Morning at 9:15 a.m.

Zoom Sunday School class, led by Mr. Bob Kruschwitz, is continuing a discussion centered around the book *Resilient Faith: How the Early Christian "Third Way" Changed the World* by Gerald L. Sittser.

To join the Zoom session at 9:15 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

Connecting to the World...Missions



Small Mission Project for This Week:

Three Cents a Meal Offering

Please bring your three cents a meal offering this Sunday as well as a can of vegetable soup!



The Food Pantry is collecting the items below.

A container is located in the church foyer.

Vegetable Soups, Pork Soup, Pea Soup, Beef Soups, Bean Soups, Cream of Celery, Vegetable Broth, Beef Broth, Butter Beans, Pears, Diced Tomatoes, Manwich, Taco Shells, Instant Potatoes, Dry Green Peas, Dry Beans, Spam, Ketchup, Mayo, BBQ Sauce, Pancake Syrup



The Powhatan Coalition of Churches will be hosting the Complete Meal through the Food Pantry.

BAG ITEMS BELOW: Please Double Bag.

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN OF YAMS OR SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX OF MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 16 OZ. CAN OF CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS OF CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS OF GREEN VEGETABLES
- 1 – 10 OZ. CAN OF GRAVY
- 2 – 6 OZ. PKGS. OF STUFFING MIX
- 1 – BOX OF HOT CHOCOLATE
- 1 – SMALL BOX OR JAR OF ICE TEA/BAGS
- 1 – COMPLETE FAMILY DESSERT ITEM

Donations of a \$10.00 Food Lion Gift Cards would also be appreciated. Please add one to your bag, if possible. Clients will be able to purchase meat or other necessary items for their meal.

Point of collection and distribution is at Powhatan Food Pantry located at 2500 Batterson Road on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. We are now accepting donations throughout November. If you are not able to fill a Complete Thanksgiving Meal bag, any partial or monetary donations are always welcome. Checks may be made out to: Powhatan Food Pantry and sent to the treasurer, Theresa Fields at 1520 Swiftwood Drive, Powhatan, Va 23139

Prayer List September 21, 2020

For any changes, please contact Diana at the church office (804) 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Susie Brock
Joann Cole
Bob Cosby
Bob Cox
Snead DeNoon
Lee Duncan
Paula Duncan
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
David&Susan
Terry
Frances Tilman
Karen Utt
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,
Adam and Hunter Mitchell

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, Juli Spoon's son-in-law
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
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
Janie Dean
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons
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
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Debbie, Vicki Kruschwitz' sister
Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller
Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike and Bernice Koelzer
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Matt Bennett
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
Family of David Davis, Glady's Rabon's son-in-law
Lisa Davis, Glady's Rabon's daughter

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

Janice Worsham, Westport Rehab. Center., 7300 Forest Ave, Room 111, Richmond 23226
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
Jim Pinkley, Currently with Billy and Marlis Kruschwitz
Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you to all for your prayers and kind words during this recent time of Russ's mother passing.
In gratitude,
Russell and Debbie Holland

Tentative Schedule

Birthdays

Sundays:

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
(Re-Gathered SS begins in October)

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Also, a Live Streaming Worship Service
will continue to be shared on
YouTube Premier at 11:00

5:30 p.m. Soul Food

Wednesdays:

3:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
**(Re-Gathered Bible Study in
January)**

September

23 - David Deal
24-Debbie Elam
27-Fran O'Donnell
27-Juston Sanudo
28-Joann Cole
29 - Bernice Koelzer
30-Diane Miller

October

1 - Terrell Martin
3 - Earl Worsham
3 - Lynne Bradbury
6- Jean Hall
10-Monika Duty
12 - Janine Eike
13 - Fred Cole
13 - Tim Smith
13- Brynne Smith

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord, Week of September 20, 2020

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Offering | \$ 5,098.50 |
| Building Fund | 300.00 |
| Scholarships | 25.00 |

Total \$ 5,423.50